

The Eleventh Episcopal District
Lay Organization
African Methodist Episcopal Church



Proposed Amendments
Connectional Lay Organization
Constitution and By-Laws

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(EEDLO # 1)

ARTICLE NUMBER/TITLE: ARTICLE VI-NOMINATION AND ELECTION PROCEDURES

REFERENCE: The Book of Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church 2016,
Section 3 (Page 480)

INTENT: To include the Local, District of the Annual Conference and the
Conference Presidents certification of candidates for Connectional
Office.

RATIONALE: Section 4 of this article requires all candidates seeking an elected office must
have demonstrated active participation on all Levels (from the Local Church
Organization to the Episcopal District) within a 10 year period preceding the
election year. The letter of intent that is described in section 3 only gives this
certification to the Episcopal District President only.

TEXT: **(Add your text here)**

- 1 Current Text: All persons seeking an elected office must submit a “Letter
- 2 of Intent” with qualifications signed by the Episcopal District President to
- 3 the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee.
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- 5 Amended Text: All persons seeking an elected office must submit a “Letter
- 6 of Intent” with qualifications signed by the Episcopal District, Annual
- 7 Conference, District of the Annual Conference (where they exist) and Local
- 8 Church Presidents to the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee.
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EEDLO # 2

ARTICLE NUMBER/TITLE: ARTICLE XVI-AMENDMENTS

REFERENCE: The Book of Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church 2016,
B. Bylaws of the Connectional Lay Organization. THE LAY HYMN
(Page 497).

INTENT: To clarify the tune of the Layman Hymn

RATIONALE: There are three (3) tune listed in the AMEC Hymnal for “Guide Me O Thou
Great Jehovah”.

TEXT: **(Add your text here)**

14 Current Text: Tune: “Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah”

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17 Amended Text: Tune (ZION) “Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah”

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EEDLO # 3

ARTICLE NUMBER/TITLE: ARTICLE XIV-COMMITTEES

REFERENCE: The Book of Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church 2016, Section 2 (Page 491).

INTENT: To make the Organizational and Officers Effectiveness Committee a standing committee of the CLO

RATIONALE: In order to perform the task of this committee that is specified in Section 8- Removal of Elected Officer of Article VII-ELECTION OF OFFICERS page 484 “The Organizational and Officers Effectiveness Committee will give guidelines, implementation and corrective actions when deemed necessary.”, this committee should be in place in case the need arises. We should note that this committee is also responsible for developing, presenting and implementing the process and tools for the offices evaluation. (Article XIV-COMMITTEES section 10. Page 493

TEXT: **(Add your text here)**

- 1 Current Text:
- 2 Standing Committees are appointed to implement specific goals, objectives
- 3 and programs that advance of and are vital to the functioning of the
- 4 Connectional Lay Organization. Standing Committees shall be the
- 5 following: Proposed Legislation, Constitution and By-Law and AMEV-
- 6 Alert.
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- 8 Amended Text:
- 9 Standing Committees are appointed to implement specific goals objectives
- 10 and programs that advance of and are vital to the functioning of the
- 11 Connectional Lay Organization. Standing Committees shall be the
- 12 following: Proposed Legislation, Constitution and By-Law, AMEV-Alert
- 13 and Organizational and Officer Effectiveness.
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ARTICLE NUMBER/TITLE: ARTICLE XV-SUBORDINATED BODIES

REFERENCE: The Book of Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church 2016, Sections 1,2 &3 (Pages 493-494)

INTENT: To list the frequencies of meeting for the Episcopal Districts, Conferences and Districts of the Annual Conference (where exists) Lay Organizations.

RATIONALE: Currently the Discipline list the “Station/Charge or Circuit Lay Organization” as required meeting “not fewer than eleven (11) times per year” and the Connectional Lay Organization to meet biennially. The Episcopal Districts, Conferences and Districts of the Annual Conferences (where exists) meeting frequencies are not listed in the Connectional Constitution and By-Laws.

TEXT: **(Add your text here)**

- 1 Current Text: no current text.
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- 3 Amended Text: section 1.(page 493)add item h to read as follow:
- 4 h. The Episcopal District Lay Organization shall fix the time for regular
- 5 meeting, which shall be annually
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- 8 Amended Text: section 2. (page 494)add item f to read as follow:
- 9 f. The Conference Lay Organization shall fix the time for regular meetings
- 10 which should not be fewer than four (4) times per year.
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- 14 Amended Text: section 3.(page 494) add item d. to read as follow:
- 15 d. The District Lay Organization of the Annual Conference shall fix the
- 16 time for regular meeting, which should not be fewer than eight(8) times per
- 17 year
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(EEDLO # 5)

ARTICLE NUMBER/TITLE: B. BY-LAWS OF THE CONNECTIONAL LAY ORG

REFERENCE: The Book of Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church 2016,
The Lay Benediction (Page 497)

INTENT: To list the writer of Lay Benediction

RATIONALE: To recognize the author of the Lay Benediction

TEXT: **(Add your text here)**

- 1 Current Text: no current text.
- 2 .
- 3 Amended Text: add two spaces after “Amen”
- 4 written by Dr. Samuel A Hunter
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