



**EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT OF THE HISTORIOGRAPHER
CONNECTIONAL LAY ORGANIZATION (CLO)
ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND FUTURE PLANS**



Introduction:

I am thankful for the opportunity to serve the Connectional Lay Organization as its 8th Historiographer. Having served this organization for more than a year, it is my firm belief that our history is a treasure to be preserved and shared. My prayer is that God will use me as an instrument to accomplish His will while helping our great Lay Organization meet its goals.

To the members of the CLO Executive Board and the former CLO Historiographers, thank you for your help, support, and vision in making the role of Historiographer relevant and meaningful as we continue to build our organization while using modern technology to accomplish our work. I look forward to interacting with the Historiographers in Districts 1-20 to spread the “good news”. To God be the Glory!

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- ✓ “A Tribute to the Past Presidents of The Lay Movement” by William E. Ayers, Jr. – Posted Power Point slide show presentation on **YouTube** and **Facebook**. **(Accomplished)**;
- ✓ Published monthly articles by Historiographers in Episcopal Districts 1–20; **(According to planned schedule – Districts 7 and 19 articles were submitted and published)**. **(Accomplished)**;
- ✓ Submitted article to “**We Speak**” to be published in the December 2021 Flipping Book, (Digital Publishing). **(Accomplished)**;
- ✓ Collaborated with DOPR to post information on the CLO’s Google Drive Cloud as a storage/display option (teamwork) **(Accomplished)**;
- ✓ **Worked** with the CLO Treasurer to ensure climate control facility fee is paid to the storage company in Pine Bluff, Arkansas in a timely manner (teamwork). **(Accomplished)**;
- ✓ Guest **Speaker** (virtual) at Springdale AME Church Lay Day, 3rd Sunday in October, 2021 in Burlington, NC; and will be the virtual Lay Day speaker at Campbell AME Church on the 3rd Sunday in December, 2021 in Washington, DC; both churches are in the Second Episcopal District. **(Accomplished/On-going speaking engagement)**.

FUTURE PLANS:

- **District-Wide Communication:** with all District Historiographers via Email and Zoom in Districts 1-20 to ensure continuity of information in terms of requirements and achievements of District/CLO goals. **(On-going strategic plan)**;

- **Work** with the CLO DOPR to Post information to the CLO website (“In The News”) www.ameclay.org - and in the Cloud. (**On-going strategic plan**);
- **Distributed** resource material to District Historiographers on the goals and expectations of District Historiographers including attachments and flyers for the sale of *the CLO Historical Journal*, - www.ameclay.org/shop/. Included was: 1) a letter outlining expectations and a proposed article submission schedule for Districts 1-20; and 2) instructions for Zoom calls entitled “**Historian**” to be used before the Zoom calls for discussion/agenda formats. Copies were sent to the CLO DOPR and Corresponding Secretary for continuity of communication. (**On-going strategic plan**);
- **Held** discussions with the CLO attorney (Odessa Bibbins) regarding progress on having the Lay logo trademarked. Work continues with her speaking to the AME Church attorney (Douglass Selby) for concurrence. He was pleased that progress is being made. A goal is to get the paperwork completed and into the Trademark Office before the end of the 2021. (This was an assigned task by President Makiti before being elected the CLO Historiographer). (**On-going plan of action**);
- **Implement** plans for a successful CLO webinar, in May 2022 (a first for this organization) sponsored by Rev. Dr. Theresa Fry Brown, AME Church Historiographer. President Matikane Abednego Makita is a panelist. He will have an opportunity to share his vision for the Lay Organization/Movement to a broader and more diverse audience. Participant information and pictures have been sent to Rev. Dr. Fry Brown. (**On-going new task**);
- **Discuss** options with Rev. Dr. Roderick D. Belin, President/Publisher, AME Sunday School Union, regarding space to house the CLO archives in the new Publishing House Building and seeking space during the Opening Ceremony to display CLO historical papers/artifacts on the first floor. (**On-going new task**);
- **Communicate - lovingly**, with our 3 living former CLO Historiographers (Dr. Dorothy Henderson, Sister Pam Tilly, Dr. Erma Austin) to ensure the work reflects the goals and objectives of the CLO and to show continuity in support of the work for this office. (**On-going dialogue**);
- **Attend** AME/other organizations Zoom meetings/events to stay abreast of advancements/news that could impact the CLO’s office of the Historiographer and for enhancing the knowledge base of the Historiographer. It is also an attempt to become cognizant of changes in technology to ensure the CLO Historiographer is using up-to-date sources in the performance of assigned tasks and to inform historiographers in Districts 1-20 of the same. (**On-going strategic plan**).

First Executive Board Meeting Report

Date: 12/3-4/21

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