



19th Episcopal District Bid Proposal to host the Connectional Lay Organization Biennial 2027

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Lay Organization Africa Development Initiative
(LOADI)

2027 CLO Biennial Bidding



19th Episcopal District Lay Organization

- To the established protocol of the Connectional Lay Organization Executive Board meeting held in Birmingham, Alabama.
- Greetings in the wonderful name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.
- **1 Corinthians 2:9-** But as it is written, What no eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no human heart has conceived. God has prepared these things for those who love him.

BACKGROUND



- The organized lay movement was founded in 1912.
- It marks 112 years since the CLO was founded.
- 56 years of existence in Southern Africa.
- Lay Organization Africa Development Initiative (LOADI), formed in 2004.
- Formed initially by the 15th & 19th Districts, now includes 14th, 17th 18th and 20th.

RATIONALE TO BID FOR HOSTING THE CLO BIENNIAL 2027



- The effort to host the CLO began in **2015** under the leadership of the then 19th Episcopal District Lay President & DOLA.
- Did not come to realization - adopted by 2015 CLO Time and Place committee, but not presented as a motion before Biennial Session.
- At the CLO Biennial in **2023**, the NEDLO President & DOLA, with the backing of the Prelate and the NEDLO & LOADI delegates, revived the initiative.
- 2029 Biennial already has a designated host Episcopal District.
- NEDLO's interest in hosting the **Biennial in 2027 affirmed.**
- NEDLO & LOADI followed governance process for approval for hosting the CLO Biennial in 2027.

GLOBAL ADVANTAGE



- Johannesburg in South Africa, the seat of the 19th Episcopal District, hosted the opening and closing ceremonies of the Soccer World Cup in 2010.
- LOADI a formidable platform of collaboration and cooperation.

Significant Events:

- 2006 - Rosebank Johannesburg (19th) under leadership of late Pres. Jesse Burns
- 2011 - Livingstone, Zambia (17th) - President Emeritus Willie Glover
- 2016 - AME Young Adults Missionaries (YAM) Johannesburg (19th)
- 2017 - Cape Town, South Africa (15th) - GDC, Board of Christian Education & LOADI - (President Valerie Bell)
- 2024 - Johannesburg, (19th) Global Development Council (GDC) hosted back to back with LOADI.



CONCLUSION

- Presentation intended to concretise the influence, prestige and voting strength of the CLO.
- Trusting on the constructive and worthwhile support of the progressive programs of the church.
- Important to cement the importance and true meaning of a Connectional and a Global Church.
- Prayerfully optimistic that the CLO will unanimously vote for the 19th Episcopal District to host the 2027 Biennial Convention.

ITS TIME FOR AFRICA!!