

September 19, 2012



**The Connectional Lay Organization Online**  
Bishop William Phillips DeVeaux Sr, Lay Commission Chairman  
Dr. Willie C. Glover, President of the Connectional Lay Organization  
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*From the Desk of the Connectional Lay President...  
The Connectional Lay Organization joins in expressing our profound sadness in this horrific tragedy in the 17th Episcopal District. We encourage all laypersons to pray for the injured and support the families of all those involved. Please contact Bishop Messiah for ways to help.*

*Willie C. Glover, Ph.D., President  
Connectional Lay Organization  
African Methodist Episcopal Church*

## **TCR BREAKING NEWS: TCR Breaking News: Tragedy Strikes the 17th Episcopal District**

September 17, 2012

It is with much regret and sadness that we announce that after the completion of the Fifth Session of the North West Zambia Annual Conference, held in Mansa, Zambia, Pastors and Delegates were involved in a fatal vehicle accident while traveling home on Sunday 16th September 2012. Four Itinerant Elders, Three Licentiates who were also Pastors and two Stewards died in the accident. Bishop Messiah will begin holding funerals tomorrow (Wednesday, September 18, 2012)

Their names are:

• The Rev. James Mwila

- The Rev. Muyambo Chimba
- The Rev. Patson Mwewa
- The Rev. Jackson Ng'ona
- Lic. Nelson Mpasa
- Lic. Kasongo Lumbwe
- Lic. Morgan Chipasha
- Bro. Lazarous Mungo
- Bro. Musondo Chinyangwha

Three Lay-persons are still in Mansa General Hospital in critical condition, while eighteen others are recovering from serious injuries at Mambillima Hospital, Mwense.

The Rt. Rev. Wilfred Jacobus Messiah visited the injured in hospital and has assisted with the care for all by providing funds for:

- The care of the injured while in hospital
- The coffins for the deceased
- The transport cost for the deceased and injured upon release from the hospital
- Assistance to the families for funeral costs.

The entire 17th Episcopal District is requesting that you keep our District in prayer.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been finalized. Condolences may be sent to: [wjmessiah2004@yahoo.com](mailto:wjmessiah2004@yahoo.com).

Bishop Messiah may be reached at +1 302 562 7293.

Support for the families and information on how to make donations will be forthcoming.

For Christ, Church and Community,

Bishop Wilfred Jacobus Messiah  
Presiding Prelate

Zambia, Congo Brazzaville, Kenya, Burundi, Rwanda, Democratic Republic of Congo

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## **CALLING ALL LAYPERSONS!!!!**

The Fall Connectional Lay Organization's Fall Executive Board meeting will convene in Atlanta, Georgia from November 8 - 11, 2012 in the downtown Marriott Marquis Hotel, 265 Peachtree Center, N.W. 30303. Reservations may be made by calling toll free 1-877-622-3056.

The code is "CLO EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING" and the group rate is \$125.00 plus tax. Registration fee is also \$125 which includes four meals, materials, and round trip transportation from the hotel to St. Phillips AMEC. Hotel reservation deadline is **October 10th**.

The opening business session starts at 3 p.m. on Thursday, November 8th and adjournment will be Saturday, November 10th at approximately 3:30 p.m. Agenda to follow.

A major highlight of this meeting will be planting a time capsule by the Centennial Celebration committee at St. Phillip's AMEC followed by dinner and a concert under the direction of Rev. Dr. Anthony Vinson, Connectional Director of Music and Fine Arts.

Additional information will be shared from the committee. Please plan to attend this historic event. Invitations will be sent to the leadership of the Church.

Registration fee should be sent to Mr. Richard Bowden, 1908 Vaughn Lane, Montgomery, Al. 36106. Elected Biennial officers, advisors and selected chairpersons are asked to register with Anita Rankin by email, [ayrankin@amecnational.org](mailto:ayrankin@amecnational.org) or calling her at **407-396-9453**.

Looking forward to seeing you in HOT 'LANTA. God bless.

**REMINDER... Executive Board Meetings are OPEN to EVERYONE!!!**

Willie C. Glover, Ph.D., President  
*Connectional Lay Organization*  
*African Methodist Episcopal Church*

***Regretfully, the Connectional Lay Organization joins the Eleventh Episcopal District to share the following bereavement notice:***

***Sister Ella Mae Thomas***  
***(mother of Mrs. Kathryn Gillis)***

Sister Ella Mae Thomas, 97, mother of Mrs. Kathryn Gillis, Immediate Past Chaplin of the 11th Episcopal District Lay Organization has answered the clarion call and has been transition from mortal to immortality.

**The Wake for Mrs. Thomas will held Thursday, September 20, 2012 at New Life & Deliverance Ministry, 211 NW 2ndStreet, Pompano Beach, FL at 6:00pm.**

**The celebration of her life will be Friday, September 21, 2012 at Bethel AME Church, 405 NW Ester Rolle Ave., Pompano Beach, FL at 1:00pm.**

**Arrangements are under the care of L.C.**

**PoitierFuneralHome317 NW 6th St, Pompano BeachFL  
33060 Phone: 954.943.7050 / Fax: 954.943.0994**

**Your prayers and acts of kindness may be directed to:**

**Kathryn Gillis**

**220 NW 15th Place**

**Pompano Beach, FL**

**954-439-2469**

**954-933-1552**

**"I will lift my eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, who made heaven and earth." Psalm 121:1-2**

**Delphine Jackson, Recording Secretary**

**11th Episcopal District Lay Organization**

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**"Delight yourselves in the Lord, yes, find your joy in Him at all times!"Philippians 4:4**