

# WE SPEAK



## Connectional Lay Organization African Methodist Episcopal Church

Bishop E. Earl McCloud Jr, Lay Commission Chair  
Mr. Abe Makiti, CLO President  
Dr. Felecia Commodore, Chair Nominating Committee

### Nominating Committee

CLO Election of Officers for 2021-2024  
The Doctrine and Discipline of the AME Church 2016

The Nominating Committee of the Connectional Lay Organization of the African Methodist Church is now accepting (Letter of Intent) for the positions as officers in the Connectional Lay Organization for 2021 - 2024.

Please read and follow the instructions listed below:

- Any person seeking an elected office in the Connectional Lay Organization must be a member in "good and regular standing" in their Local Lay Organization, Presiding Elder District (If applicable), Annual Conference, and Episcopal District Lay Organizations, and must possess the qualifications required for the position being sought. (CLO Const & By-Laws (2016), Article 6)
- Any candidate for the elected office must have **registered and attended** (3) Biennial Sessions as a delegate, alternate delegate, or observer within a (10) year period immediately preceding the election year.
- All persons seeking an elected office must submit to the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee a "Letter of Intent" with qualifications having been signed by the Episcopal District Lay Organization President.
- The "Letter of Intent" must be returned to the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee by certified mail, its international equivalent, and/or electronic mail postmarked/time stamped on or before **11:59 PM EST, January 15, 2021**. Letters of Intent received after that date and time will not be accepted.
- Candidates will be notified by February 15, 2021, verifying that they have met the qualifications for the office they are seeking.
- During the April 2021, 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.
- Any candidate campaigning before notified of his/her eligibility will be disqualified. Campaigning is defined as (a) placing ads in souvenir journals or any AMEC publications, i.e., newsletters, etc., (b) distributing campaign literature/paraphernalia and (c) visiting formal functions of any lay organization or its subordinate bodies with the expressed purpose of campaigning.

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- No elected officer may hold more than two positions beyond the local level in the Lay Organization. (CLO Const. & By-Laws, Article 6, Section 5)
- 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 on the Letter of Intent

## NOTE

To obtain a "Letter of Intent", contact the Episcopal District President or contact the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, Felecia Commodore Email: [CLOnominating@gmail.com](mailto:CLOnominating@gmail.com), or by phone: (302-584-7977).

Connectional Lay Organization  
2020 Nominating Committee Members

Felecia Commodore, Chairperson - 2nd District  
Michael Brown, Vice Chairperson - 6th District  
Erin Youngue - YAR- 3rd District  
Ruben Braziel - 10th District  
Qedindaba Khumalo - 20th District  
Donna Lee Chandler - 1st District  
Veronica Wiley - 9th District



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OCTOBER 22, 2020

## ***NOTICE OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS***

FOR THE

**CONNECTIONAL LAY ORGANIZATION  
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**



**At the Site of the  
37th – BIENNIAL CONVENTION -July 2021  
Orlando, Florida**

**Nomination Forms can be obtained online or from:**

**Dr. Felecia Commodore, Chairperson of  
Nominating Committee  
3805 Cape Henry Ave.  
Norfolk, VA 23513  
Email: [CLONominating@gmail.com](mailto:CLONominating@gmail.com)  
Phone: 302-584-7977**

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### LETTER OF INTENT

(To seek office in the Connectional Lay Organization African Methodist Episcopal Church in 2021 at the 37<sup>th</sup> Biennial Session in Orlando, Florida)

Instructions: Please complete the following letter of Intent (LOI), secure the necessary signatures and return by certified US mail and/or electronic mail to [CLONominating@gmail.com](mailto:CLONominating@gmail.com) or CLO Nominating Committee Chair Dr. Felecia Commodore, 3805 Cape Henry Ave., Norfolk, Virginia 23513. This letter of Intent must be postmarked by 11:59 PM, January 15, 2021.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (type/print your name) am a member of the

\_\_\_\_\_ Episcopal District

\_\_\_\_\_ Annual Conference

\_\_\_\_\_ Local Church Name & Location

\_\_\_\_\_ Pastor

\_\_\_\_\_ Local Lay President

I am seeking the office of \_\_\_\_\_ in the Connectional Lay Organization of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. I have read and understand the duties and responsibilities of the office which I desire, and the nomination and election procedures found in the Connectional Lay Organization of the African Methodist Episcopal Church Constitution and By-Laws (2016), Article 5 & Article 6.

Please find below my experience and qualifications for the office I seek. **I give permission to the Nominating Committee to speak with any and all persons necessary to verify my qualifications for office.**

If I wish to withdraw, I must notify the Nominating Committee as follows: Dr. Felecia Commodore, Chairperson, 3805 Cape Henry Drive, Norfolk, Virginia, 23513.

My experience at the Connectional, Episcopal District, Annual Conference, Presiding Elder District, and Local levels

Since 2010 is as follows:

**Connectional Level** \_\_\_\_\_

**Episcopal District** \_\_\_\_\_

**Annual Conference** \_\_\_\_\_

**Presiding Elder District (if applicable)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Local Church** \_\_\_\_\_

**Involvement in AME Church: work at all levels not mentioned above** \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional information (Education & Experience outside of the AME Church)** \_\_\_\_\_



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Biennial Lay Convention(s) registered for and attended since 2010 (Provide Year Only):

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As a candidate for election, I certify that the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge:

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt/Suite \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Country/Zip or Mail Code \_\_\_\_\_

As President of the \_\_\_\_\_ Episcopal District Lay Organization of the African Methodist Episcopal Church,

and with the approval of the Executive Board hereby affix my signature:

\_\_\_\_\_ (Print Name)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

