



African Methodist Episcopal Church Connectional Lay Organization Executive Board Meeting April 7-9, 2022

Friday, April 8, 2022

The Executive Board Meeting of the Connectional Lay Organization of the African Methodist Episcopal Church was called to order at 8:30 AM EST, April 8, 2022, by President Matikane Makiti.

Devotion- Chaplain Charlie Nichols and Brian Glover (2nd) opened devotion with a song medley. Chaplain Nichols' lesson was, "Peter Proclaims Jesus as Messiah." The scripture was taken from Matthew 16: 13-28. The devotion concluded with a prayer.

The Roll Call- Recording Secretary Monique Green conducted the Roll Call, and a quorum was present.

Adoption of Agenda- The chair recognized the Director of Lay Activities, Patricia Wright, to present the agenda for the meeting. One adjustment was made to push lunch up 30 minutes. The agenda was adopted as amended.

Reading/Approval of Minutes- The Executive Board approved the Winter Executive Board meeting minutes on February 19, 2022.

Appointment of the Minutes Approval Committee- The chair appointed the following individuals to the Minutes Approval Committee to approve the minutes of this meeting.

1. Shirlane Hendrickson Thomas (16th)
2. Nomthimba Khoza (19th)
3. Brian Glover (2nd)

Appointment of the Resolutions Committee- The chair appointed the following individuals to the Resolutions Committee to present to the assembly any courtesy resolutions deemed appropriate, including resolutions extending accolades and appreciation for service to this body.

1. Keith Britton (7th)
2. Mark A. Johnson (7th)
3. Alisha Cousins (11th)

Greetings- The Executive Board received greetings from the following individuals.

1. Bishop Stafford J.N. Wicker, Commission Chair
2. Patricia Campbell, Host President (8th)
3. Marcus Henderson, Chief Financial Officer, A.M.E. Church, Advisor to President Makiti

Framing the Work- President Makiti presented "The President's Report." (See attached)

Reports- The Executive Board received and accepted the following reports.

1. Director of Lay Activities- Patricia Wright (see attached)
2. Young Adult Representative- Jamesha Williams (see attached)
3. First Vice President- Dr. Dorothy Henderson (see attached)
4. Second Vice President- Simon Letsoko (see attached)
5. Third Vice President- Lovie Aaron (see attached)
6. Financial- Kathy Drayton/Cynthia Gordon Floyd (see attached)
 - a. President Jerry Turner (4th)
 1. General Board noted that there would be a reduction in funds of 25%. Will the CLO adhere to that?
*The CLO is currently financially sound, and the reduction will not be a hardship for the organization as the past one. We will continue to manage our resources.
 2. The CLO still has a \$31,000 debt to the A.M.E. Church. Will we pay off the debt before the reduction? *The CLO will continue to make payments to the A.M.E. Church instead of paying the entire debt.
 3. How soon will the CLO invest? *There is no rush or timeline. A date will be available soon to add two additional members to the investment committee.
 4. Concerning communication on the Biennial, is the CLO planning to have information out earlier? *YES
 5. Can we revisit the virtual option for the upcoming Biennial? *YES
 6. Will bank statements be available in financial reports? Treasurer Drayton assured the Executive Board that internal controls and an auditor are in place for reviews.

The Executive Board engaged in a Question-and-Answer session with C.F.O., Bro. Marcus Henderson. Presentations to the 8th and 13th Episcopal Districts were made in the sum of \$5000 each for Disaster Relief.

Treasurer Drayton- The AMEC Publishing House will hold its dedication in May. The CLO can leave a legacy by purchasing custom furnishings with a plate inscribed with the CLO's name. In addition, President Makiti would like for the CLO to participate in this dedication by purchasing the pulpit for the chapel at the cost of \$10,000. Cynthia Gordon Floyd moved that the CLO purchase the pulpit for the chapel of the A.M.E. Publishing House at a price of \$10,000. Motion Carried.

7. Historiographer- Williams Ayers
 - a. Simeon Rhoden (5th)- History should be corrected to reflect John Thomas III as the first elected YAR, not James Brown. John Thomas was elected under the leadership of President Jesse Burns.
8. Director of Public Relations- Dianne H. Battle
 - a. The “We Speak” will now be available in three languages: Afrikaans, Portuguese-Portugal, and Spanish
 - b. Nomthimba Khoza- Afrikaans is a language of choice, often a language of oppression. Who was consulted? Director of Public Relations Battle consulted with John Thomas III. She thanked President Khoza for bringing the meaning behind Afrikaans to her attention.

