



African Methodist Episcopal Church
Connectional Lay Organization

ANNUAL REPORT

June 19 – 20, 2017

GENERAL BOARD AND COUNCIL OF BISHOPS MEETINGS

Hilton Airport Hotel

Los Angeles, California



"LAITY FULFILLING THE GREAT COMMISSION

Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie, President of the General Board

Bishop McKinley Young, Senior Bishop

Bishop Clement Willie Fugh, Host and President of the Council of Bishops

Bishop E. Earl McCloud Jr., Chairperson of the Lay Commission

Dr. Willie C. Glover, President, Connectional Lay Organization

Mr. Darwin K. Eldridge, Treasurer, Connectional Lay Organization

Mr. Richard L. Bowden, Financial Secretary, Connectional Lay Organization



Greeting in the victorious Name of Jesus the Christ!

“O taste and see that the Lord is good, blessed is the person that trust in Him”
Ps. 34:8

It is my commencement of eight years of service as the Global President of the Connectional Lay Organization. Two of the major thrusts of my tenure has been truly to make the Lay Organization more Christ Centered and global in representation.

It is with pride that all our audit reports to the General Board and organization have been rated as unqualified, a term in accounting meaning outstanding. I am also excited to report the Connectional Lay Organization is well and alive- vibrant, visible and vital in the life of our Church. I repeat this verse from a previous report:

“Our Church, the greatest on God’s earth,
Founded through tears and strife
And woe that men might under God be free,
That they may have true liberty.
Allen, Our founder, preached God’s grace
That we might see the Savior’s face”.

At the close of the 50th Session of the General Conference we welcomed Bishop E. Earl McCloud Jr. as the Chairperson of the Lay Commission. His interventions and judicious counsel in this first year has meant much to the laity and myself. His eagerness and accessibility is greatly appreciated.

I must include a statement that the Executive Board has worked diligently in promoting the organization. Special kudos to our budget chair, Ms. Arlene Lawson for her commitment in fulfilling focus fiduciary integrity in seeing that the organization is budget driven. My deep gratitude to two hard working officers Richard Bowden, financial secretary and Darwin Eldridge, treasurer for their integrity and transparency in being stewards of the organization’s financial funds and records. A shout out to the chair persons of standing committees who made it possible for such a banner year. A special thank you to my wife Karen, Office secretary and Lyndia Mayo, assistant secretary, you kept us focused and organized.

As I come to the close of eight exciting years of service it is with gratefulness to God and laity for allowing me to carry on the legacy of our founders and leave to the next administration a strong and durable organization.

In Memoriam

“Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep, from which none ever wakes to weep! A calm and undisturbed repose, unbroken by last of foes”. Several unsung stalwart laypersons joined that crowd of witnesses in the heavenly body since our last report. I lift up Brother David Ward who served so faithfully as the first Director of the Connectional Lay Economic Development Corporation. We know to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. We thank God for this visionary Lay leader and for sharing him and other faithful laypersons.

Overview of the Work

The Lay Organization has been very active on all levels this past year. We have had presence at all connectional meetings and participated in several ecumenical meetings.

- Continued to interface with sister denominations including the World Council of Churches. At their convention in Houston several officers attended and were very active.
- Lay delegates to the 50th Session of the General Conference were actively involved and present at all business sessions.
- The Global Development Council held in Johannesburg, South Africa was represent by the First Vice President, Gloria T. Byrd. Several Lay candidates seeking offices at the upcoming Biennial were also in attendance.
- We anticipate the largest delegation from Episcopal Districts 14 – 20 at the 35th Biennial Session of the Connectional Lay Organization. Over 100 have registered at this printing.
- Several donations were awarded since our last Biennial. They include \$5000 to the 20th District to assist in mud slides and flooding and provide the Lay office basic equipment. \$5000 to the work of SADA especially for the work in Haiti. \$10,000 to Bishop Byfield to construct a house in Haiti for displaced persons due to the Hurricane and flooding. We also made a contribution to the 8th District to assist in the recovery from devastating flooding in the District.
- We plan to donate \$50,000 to AME University in Monrovia, Liberia at the 35th Biennial.
- It was my honor to visit all the Episcopal Districts with the exceptions of 14th, 18th and 20th Districts. My plans were made to visit the 14th but Ebola struck and all trips there were cancelled. During my visits I facilitated workshops, conducted elections and/or was the principle speaker at worship, banquets, conventions and Annual Conferences. I am grateful for all the experiences. To God be the glory!

