



AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Connectional Lay Organization

**CONNECTIONAL LAY
ORGANIZATION FALL
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**
Saturday, December 6, 2026



**REPORT OF THE
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT**
Jerry Turner, Jr.

Leadership

- *Bishop Ronnie E. Brailsford, Commission Chair*
- *Mr. Matikane A. Makiti, Connectional Lay Organization President*
- *Mrs. Patricia Wright, Connectional Director of Lay Activities*
- *Ms. Aimee Beasley, Connectional Young Adult Representative*
- *Mr. Jerry Turner, Jr., Connectional Second Vice President*



Our Mission Statement

“To regain, through a viable strategic plan, a stronger Global Presence to position our beloved Connectional Lay Organization to serve the present and future servant-leaders of our church.”

TOGETHER WE CAN



Roles and Responsibilities

The Second Vice President shall: 1. Be responsible for Strategic Planning Organizational Effectiveness and Evaluation/coordinate such duties as are assigned by the President and the Executive Board. and 2. Serve in the absence of the President and First Vice President, shall preside at all the meetings and assume all duties of the office of President.

How does accomplishing your goals align with the CLO President's vision.

The Goals set for the Strategic Plan of the Connectional Lay Organization align with the ten-point plan as outlined by the President.

Review of Activities July 2025- December 2025



- July, 2025
 - Transitional Conversation and email from Simon Letsoko --- Thank you for your service
 - Initial Conversation with President Makiti as it relates to how the vision will feed into the Strategic Planning and Organizational Effectiveness
- August, 2025
 - Inaugural Episcopal Second Vice President call – August 2, 2025
 - Initial Plan of Action
 - 12 Attendees
 - 10 hours of Preparation
 - Lay Witness Sunday Speaker --- St. Mark AME Church, Milwaukee, WI



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- September, 2025
 - Meeting with Marie Johns, Consultant, Washington D.C.
 - ALL LEVEL 2nd Vice President Call—Presentation of Strategic Planning Process/Timeline
Saturday, September 13, 2025
178 persons in attendance -- 1 hour and 30 minutes meeting time
10 hours planning and preparation time
- October, 2025
 - Preparatory Session for Strategic Planning Focus Team Session #1 (Team Leads) -- October 13, 2026
10 persons in attendance – 1 Hour and 15 minutes
5 hours of planning and preparation time
 - District 14-20 Second Vice President Call – October 19, 2025 -- 40 persons in attendance – 90 minutes
 - District 1-13 Second Vice President Call – October 20, 2025 – 16 persons in attendance – 70 minutes
 - 4 hours of Planning and preparation time



Review of Activities July 2025- December 2025



- November 29, 2025
 - CLO 2nd VP ALL LEVEL ZOOM CALL
 - Strategic Planning Focus Team Session
 - “ENGAGEMENT – PARTNERSHIP – GLOBAL COMMUNITY
 - 158 participants
 - 8 breakout session
 - 30-35 hours of planning and preparation
- December 2, 2025
 - De-Brief Session



SUMMARY OF TIMELINE July 2025 - July 2029

2025

- Two All 2nd VP Zoom Session Strategic Planning Sessions
- Two Episcopal 2nd VP Planning call
- Finalize timeline

2026

- January – All Level 2nd VP Zoom Session Call --- Our Mission, Purpose, and Objectives
- February – Offices and Committees Effectiveness Survey
- March --- Officers and Committee Effectiveness Workgroup Session and Reporting
- April – CLO Executive Board --- Strategic Planning Progress Report
- October – Draft Report Prepared --- 2nd VP Dialogue
- December --- Strategic Planning and Effectiveness Presentation to the CLO Board

2027

- Winter/Spring – Submission of amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of the CLO
- Spring ---All Level 2nd VP Zoom Call
- August – 40th Biennial Convention --- Comprehensive Report of Strategic Planning
- Late Summer/Early Fall – Development of an Implementation Guide for use at all Levels
- Late Fall --- Draft Guide Presentation/Approval –CLO Board Meeting

2028

- Spring –Implementation Training
- Fall Board Meeting --- Implementation Progress Reporting

2029

- Spring – Evaluation Tool
- 41st Biennial Convention --- Progress, Evaluation, and Recommendations Report

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SAVE THE DATE

January 31, 2026

STRATEGIC/ORGANIZATIONAL
EFFECTIVE FOCUS SESSION #2
All Level 2nd VP Zoom Call
(ALL ARE WELCOMED)

OUR MISSION, PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

Join us as we review our Mission, Purpose and
Objectives as we continue to build a stronger
Lay Organization

Bishop Ronnie. E. Brailsford
Commission Chair

Mr. M. Abe Makiti,
Connectional President

Mr. Jerry Turner, Jr.
Connectional 2nd Vice President

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Commit to the Lord
whatever you do,
and your plans will succeed.”

- Proverbs 16:3