Greetings from Candidates- The Executive Board received a greeting from Dr. Harold Mayberry, candidate for Episcopal Committee Chairperson.

Grace- Rev. Ronnie Clark delivered the grace for lunch. The executive board dispersed for lunch and resumed at 2:15 PM.

Greetings from Candidates continued- The executive board received greetings from the following candidates.

1. Dr. Erika Crawford- Candidate for Bishop
2. Rev. Tyronda Burgess- Candidate for General Secretary (C.I.O.)
3. Rev. Dr. Moses Simms- Candidate for Bishop
4. Rev. Dr. Julius McAllister- Candidate for Bishop
5. Rev. Orlando McCauley- Candidate for Bishop
6. Rev. Ronnie Clark- Candidate for Bishop
7. Rev. Charmaine Ragan Merritt- Candidate for Bishop
8. Rev. Elmer Martin- Candidate for Bishop
9. Rev. Gregory Eason- Candidate for Bishop
10. Rev. Barbara Chisolm- Candidate for Bishop

Power Session Learning Lab I- “The Connectedness of the A.M.E. Church,” Rev. Kevin Taylor, Pastor, Israel AMEC- Albany, NY

Reports continued- The Executive Board received information from the following committees.

1. Legislation- Mark Johnson (see attached)
2. Constitution and Bylaws- Libertha Mutambo (see attached)
3. Educational Institutions- Dr. Jeffrey W. Norfleet, II (video)
4. CLEDC- President Matthew Douglas (2nd)
 - a. Meeting held at Hilton on April 7, 2022.
 - b. Account balance- \$19,957.70
 - c. Action Items
 1. Within the next 60 days, a general membership meeting should be convened, including persons present at the CLEDC meeting, held a seat at the 2019 Lay Biennial, and any members involved in or interested in the transparency of the CLEDC and its future.
 2. Chairman Anderson will work with the legal counsel of the A.M.E. Church, Doug Selby, by securing a processor to serve final demand letters to all executive officers before 2019 with the request for all records and legal documents.
5. Elections- The following nominations were made from the floor.
 - a. Cheryl Hammond Hopewell
 - b. Jamesha Williams
 - c. Edna Watson
 - d. Charlie Nichols
 - e. Dr. Dorothy Henderson

Cheryl Hammond Hopewell (1st) moved to close the nominations on the five said names. It was seconded by Patricia Wright (11th). Motion carried. The nominees were declared as board members of the CLEDC.

Matthew Douglas- Per Section S. of the Constitution and Bylaws of the CLEDC, two at large members shall be elected from the Connectional Lay Organization's President's Council by the Episcopal District President. The Episcopal District Presidents will meet after adjournment to elect two members and submit their names to the Executive Board on Saturday, April 9, 2022.

The meeting adjourned with the Lay Benediction.

Saturday, April 9, 2022

The Executive Board Meeting of the Connectional Lay Organization of the African Methodist Episcopal Church was called to order at 9:15 AM EST, April 9, 2022, by President Matikane Makiti.

Devotion- Chaplain Charlie Nichols and Brian Glover (2nd) opened devotion with a song medley. Chaplain Nichols' lesson was "Betraying Jesus." The scripture was taken from Matthew 26: 20-23. The devotion concluded with a prayer.

Reports- The Executive Board received and accepted the following Presidents' Reports.

1. Cheryl Hammond Hopewell- First Episcopal District (see attached)
2. Dr. Lenora Brogdon Wyatt- Third Episcopal District (see attached)
3. Lamar D. Rose- Fifth Episcopal District
4. Keith Britton- Seventh Episcopal District
5. Bernella Knight-Rose- Ninth Episcopal District
6. Patricia Wright- Eleventh Episcopal District
7. Christopher M. Wilson- Thirteenth Episcopal District
8. Nomthimba N. Khoza- Nineteenth Episcopal District

Power Session Learning Lab 2- "Transformational Leadership," Rev. Ronnie Clark, Pastor, Greater Hurst Chapel AMEC- Winter Haven, FL

President Jerry Turner (4th) expressed commendations to the President, CLO Officers, and Sharon Blalock on a successful meeting. President Matthew Douglas (2nd) suggested the CLO issue a letter of support to the clergy who participated in Retirement Services in support of recouping funds. Cynthia Gordon-Floyd announced that \$10,000 is available for clergy and spouses experiencing financial hardship.

