

(From EEDLO President Patricia Wright) Eleventh District Laity:

As you know it took us quite a while to get our 2016 Disciplines. There are some items that were left out or not recorded as we ratified them in our constitution. Let me bring you attention to a couple of them so that as you move forward with the teaching and training of our members, you can give them the correct information.

Additionally, when our connectional president expressed her concern about the errors, she contacted and was instructed by the General Secretary/CIO Dr. Jeffrey Cooper to write a letter noting the inaccuracies. She did such after sharing her concerns and intentions with the Executive Board in June.

Please find below the letter and find below the areas of issue.

NOTE: We will operate on what was ratified in our constitution, not what has been erroneously printed or omitted.



The Doctrine and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal 2016 has been printed and distributed. There are areas of concern within The CONNECTIONAL LAY ORGANIZATION CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS beginning on page 470.

I have contacted the General Secretary/CIO Dr. Jeffrey Cooper and informed him of the two (2) concerns.

1. 2012 ARTICLE IV-MEMBERSHIP Page 384
Section 2. e. All Conference Lay Organization Presidents

The text has been legally amended and should be:

Section 2.e. Conference Lay Organization Presidents and Directors of Lay Activities and Young Adult Representatives .

Please note that the age for Young Adults has also been changed from 18-30 to 18-35.

However, the change/amended text does not appear in the 2016 Discipline Section 2. e. Page 473

2. 2012 ARTICLE IX-EXECUTIVE BOARD Page 398

Section 1. There shall be an Executive Board of the Connectional Lay Organization, composed of the elected officers of the organization, the President of each Episcopal District Lay Organization, President Emeriti, and chairpersons of standing committees.

2016 ARTICLE IX-EXECUTIVE BOARD Page 488

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The omission of Episcopal District Presidents is an error, as there was no amendment passed by the body for that change.

Dr. Cooper recommended that a letter be sent from the Connectional Lay Organization noting the inaccuracies. The letter was presented and passed by the Executive Board at our recent Executive Board meeting in Atlanta, June 24-26, 2018.

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