

# Connectional Lay Economic Development Corporation (CLEDC) ORGANIZATION

The Connectional Lay Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors is comprised of the Chairman, Mr. Tyrone Presley; Secretary/CEO, Dr. Verda Bradley; Treasurer, Mr. Larry Hollie; 1 elected representative from each Episcopal District; 5 representatives from the Executive Board of the Connectional Lay Organization; 2 At-Large representatives from the Episcopal District Presidents' Council of the Connectional Lay Organization; and Advisor, Dr. Samuel A. Hunter.

There shall be two kinds of memberships: Individual and Organizational. The membership fee shall be sixty dollars (\$60.00) per year for an individual membership. The membership fee for an organization shall be seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per year. Multi-year memberships may be secured at a reduced rate of twenty dollars (\$20.00) per five years (Individual-\$280.00 and Organization-\$355.00).

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African Methodist Episcopal Church



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Economic Development  
Corporation**

**“CLEDC”**

*“Building On  
Our Global Legacy of  
Christ-Centered Training”*

Mark 16:15  
Ephesians 4:11-13

# CLEDC's Mission



The Connectional Lay Economic Development Corporation's mission is to support the religious principles of the African Methodist Episcopal Church by establishing and/or supporting AME schools, church buildings and properties,

evangelism, and programs focused on the relief of the poor, distressed or underprivileged. (Adopted at the executive board meeting of the Connectional Lay Organization, Philadelphia, PA, March 30 - April 1, 2006)

- The CLEDC is a continuation of the legacy of Richard Allen, the founding father, who preached a message of religious freedom, political empowerment, and economic self-determination.

- The purpose of the CLEDC is to provide financial assistance to the Connectional institutions and projects; a financial base for lay ministries, outreach missions, and long term financial programs for the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

- The CLEDC is a non-profit corporation under the auspices of the Connectional Lay Organization of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. The CLEDC is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation.

- Money contributed to the CLEDC will be handled by the CLEDC Finance Committee. All of the members of the CLEDC Finance Committee shall be fully bonded.

# Brief History of CLEDC



The late Mr. J.D. Williams, Connectional Lay President for over two decades, initiated the concept for CLEDC. In August 1983, at the 18th session of the Connectional Lay Organization Biennial held in Detroit, Michigan, the Lay Delegation approved the Connectional Lay Economic Development Corporation (CLEDC) concept. It also directed a 19 person volunteer planning committee to establish the CLEDC. Their challenge was to establish a fund for economic empowerment that would create businesses owned and controlled by minorities to provide goods and services, and to enhance the quality of life among minority people. In November 1983, the state of Missouri issued a Certificate



of Incorporation for the CLEDC as a non-profit organization. On July, 1984, a CLEDC report was made as part of the Connectional Lay Report to the 42nd Quadrennial Session of the AME Church General Conference in Kansas City, Missouri. The report was accepted and approved by the General Conference. In 1991, the Connectional Lay Executive Board approved a member donation program that would raise money annually. In April 2009, at the Connectional Lay Organization's Executive Board meeting, a report was received and filed for information announcing that the CLEDC was officially a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation. The 21st Century is here and we solicit your participation and support.