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Our Goal

to keep you informed and knowledgeable of the Lay Organization
and its connection to the African Methodist Episcopal Church



QUESTIONS

1. Throughout the history of the CLO, three laymen served as President from the 3rd Episcopal District and three laymen served as President from the 11th Episcopal District. Name the six laymen who served as leaders of this great Lay Organization?
2. As you know, the CLO will meet in its 39th Biennial Session in the 4th Episcopal District (Chicago, IL.) in June of this year. Name the President of the Chicago Conference Lay Organization and name the President of the 4th Episcopal District Lay Organization?
3. She is an outstanding, no nonsense, knowledgeable leader that served on all levels of the A.M.E church. She is the immediate past president of the 1st Episcopal District Lay Organization. She currently serves as an advisor to President Hopewell and is the president of the Frank C. Cummings Scholarship Inc. For her years of devotion and hard work to her local church and its Lay Organization, her church named the Lay Organization in her honor. Name this effective lay leader, who still remains active.
4. Mr. Tyler Perry, movie producer, just completed a movie on the **6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion, the only all-Black female unit that served during World War II and led by Major Charity Adams**. The movie, 'Six Triple Eight' shares her life and others. Ms. Adams was the older sister of Bishop John Hurst Adams. She later achieved the rank of Lieutenant Colonel (Lt. Col.) Charity Adams Earley, from which she retired. Her legacy and works are historically recounted from the halls of Greater Allen AME Church in Dayton, OH. Where (what state) was she and her brother born?
5. In 1908, this distinguished Layman (the first Black millionaire) from North Carolina was elected to serve as chief recording secretary of the General Conference. What was his name?
6. What General Conference ordered the erection of Metropolitan AME Church in Washington, DC?
7. At the 39th General Conference, a letter was read from the then President of Liberia, William L. Tolbert, Jr. In his remarks, he stated, "I consider it a privileged occasion to send these greetings in the name of the Liberian people in recognition of the valuable service rendered our citizens." In what year, city, and state was this General Conference held?
8. The Rev. Dr. Herman O. Kelly is a Professor and Pastor in the 8th Episcopal District. He received the George H. Deere Distinguished Teaching Award for his outstanding teaching ability at Louisiana State University. Who is the Bishop of the 8th Episcopal District?
9. Wilberforce University, an AME school of higher education located in the 3rd District, just named its new President who will begin his tenure in July. Who was the first president of Wilberforce University?
10. He is the grandson of an African Methodist Episcopal Church Bishop and Supervisor and the son of an AME Minister and First Lady. He is also the Director of Lay Activities (DOLA) for the 4th Episcopal District where Mr. Jerry Turner, Jr., is the 4th Episcopal District President. What is this outstanding DOLA's name?
11. In the African Methodist Episcopal Church, who presides over the Bishop's Council?
12. Who is the Editor-in-Chief of the African Methodist Episcopal Church Newsletter, *The Christian Recorder*?
13. In the African Methodist Episcopal Denomination, how are Presiding Elders selected?

14. When and where did the first session of the African Methodist Episcopal Church General Conference meet?
15. In what year will the next African Methodist Episcopal Church General Conference meet in session?
16. When the 19th Episcopal District celebrated “30 Years of God’s Faithfulness through Organized Laity” there were eight committed lay persons who worked hard to ensure the success of the printed journal. Name four of them.
17. The first CLO Biennial Lay Convention was held in what city and state?
18. What year did the General Conference give Lay equal representation in duties and responsibilities?
19. What year was the Biennial Convention held outside the United States and where?
20. Name four of the many programs that the Connectional Lay Organization has been/is involved in to make a significant difference in our church and community in Episcopal Districts 1-20.

ANSWERS

1. Presidents: (3rd District) Professor Charles H. Johnson, Brother Arthur Dean Brown, Dr. Willie Clayton Glover (11th Episcopal District) Dr. Reden Reche Williams, Dr. Jesse L. Burns Jr., Brother James L. (JL) Williams.
2. Brother Bryan Gray and Brother Jerry Turner Jr.
3. Sister Mary Lucile Mootoo.
4. South Carolina.
5. Brother Plummer Austin Richardson.
6. The Year of Our Lord 1872.
7. The Year of Our Lord 1972 in Dallas, TX.
8. Bishop Stafford J. N. Wicker, Lay Commission Chairman.
9. Bishop Daniel A. Payne who gave 13 years of outstanding service to the University as President.
10. Brother Michael A. Cousin, Jr.
11. The Senior Bishop.
12. Dr. John Thomas, III.
13. They are chosen, appointed, and changed by the Bishop of the district alone.
14. April 8, 1816 in Philadelphia, PA. (This was called the Organic Conference).
15. The Year of Our Lord 2024.
16. Brother Lindei A. Pexlu Zula; Sister Daphaley Chuma; Brother S. R. Letsoko; Brother J. M. Maraalsite.
17. Chicago, IL, 1949 – The General Conference held in 1948 legislative imposed a set timeframe to ensure a biennial meeting is held for the Lay Organization.
18. The Year of our Lord 1928.
19. The Year of our Lord 1971 in Kingston, Jamaica.
20. Three Scholarships, AME V-Alert, Connectional HIV/AIDS Awareness Day and the Disaster Relief Programs, to name a few.