



September 26, 2024

## **Nominating Committee - Announcement**

### **LETTER OF INTENT**

Connectional Lay Organization - African Methodist Episcopal Church

39<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention - Atlanta, Georgia

July 7-11, 2025

The Nominating Committee of the Connectional Lay Organization (CLO) is now accepting LETTERS OF INTENT for the office of President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, Recording Secretary, Assistant Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Lay Activities, Director of Public Relations, Chaplain, Historiographer, Parliamentarian, and Young Adult Representative for (2025-2029).

All officers and members of the Connectional Lay Organization and its Divisions shall be members in “good and regular standing” in their Station or Circuit Organization to participate in elections and voting.

Any person seeking an elected office in the Connectional Lay Organization (CLO) must possess the qualifications required for the position being sought. (Article V, Sections A-O) pages 503-509 of the 2021 Doctrine and Discipline African Methodist Episcopal Church, Connectional Lay Organization Constitution and By-Laws).

Any person seeking an elected office in the Connectional Lay Organization (CLO) must be a member in “good and regular standing” in the organization. Any candidate for elected office must have registered and attended at least three (3) Annual Biennial Conventions as a delegate, alternate, or observer within the ten (10) year period preceding the election year.

All persons seeking an elected office must submit a “LETTER OF INTENT” “with qualifications signed by the applicant, and all levels of **(Presidents)**, Episcopal District, Annual Conference, District of the Annual Conference (where one exist) and Local Church and returned to: Ms. Betty J. Tuggle, Chairperson, Nominating Committee, and must be returned by Certified Mail, or its international equivalent mail to: Ms. Betty J. Tuggle, Chair, Nominating Committee, 106 Brewer Dr. North, Apartment #4, Batte Creek, MI 49015, and or electronically to: [bjotuggle@yahoo.com](mailto:bjotuggle@yahoo.com) by 11:59 p.m., January 15, 2025. This date deadline will constitute the close of all nominations to the Nominating Committee. There shall be no nomination from the floor of the 39<sup>th</sup> Biennial Session.

The LETTER OF INTENT can be obtained from the Nominating Committee Chair, Ms. Betty J. Tuggle @ [bjotuggle@yahoo.com](mailto:bjotuggle@yahoo.com), Episcopal District Lay Organization Presidents and Online.

- Candidates will be notified by February 15, 2025, verifying that they have met the qualifications for the office they are seeking.
- During April 2025, Connectional Lay Organization Executive Board Meeting; the eligible candidates will be presented for approval. After the Executive Board's decision, eligible candidates can begin campaigning.

NO ELECTED OFFICER SHALL HOLD MORE THAN **TWO (2)** ADDITIONAL OFFICE BEYOND THE LOCAL ORGANIZATION.

NO CAMPAIGNING FOR OFFICE SHALL TAKE PLACE BEFORE CANDIDATES ARE NOTIFIED OF THEIR ELIGIBILITY ON OR BEFORE we give the date. Participation in campaign activities before the **DATE** will result in valid disqualification for the candidate.

In order that we may contact you, please provide an e-mail address or telephone number with your Letter of Intent.

Applicants designated eligible will be requested to provide a photograph.

- Members of the Nominating Committee shall be ineligible for nomination by the committee for any elected position to be filled.
- If a sitting Episcopal District Lay President is nominated, then the Episcopal District Lay First Vice-President must sign in place of the President's signature, the applicant must sign, Episcopal District President, Annual Conference President, District of the Annual Conference (where they exit) and the Local Church President on the Letter of Intent.

Nominating Committee Members

Betty J. Tuggle, Chair, (4<sup>th</sup> District), Michael Brown, Vice Chair (6<sup>th</sup> District), Veronica Wiley (9<sup>th</sup> District), Secretary, Corey Williams (12<sup>th</sup> District), Chaplain, Erin Young (3<sup>rd</sup> District), Member, Deborah Membe (17<sup>th</sup> District) Member and Sabatha Mojaki (15<sup>th</sup> District) Member