

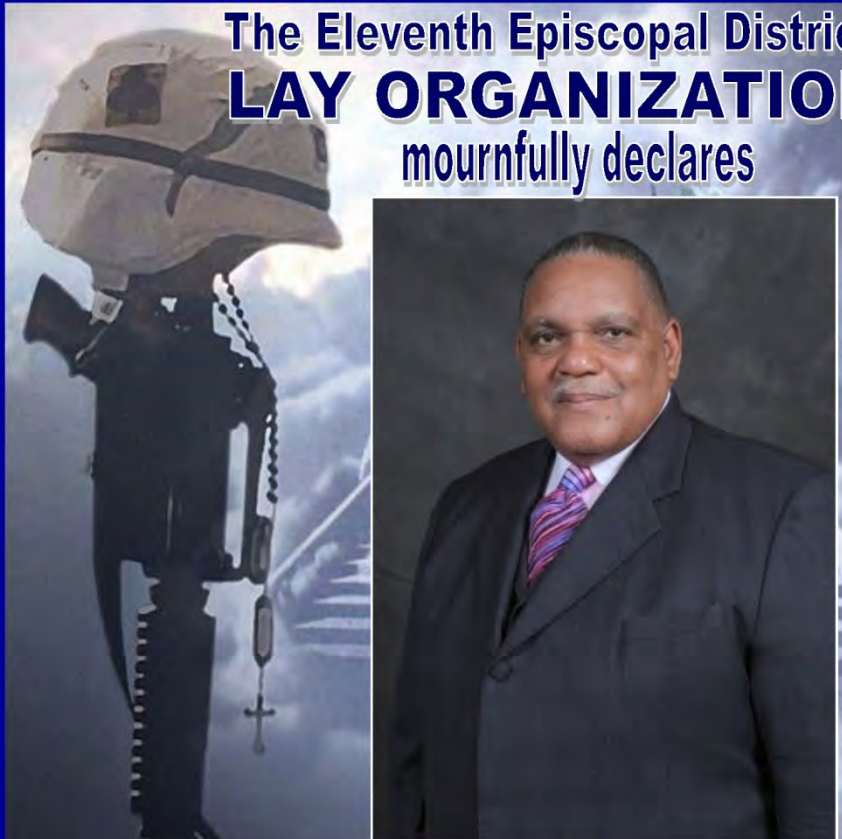
*The Eleventh  
Episcopal District  
Lay Organization  
mourns the  
Homegoing of  
God's Soldier:  
Brother  
Jesse L. Burns, Jr.*

*May he forever  
Rest in Peace  
With Our Lord*

*September 15, 1950  
September 16, 2020*

Presentation Created by Angela J.S. Garner (AJSG)

The Eleventh Episcopal District  
**LAY ORGANIZATION**  
mournfully declares




**Another  
Layman Soldier  
has gone home.**

Former Connectional and Episcopal Lay President  
**MR. JESSE L. BURNS**

hung up his war clothes today...  
9/16/2020

The LORD allowed him 70 Years on Earth, then took him Home.





*We Remember: Mr. Jesse L. Burns, Jr.*





*Mr. Jesse L. Burns, Jr: Soldier of Christ/AME Church,  
Connectional/Episcopal District Lay President, Man  
of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. ~ Blessed by GOD!*





*Greetings and Best Wishes  
to*

*Mrs. Marian Bacon White, Episcopal Lay President  
Mr. Joseph S. Coppock, Host Conference Lay President  
And The Entire Constituency of  
The 64th Annual Lay Convention Celebrating 60 Years!*

FROM THE  
**CONNECTIONAL LAY ORGANIZATION**  
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THEME:  
**REFOCUSING  
Our Ministry**  
TO SERVE THE  
PRESENT AGE



