



Connectional Lay Organization's (CLO) Tribute to Judge Patricia Mayberry



"For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

2 Corinthians 5:1, KJV



As we are all aware, in May of 2022, it pleased the Almighty God to call our dear colleague, distinguished layperson and connectional officer, Judge "Pat" Mayberry from labor to reward. Accordingly, we wanted to end this year with a tribute to her work and service to the CLO.

A native of St. Louis, Missouri, Pat's life training prepared her for the exemplary service that she gave to the CLO. As a member of the 5th District Lay Organization, she served as its 2nd Vice President from 2017-2021. During her tenure as a layperson in the 5th Episcopal District, she served as Election Commission Chairperson, Southern California Conference Lay Organization (SCCLO), Member of the Constitution and By-laws Committee, Director of Lay Activities, 5th District Lay Organization and a Living Legend of the SCCLO.

In her local church, Price Chapel AME, Los Angeles, California, Pat served as Steward Pro-tem, Instructor, Membership Development Class, Member, Stewardship and Finance Commission, and Chairperson, Benevolent Committee.

She held membership in the following civic organizations: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity International, (PAD) NAACP, American Bar Association (ABA), honorary membership in Golden Key International Honor Society – University of Missouri-St. Louis Chapter and Life Membership in Blacks in Government (BIG). She received numerous accolades as a layperson while traveling throughout the AME Church providing leadership training for church boards, organizations and congregations.

Layperson Pat Mayberry held the following degrees: BA, University of Missouri-Columbia, MSW, University of Houston and JD, Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Texas Southern University. She held the following employment positions: Air Force Judge Advocate General (JAG), Trial Attorney, Homeland Security, and Administrative Law Judge (ALJ), California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board.

We hold these truths to be self-evident that Judge Pat Mayberry was "blessed to have been a blessing to the African Methodist Episcopal Church and that her service to the Lord was not in vain.

As such, I am pleased to paraphrase Paul's writing in I Thessalonians 4:13-18. "Please do not be ignorant concerning the fact that Pat has fallen asleep. Do not sorrow as others who have no hope. If you believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, our dear sister Pat who sleeps in Jesus, will God bring with Him. We say this to you by the word of the Lord that we which are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trump of God, and the dead in Christ shall rise first! Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore, in Judge Mayberry's absence, comfort one another with these words.

Humbly Submitted,

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