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To: Region 3 Executive Committee
From: Charles R. Husbands, Region 3 Life Member Coordinator
Subject: Region 3 Life Member Coordinator Report

Region 3 consists of 41 Sections in the States of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Areas of Indiana, and the Country of Jamaica. The March 2015 census from SAMIEE indicated these sections contain 4088 Life Members, and there are Life Members in each section.

There are currently ten active Life Member Affinity Groups in Region 3. These Life Member Affinity Groups are located in the Florida West Coast Section, the Atlanta Georgia Section, the Orlando Florida Section, the Melbourne Florida Section, the Eastern Tennessee Section, the Northwest Florida Section, the Daytona Florida Section, the Winston-Salem North Carolina Section, the Alabama Section and the Louisville Kentucky Section. Most of these sections appear to be healthy and active, however there are some LMAG's in trouble. It appears that the Louisville Section, Orlando Section and Winston-Salem Section did not meet or report their required number of LGAG meetings in 2014.

Twelve of the Sections in Region 3 have 100 or more Life Members, six of these Sections are represented by Life Member Affinity Groups. The remaining Sections in Region 3 contain less than 100 Life Members each. In Region 3 about 42% of the Life Members are members of active LMAGs.

During the year we targeted the Sections within Region 3 that had in excess of 100 Life Members to discuss forming LMAGs. I received positive responses from several Sections during this past year but none of these Chapters formally applied for LMAG status. The other Sections in Region 3 with more than 100 Life Member, that do not have LMAGs are: Eastern North Carolina Section, the Palm Beach Section, the Huntsville Section, the Hampton Roads Section, the Central Virginia Section and the Richmond Section. The plan for next year is to concentrate on forming LMAGs in these Sections.

However, I am continuing to pursue the formation of LMAG in Sections with less than 100 members. As this process does not yield the same large numbers of members that the larger Sections produce the members of the smaller Sections deserve to be recognized and represented, to the greatest extent possible.

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