Upcoming Event

We are excited about the 35th Biennial Session of the Connectional Lay Organization being held in the exciting and busy city of Columbus, Ohio August 7 – 10, 2017. You are cordially invited to this historic convention. Pre-activities are planned for the 5th and 6th. Election of officers is scheduled for the opening day after the keynoter. Additional information may be obtained by visiting our website, www.connectionallay-ame.org or from each Episcopal District Lay Presidents.

Karen and I have truly been blessed to serve the Church and the thousands of laypersons in this high office. I gave all I had to be a faithful servant. More importantly, I hope God, our Savior was pleased, that in all my ways, I sought His guidance and I know He directed my path. I thank Him for favor. May God continue to bless the African Methodist Episcopal Church and the Lay Organization at all levels.

“Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that work in us, Unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen”. Eph. 3:20-21.

Humbly and gratefully submitted,

Willie C. Glover, Ph. D.

Global President

Connectional Lay Organization



**CONNECTIONAL LAY ORGANIZATION OFFICERS
2013 - 2017
Executive Board Connectional Lay Organization**

Bishop E. Earl McCloud Jr.,	Chairperson Lay Commission	
Dr. Willie C. Glover	President	Third Episcopal District
Ms. Gloria T. Byrd	1st Vice President	Sixth Episcopal District
Mr. Matikane Abednego Makiti	2nd Vice President	Nineteenth Episcopal District
Mrs. Starr L. Battle	3rd Vice President	Second Episcopal District
Mrs. Gloria DeVeaux Cobb	Recording Secretary	Seventh Episcopal District
Mrs. Doris M. Bell	Assistant Recording Secretary	Thirteenth Episcopal District
Mrs. Ada Groff	Corresponding Secretary	Fifth Episcopal District
Mr. Richard L. Bowden	Financial Secretary	Ninth Episcopal District
Mr. Darwin K. Eldridge	Treasurer	Thirteenth Episcopal District
Mrs. Alice Belden	Chaplain	Fourth Episcopal District
Mrs. Edith Bartley Cartledge	Director of Lay Activities	First Episcopal District
Mr. Walter Jeffers	Director of Public Relations	First Episcopal District
Mrs. Virginia Henderson, RP	Parliamentarian	Sixth Episcopal District
Mrs. Pamela F. Tilley	Historiographer	Tenth Episcopal District
Ms. Felicia Commodore	Young Adult Representative	Second Episcopal District
*Deceased		

EPISCOPAL DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

FIRST DISTRICT	ELEVENTH DISTRICT
Mrs. Cheryl Hammond Hopewell	Ms. Patricia Wright
SECOND DISTRICT	TWELFTH DISTRICT
Mrs. Valerie Bell	Dr. Dorothy Henderson
THIRD DISTRICT	THIRTEEN DISTRICT
Mr. Mark E. Mayo, Sr	Mrs. Dorothy L. Ealy
FOURTH DISTRICT	FOURTEENTH DISTRICT
Mr. Jerry Turner	Mr. Garfield Mason
FIFTH DISTRICT	FIFTEENTH DISTRICT
Mr. Simeon P. Rhoden Jr	Mr. Mzwake "Chris" Qwane
SIXTH DISTRICT	SIXTEENTH DISTRICT
Mr. Michael Brown	Ms. Maylene Loncke
SEVENTH DISTRICT	SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT
Mr. Roger Cleckley	Mr. Martin Lombe
EIGHT DISTRICT	EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT
Mr. Melvin Davis	Mr. Edwin Lehasa
NINTH DISTRICT	NINETEENTH DISTRICT
Ms. Bernnella Knight Rose	Mr. Simon Letsoko
TENTH DISTRICT	TWENTIETH DISTRICT
Mr. Larry Hollie	Mr. Sailles Gulule

PAST AND CURRENT PRESIDENTS

(1985 - Present)

