

FOCUS OF TODAY'S LESSON
NOMINATED, APPOINTED or SELF-APPOINTED

Are You in Your Rightful Place?

*And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;
 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:
 Ephesians 4:11-12*

*Are You Sure of the Process for Holding a Position in the AME Church?
 Let's Look at a Few!!*

The Hierarchy

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| A. The Bishop | E. Trustees |
| B. The General Board/Connectional Officers | F. Stewardesses |
| C. Pastor | G. Deaconesses |
| D. Stewards | H. Class Leader |

Questions to Ponder

1. What ministerial orders do you hold in the church?
2. Have you been called by God to share your ministry?
3. Have you been given the responsibility of placing members on probation?
4. Have you accepted a charge from the bishop?
5. How many times have you helped the pastor run the church?
6. When was the last time you were given a task and passed it on to someone else?
7. How did you feel when someone attempted to do a job that was given to you?
8. Are you a delegator, instigator or an intimidator?
9. When was the last time you told the pastor who should or should not hold an office in the church?
10. Have you ever received a ticket for a traffic violation?

Looking Back and Planning Forward

Dates of Episcopal - Connectional Events

June 2014	Bahamas Conference
June 2015	Edward Waters College
June 2016	Central
June 2017	South
August 2017	Biennial Session - Columbus, OH
June 2018	Florida
June 2019	West Coast Conference
July/Aug 2019	Biennial Session - Seattle, Washington
June 2020	East** (General Conference Year)
July 2020	General Conference - Orlando, FL
June 2021	Bahamas Conference

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The Eleventh Episcopal District Lay Organization

Agenda - March 23, 2017

- I. Call to Order
- II. Devotion Chaplain Langston
- III. Roll Call of Officers Asst. Secretary Wilson
 (Roll call : Elected Episcopal Officers, Conference Presidents + Districts of the Annual Conference presidents stand when Conference Presidents names are called; Chairpersons of standing Committees, Commission Chairpersons, Presidents Emeriti)
- IV. Adoption of Agenda
- V. Minutes (from EBOARD in January) Secretary Wooten
- VI. The Lay Organization at Work

A. Retreat Recap	P. Salter
B. Constitution and Bylaws	D. Russell
C. Awards and Scholarship Report	L. Coppock
D. The Christian Recorder	Wright
E. June Convention	Committee/ K. Gillis/P. Wright
F. Biennial Convention - August 7-10	
1. Registration, dress, election	
2. Charlie Nichols - Candidacy	
- VII. DOLA - Teaching and Learning... **NOMINATED, APPOINTED or SELF-APPOINTED**
- VIII. Preparing Ahead

Annual Convention June 20-23, 2017 SOUTH CONFERENCE
Biennial Convention August, 2017, Columbus, OH

IX. Announcements/Concerns

X. Adjournment

Lay Benediction: *May God Bless Us With the True Spirit of Christianity
 That We May Live Together Not as Man Over Man,
 But As Lay Persons Working With God. AMEN.*

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NOTE: HOW TO MAKE A MOTION

- a. Wait until the last speaker has finished.
- b. Rise and address the Chairman by saying, "Mr/Madam Chairman, or Mr/Madam President."
- c. Wait until the Chairman recognizes you.
- d. Make Your Motion
- e. Speak in a clear and concise manner.
- f. Always state a motion affirmatively. Say, "**I move that we**..." rather than, "I make a motion ...".
- g. Wait for Someone to Second Your Motion
- h. Another member will second your motion or the Chairman will call for a second.
- i. If there is no second to your motion it is lost.
- j. The Chairman States Your Motion
- k. The Chairman will say, "It has been moved and seconded that we ..." Thus placing your motion before the membership for consideration and action..



- In order to keep The Christian Recorder (TCR) viable, they need to have 10,000 subscriptions and are asking for each Episcopal District to support.
- The cost is \$36 per year; It will be published monthly. We have subscription forms. We need a point person to collect and send in subscriptions. The Episcopal district that the highest number will be acknowledged during Biennial session.

Frequently asked questions about *The Christian Recorder*

How old is *The Christian Recorder*?

The Christian Recorder began publication on July 1, 1852 and is the world's oldest continuously printed publication by Black people. It is produced twice a month at the AME Church Sunday School Union (Publishing House) in Nashville, Tennessee. Mr. John Thomas III is the Editor and the first layperson to hold that position in the history of the paper.

If I get the "News Digest" emails, I have a subscription?

No. The emails are offered as a public service to members of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and our wider community. The "News Digests" only include a selection of news from the printed edition and time-sensitive bulletins.

What am I missing by not subscribing?

Each printed edition is 8-12 pages of feature stories, Connectional News, Ecumenical News, Columns, Opinion Pieces and an Editorials.

How can I get the full paper?

Purchase a subscription for \$36 annually. Contact your Episcopal District Lay President for more information.

Can I buy a full electronic subscription?

At this time, no. The only way to get a full version of *The Christian Recorder* is in print. We are working on a way to make the full paper available for purchase online.

By the way, is the name of the paper *Christian Recorder*, *AME Christian Recorder* or *The Christian Recorder*?

The name of the paper originally and currently is *The Christian Recorder*. *The AME Christian Recorder* was used from 1960-1984. *Christian Recorder* was never a formal name for the publication.

NINETY DAYS TO CONVENTION

The dates of the Annual Convention are June 20-23, 2017

The Location is Pompano Beach, Florida

Things to expect...

- The Report of your Elected Officers and an account of their stewardship during the past twelve months
- An in-depth report from the First, Second and Third Vice Presidents on their work and a rollout thereof
- An Exciting 'Scholarship' Fundraising Opportunity
- Ratification of EEDLO Constitution and By laws
- Guests and Information from prospective CLO officers campaigning for election
- **A New Twist:** On Friday June 23 at the close of the Convention (instead of on Opening Night) there will be a **LAST WORD from our Bishop**. We will close the convention at the same time frame, except our parting Words will come from Bishop.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED? \$100.00 DUE TO Ann McCelvey by June 1, 2017

Complete registration form and send to
Ann McCelvey, Registrar
 610 Manor Ct. SW Ft. Walton Beach FL 32547

Let's increase the registration from Last year. Last year's registration report: 198

Florida	38	Central	46
South	32	West Coast	46
East	33	Bahamas	3

OUR CONVENTION REGISTRATION GOAL IS 250-300

HAVE YOU PURCHASED AN AD? DUE TO South Conference — Deadline is April 28.

Email to Kay Copeland at: msjakira1999@gmail.com

Make checks payable to **South Conference Lay Organization**
 and send to **Joan Harper 7776 Tara Court, Naples, FL 34104**

Full page color \$125

Full page b/w \$100

Half page color \$85

Half page is \$60

HAVE YOU BOOKED YOUR ROOM?

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