**Bishop Samuel L. Green, Sr.**  
Chair Lay Commission



**Mr. Jesse L. Burns, Jr.**  
Connectional Lay President

*This was Jesse's  
“standard” ad for Any  
big event when he was  
Connectional Lay  
President. The golden  
area was edited to  
place his “standard”  
greeting. He would  
often seek assistance  
from ‘the called’ of  
God’s AME Kingdom,  
to create flyers, ads,  
PowerPoints & other  
necessities for various  
presentations. He  
expected & was ever so  
grateful for the talents  
of others to help him.*



*Jesse speaks as the  
Connectional Lay  
President in Texas  
during the Biennial.*







*Jesse posing with  
Deborah Langston  
during one of those  
fabulous feasts that  
Greater Bethel,  
Gainesville, Pastor  
Karl Smith, would  
provide for us...*

*Jesse attempting to  
eat during the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
shot with Deborah...  
On 5/31/2009 when  
he was a member of  
Greater Bethel,  
Gainesville*







*Jesse in the  
pulpit before  
he speaks on  
6/30/2009  
during our  
Annual Lay  
Convention's  
opening night  
of Worship*







*Jesse in deep conversation with (the late) Eileen Warner on 7/1/2009 during our Lay Convention in the South Conference*



*After the main photo was taken, that intense, good conversation continued...*



*Jesse & 3 former Presidents of the EFDLO ~ 7/2/2009*



James L. Williams, Jr., Jesse L. Burns, Jr., Marian B. White (deceased); Charlie L. Nichols