Dr. Kathryn M. Brown*	1985 - 1993
Mr. James L. Williams **	1993 - 2001
Mr. Arthur L. Brown*	2001 - 2003
Mr. Jesse L. Burns, Jr.	2003 - 2009
Dr. Willie C. Glover	2009 - Present

*Deceased

**President Emeritus

Advisors to the President

(Selected and Appointed by the President)

Ms. Felicia Commodore

Mr. Norman L. Deas

Mrs. Billie D. Irving

Dr. Richard A. Lewis

Mrs. Beverly Nutall

Connectional Lay Economic Development Corporation (CLEDC)

Mr. Tyrone L. Presley	Board Chairperson
Dr. Verda Bradley	Director
Mr. Larry Hollie	Treasurer

Connectional Lay Organization of A.M.E.

Financial Statements

Audit Report

March 31, 2017 and 2016

**Connectional Lay Organization
African Methodist Episcopal Church**

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

March 31, 2017

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking - General Fund	\$ 277
Checking - Convention Account	48,461
Checking - General Funds II	<u>237,265</u>

Total Current Assets

\$ 286,003

Fixed Assets

Equipment	2,410
Less Accumulated depreciation	<u>(2,410)</u>

Net Fixed Assets

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TOTAL ASSETS

\$ 286,003

The footnotes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Connectional Lay Organization
African Methodist Episcopal Church

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
March 31, 2017

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable

\$ -

Total Current Liabilities

\$ -

Long-Term Liabilities

Total Liabilities

-

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted

276,435

Restricted

9,568

Total Net Assets

286,003

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

\$ 286,003

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**Connectional Lay Organization
African Methodist Episcopal Church**

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

12 Months Ended
Mar. 31, 2017

CHANGES IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

General Fund Revenues

AMEC Allocation	\$ 194,964
Disaster Relief	\$ 2,747
Ex Bd Registration	19,700
Miscellaneous	193
We Speak Subscription	50
Recruitment Manuals	2,095
Study Guide	28,085
Reimbursement	400
Offering	2,486
By Laws	45
CLO Breakfast	95,266
Pins	<u>133</u>
Total Unrestricted Revenues	\$ 346,164

General Fund Expenditures

AME - V alert	5,000
Printing	1,794
Stipends	56,120
YAR Expenses	422
Executive Board Expenses/Travel	85,870
General Board Travel	25,561
General Conf Registration	-
Training Travel	1,535
Secretarial Expense	-
Audit Fees	1,250
Disaster Relief	20,000
CLO Breakfast	39,146
Donation	12,650
We Speak Expense	19,439
Biennial Expense	14,000
Bank Fees	266
President's Expense	7,821
Miscellaneous travel	2,024
Convention Planner	1,500
Web Maintenance	1,370

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**Connectional Lay Organization
African Methodist Episcopal Church**

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

Rent	1,380
Surety Bond	257
Supplies	-
Recruitment Manual	2,207
Budget Team Travel	4,484
Depreciation Expense	345
Study Guide	-
Total General Expenditures	<u>\$ 304,441</u>
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 41,723</u></u>

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**Connectional Lay Organization
African Methodist Episcopal Church**

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

12 Months Ended
Mar. 31, 2017

INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	\$ 41,223
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	244,282
PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT	<u>498</u>
NET ASSETS AT END OF PERIOD	<u>\$ 286,003</u>

The footnotes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**Connectional Lay Organization
African Methodist Episcopal Church**

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
For the Twelve Months Ended March 31, 2017

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Net income (loss)	\$ 41,223
Adjustment to reconcile net income to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:	
Depreciation	345
Prior Year Adjustments	498
Change in assets and liabilities :	
Accounts payable	<u>-</u>
Cash provided by (used in) operating activities	42,066

CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES

CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES

INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	42,066
Cash at beginning of period	<u>243,937</u>
CASH AT END OF YEAR	286,003

The footnotes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**CONNECTIONAL LAY ORGANIZATION
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

NOTE A – NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT POLICIES

Nature of Activities

The Connectional Lay Organization (CLO) is a department of the African Methodist Episcopal Church (a nonprofit organization). Its purpose is to organize and train the laity of the African Methodist Church so that each lay person may utilize to the maximum the abilities and skills granted by God, in assisting with the improvement and extension of God's kingdom, and creating happiness, peace, and harmony among its members. The CLO is supported primarily through contributions from the AME Church, biennial convention registration fees, and various other sources of income.