President Matthew Douglas (2nd) provided the names of the President's Council members that will serve on the Board of the CLEDC.

1. President Alfreda Brooks (6th)
2. President Nomthimba Khoza (19th)

Cheryl Hammond Hopewell solicited prayers for the YAR of the First Episcopal District, Anthony Williams. DOPR Dianne Battle informed the Executive Board that all reports would be available on the CLO website and emailed to Executive Board Members.

Prayer for Ukraine- Chaplain Charlie Nichols

The meeting was adjourned with the Lay Benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Monique H. Green". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Monique. H Green, Recording Secretary
Connectional Lay Organization

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edna Watson". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Edna Watson, Assistant Recording Secretary
Connectional Lay Organization

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| Name | Date | | |
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| Elected Officers | 4-8-22 | | |
| Commission Chair, Bishop Stafford Joe Nathan Wicker | P | | |
| President, Matikane Abednego Makiti | P | | |
| 1 st Vice President, Dr. Dorothy Henderson | P | | |
| 2 nd Vice President, Simon Letsoko | P | | |
| 3 rd Vice President, Lovie Aaron | P | | |
| Recording Secretary, Monique Green | P | | |
| Assistant Recording Secretary, Edna Watson | P | | |
| Corresponding Secretary, Cheryl Hammond Hopewell | P | | |
| Treasurer, Kathy Drayton | P | | |
| Financial Secretary Lyndia Mayo, I | A | | |
| Chaplain, Charlie Nichols | P | | |
| Parliamentarian – (Consultant) Wanda Sims | P | | |
| Director of Lay Activities, Patricia Wright | P | | |
| Director of Public Relations, Dianne H. Battle | P | | |
| Historiographer William "Bill" Ayers | P | | |
| Young Adult Representative Jamesha Williams | P | | |

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| Name | Date | | |
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| Episcopal District Presidents | 4-8-22 | | |
| 1st District – Cheryl Hammond Hopewell | P | | |
| 2nd District – Matthew Douglas | P | | |
| 3rd – Dr. Lenora Brogdon-Wyatt, PhD | P | | |
| 4th – Jerry Turner | P | | |
| 5th– Lamar Rose | P | | |
| 6th – Alfreda Brooks | P | | |
| 7th - Keith Britton | P | | |
| 8th – Patricia Campbell | P | | |
| 9th – Bernella Knight Rose | P | | |
| 10 th Dr. Roderick Moore | P | | |
| 11th – Patricia Wright | P | | |
| 12th – Natalie Horton | P | | |
| 13th – Christopher M. Wilson | P | | |
| 14th – Garfield Mason | A | | |
| 15th – Mzwake “Chris” Qwane | Excused | | |
| 16th – Shirlane Hendrickson Thomas | P | | |
| 17th – Caesar Kalenga | Excused | | |
| 18th – Phillip Tlhage | A | | |
| 19th – Nomthimba N. Khoza | P | | |
| 20th – Qedindala Khumalo | A | | |

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| Name | Date | | |
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| Advisors | 4-8-22 | | |
| Advisor, President Emeritus Dr. Willie C. Glover | A | | |
| Advisor, Gloria Byrd | P | | |
| Advisor, Daphne Chuma | Excused | | |
| Advisor, Alfred S. Goliath | A | | |
| Advisor, Marcus T. Henderson | P | | |
| Advisor, Thelma Kennedy-Malveaux | P | | |
| Committee Chairpersons | | | |
| A.M.E. V-Alert, Jacquelyn DuPont Walker | Excused | | |
| Election Committee, Judge Patricia Mayberry | P | | |
| Organizational & Officers Effectiveness, Keith Britton | P | | |
| Constitution & Bylaws, Libertha Mutambo | P | | |
| Budget & Finance, Cynthia Gordon-Floyd | P | | |
| Global Development, Herbert Mngadi | A | | |
| Music Committee, Earl Knight, III | Brian Glover | Co-Chair | |
| Nominating Committee, Betty Tuggle | Michael Brown | Co-Chair | |
| Legislation Committee, Mark A. Johnson | P | | |
| Audit Committee, Jeffrey Presley | P | | |
| Social Action, Reginald McGill | P | | |
| Educational Institutions, Dr. Jeffery Norfleet II, EdD | Excused | | |
| CLEDC, Judge Derek Anderson | A | | |
| Technology, Chenay Saunders | A | | |
| Disaster Relief, Dorothy Ealy | P | | |