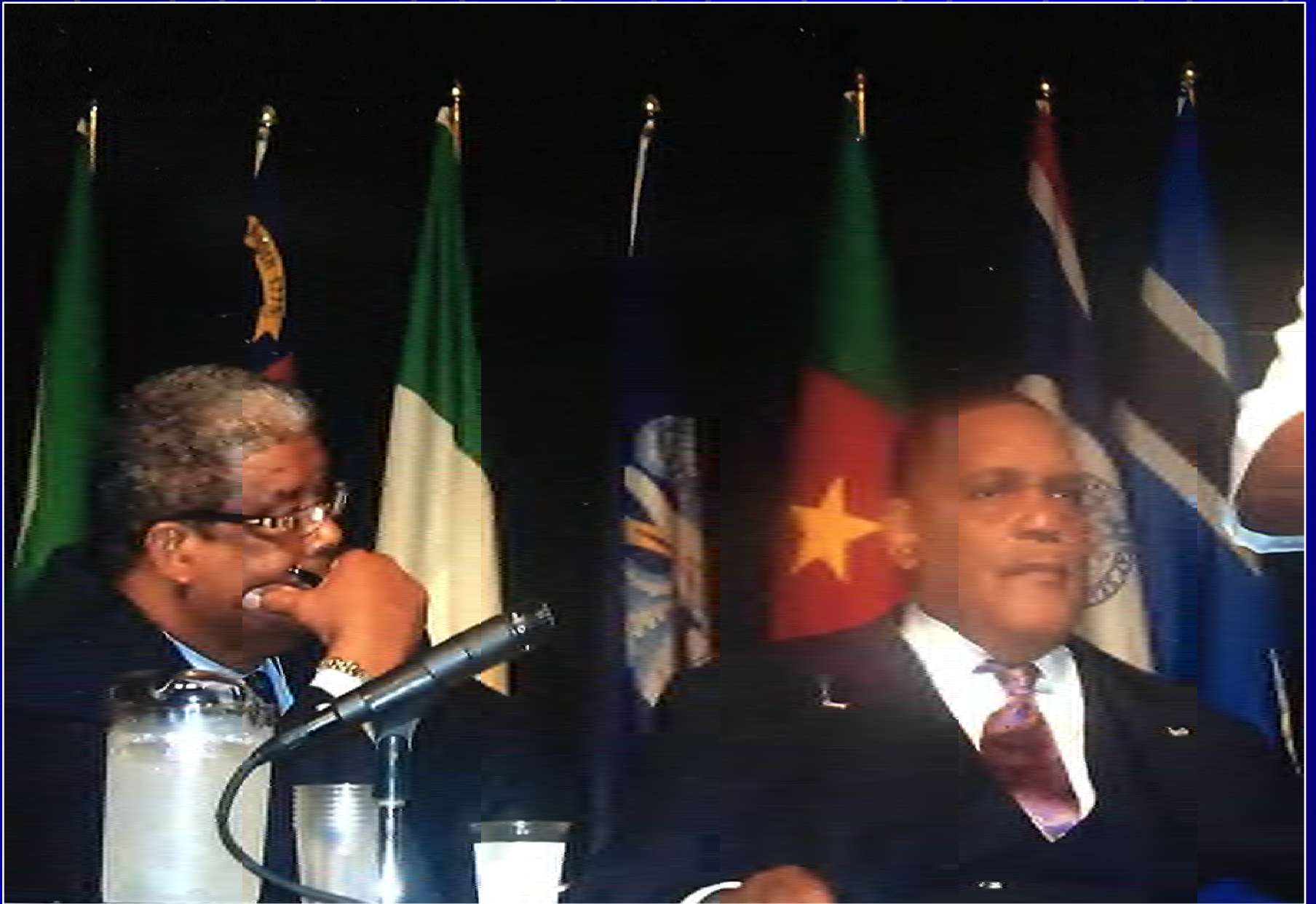


# *The 31<sup>st</sup> Biennial Session of the Connectional Lay Organization in Little Rock, Arkansas, July 26-30, 2009*





*Front & center during the Connectional Lay Biennial*





*Jesse searches for important documents he needs...*





*Jesse & former Congresswoman Corrine Brown  
10/26/2010 ~ Greater Bethel AMEC, Gainesville*







Jesse's present with his sister, Janice Burns Jacobs, at Home w/The LORD.







*Jesse poses with  
(the late) Mr.  
James Honors,  
another Lay  
Soldier who went  
to be with The  
LORD in June*

*Taken during The  
11<sup>th</sup> District's Lay  
Convention, as we  
celebrated 100 Years  
of Organized Laity  
~ 6/14/2012 ~*





*Jesse chats with Peggy  
Johnson, poses, then  
speaks during our Lay  
Convention: 6/15/2012*







*Jesse attends the Lay Meeting during CEYLC in Orlando, 7/25/2012, sitting near his sister, surrounded by Laity as we conduct the business of the Organization*





*Jesse listens attentively to our (now) President, Sister Patricia H. Wright, when she was the DOLA, during our meeting at CFYLC in Orlando ~ 7/21/2014*







*The AME  
Church's 50th  
General  
Conference  
in 2016...  
Jesse with  
other delegates  
& the 133<sup>rd</sup>  
Elected: Bishop  
Harry Lee  
Seawright*







*Jesse with  
Delegate Carl  
Davis & then  
candidate for  
Bishop... now,  
The Right  
Reverend  
Michael L.  
Mitchell,  
Presiding Prelate  
of the 12<sup>th</sup> District  
& President of the  
Council of Bishops  
during the AME  
Church's 50<sup>th</sup>  
General  
Conference*



*Banquet for The AME Church's General Conference:  
Jesse with other delegates & friends during dinner*





*11<sup>th</sup> District Planning Meeting 2018 in Orlando, FL,  
during our afternoon Lay Meeting as Jesse listens to  
the person speaking... with our President, Patricia H.  
Wright, the most attentive Multi-tasker we know!*





# *Heaven's Light*

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*The sun shines down upon us  
and gives us warmth and light.  
Then when the day has ended,  
it disappears from sight.*

*Though we're left in darkness,  
we know the sun has not died,  
for it is shining brightly  
on the world's other side.*

*So it is when one we love  
comes to their end of days.  
They just go to the other side  
to shine their loving rays.*

*That's why heaven is a place  
that glows beyond compare.  
The lights of those who've left us  
are all brightly shining there.*