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the CLO have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting and accordingly reflect all significant receivables, payables, and other liabilities.

Basis of Presentation

Financial statement presentation follows the recommendations of the Financial Accounting Standards Board in the Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SAS) No. 117, *Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Organizations*. Under SFAS 117, the church is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets, and permanently restricted net assets.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that effect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Property and Equipment

Acquisitions of property and equipment in excess of \$500 are capitalized. Property and equipment are carried at cost or, if donated, at the approximate fair value at the date of donation. Depreciation is computed using primarily the straight-line method.

Revenue Recognition

Contributions received are recorded as increases in unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted net assets, depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor restrictions.

**CONNECTIONAL LAY ORGANIZATION
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

All donor-restricted contributions are reported as increases in temporarily or permanently restricted net assets, depending on the nature of the restriction. When a restriction expires (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished), temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

Contributed Services

The CLO receives various amounts of services donated by its members in carrying out the CLO's ministry. No amounts have been reflected in the financial statements for those services since they do not meet the criteria for recognition under SFAS No. 116, *Accounting for Contributions Received and Contributions Made*.

Income Taxes

The AME Church, including all of its components, is exempt from federal and state income taxes under Internal Revenue Code Section 501 ©(3).

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include all monies in banks and highly liquid investments with maturity dates of less than three months. The carrying value of cash and cash equivalents approximates fair value because of the short maturities of those financial instruments.

NOTE B – CASH

The total cash held by the CLO at March 31, 2017 was \$286,003. All of the monies invested by the CLO were insured provided by the federal government.

NOTE C – RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Temporarily restricted net assets were comprised of \$9,568 held on behalf of the AME V-Alert.

NOTE D – CONCENTRATIONS

The CLO receives greater than 56% of its annual operational revenues from the Connectional Church of the AME.

NOTE E – RELATED PARTY

The CLO is a department of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Each year the CLO is allocated \$194,964 by the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

**CONNECTIONAL LAY ORGANIZATION
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

NOTE F – DEPRECIATION

The depreciation expense for the period was \$345.00.

NOTE G – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Company has evaluated events subsequent to the balance sheet date for items requiring recording or disclosure in the financial statements. The evaluation was performed through May 15, 2017, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. Based upon this review, the Company has determined that there were no events which took place that would have a material impact on its financial statements.

**Connectional Lay Organization
African Methodist Episcopal Church**

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
For the Years Ended March 31, 2017 and March 31, 2016

ASSETS

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Current Assets		
Checking - General Fund	\$ 277	\$ 277
Checking - Convention Account	48,461	57,481
Checking - General Fund II	<u>237,265</u>	<u>186,179</u>
Total Current Assets	\$ 286,003	243,937
Fixed Assets		
Equipment	2410	2,410
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(2,410)</u>	<u>(2,065)</u>
Net Fixed Assets	0	345
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 286,003</u>	<u>\$ 244,282</u>

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

For the Years Ended March 31, 2017 and March 31, 2016

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ -
Total Current Liabilities	-	-
Long-Term Liabilities		
Total Liabilities	-	-
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	276,435	234,714
Restricted	<u>9,568</u>	<u>9,568</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>286,003</u>	<u>244,282</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 286,003</u>	<u>\$ 244,282</u>

See accountant's report.

**Connectional Lay Organization
African Methodist Episcopal Church**

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

	12 Months Ended <u>Mar. 31, 2017</u>	12 Months Ended <u>Mar. 31, 2016</u>
<u>CHANGES IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS</u>		
General Fund Revenues		
AMEC Allocation	\$ 194,964	\$ 194,964
CLO Breakfast	95,266	
Ex Bd Registration	19,700	15,000
Miscellaneous	193	647
We Speak Subscription	50	300
Biennial Income	-	565,748
Disaster Relief	2,747	2,264
YAR Retreat	-	-
Pins	133	-
Reimbursement	400	2,036
Offering	2,486	3,061
By Laws	45	
Study Guides	28,085	4,620
Recruiting Manuals	2,095	-
Total Unrestricted Revenues	<u>\$ 346,164</u>	<u>\$ 788,640</u>
General Fund Expenditures		
V - Alert	\$ 5,000	\$ -
Printing	1,794	2,492
Stipends	56,120	49,560
YAR Expenses	422	790
Executive Board Expenses/Travel	85,870	74,895
General Conf Registration	-	2,200
Training Travel	1,535	1,217
Secretarial Expense	-	3,175
Audit Fees	1,250	2,509
Disaster Relief	20,000	5,000
Dola Expense	-	2,151
Donation	12,650	10,806
CLO Breakfast	39,146	-
We Speak Expense	19,439	22,940
Biennial Expense	14,000	599,015
Bank Fees	266	50
President's Expense	7,821	13,442
Postage	-	-
Dir of Lay Expense	-	-

See accountant's report

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STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

	12 Months Ended <u>Mar. 31, 2017</u>	12 Months Ended <u>Mar. 31, 2016</u>
Gem Board travel	25,561	1,118
Honorarium	-	-
Refunds	-	-
Miscellaneous travel	2,024	3,449
Convention Planner	1,500	2,000
Contributions/Donations	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-
Web Maintenance	1,370	542
Equipment	-	1,806
Transfer	-	-
Rent	1,380	6,334
Surety Bond	257	257
Supplies	-	405
Recruitment Manual	2,207	-
Budget Team Travel	4,484	-
Biennial Expense (Current Year Paid)	-	-
Study Guide	-	20,622
Depreciation Expense	345	344
Total General Expenditures	<u>304,441</u>	<u>827,119</u>
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 41,723</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (38,479)</u></u>

**Connectional Lay Organization
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STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

	12 Months Ended <u>Mar. 31, 2017</u>	12 Months Ended <u>Mar. 31, 2016</u>
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	\$ 41,223	\$ (38,479)
PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT	498	1,383
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	<u>244,282</u>	<u>281,378</u>
NET ASSETS AT END OF PERIOD	<u>\$ 286,003</u>	<u>\$ 244,282</u>

**Connectional Lay Organization
African Methodist Episcopal Church**

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the Twelve Months Ended March 31, 2017 and March 31, 2016

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<u>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</u>		
Net income (loss)	41,223	(38,479)
Adjustment to reconcile net income to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Depreciation	345	344
Prior Year Adjustments	498	1,383
Change in assets and liabilities :	-	-
Accounts payable	-	-
Cash provided by (used in) operating activities	42,066	(36,752)
<u>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</u>		
Purchases of fixed assets	-	-
<u>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</u>		
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH	42,066	(36,752)
Cash at beginning of period	243,937	280,689
CASH AT END OF YEAR	\$ 286,003	\$ 243,937

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May 17, 2017

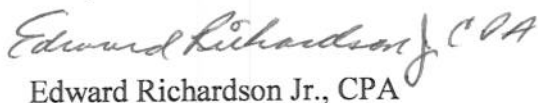
Independent Auditor's Report

Connectional Lay Organization
African Methodist Episcopal Church
3200 NW 67th Place
Gainesville, FL 32653

I have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of Connectional Lay Organization African Methodist Episcopal Church as of March 31, 2017, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended, and the supplementary information, which is presented for supplementary analysis purposes only. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Connectional Lay Organization's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally in the United States of America. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material aspects, the statement of financial position of Connectional Lay Organization African Methodist Episcopal Church as of March 31, 2017, and the statement of activities and cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.


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May 17, 2017

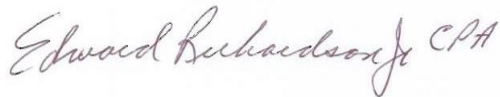
Dr. Willie Glover
Connectional Lay Organization of the A.M.E.
217 Brassic Way
Columbus, OH 43213-7614

Dear Dr. Glover:

The Connectional Lay Organization of the A.M.E. Church received an "unqualified opinion" on the audit of the financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2017. The condition of the records was good throughout the last several years; however, the last twelve months of the year the records were impeccable.

It was a pleasure serving you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward Richardson Jr CPA". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Edward Richardson Jr., CPA