

General Board
Commission Report Form

Commission On:	Lay Organization
Presiding Officer:	Bishop E. Earl McCloud, Jr
General and/or Connectional Officers:	Dr. Willie C. Glover
Vice Chairperson:	Valerie Gary Bell
Secretary:	Keith E. Britton

Actions Taken:

The Commission heard the report of Dr. Willie C. Glover, Global President of the Connectional Lay Organization (CLO). Dr. Glover provided a summary of work for the organization highlighting the following:

- Continued interface with sister denominations including the World Council of Churches
- Prepared lay delegates to be actively involved and present in all business sessions of the 50th Session of the General Conference and actively promoted legislation drafted by the CLO.
- Participated in the Global Development Council held at the Johannesburg, South Africa. Several Lay candidates seeking office at the upcoming Biennial Session were in attendance.
- Provided disaster relief funds to the following Episcopal Districts: \$5,000 to the Eighth Episcopal District and \$5,000 to the Twentieth Episcopal Districts to assist with flood relief efforts, \$10,000 to the Sixteenth Episcopal District to rebuild a family home destroyed by Hurricane Matthew.
- Donated \$5,000 to AME SADA for work in Haiti
- Celebrated the election of all candidates endorsed by the CLO at the General Conference including the election of a female to the Bench of Bishops
- The CLO will donate \$50,000 to AME University in Monrovia, Liberia at the upcoming Biennial Session
- Anticipating the largest delegation from Episcopal Districts 14-20 at the 35th Biennial Session of the Connectional Lay Organization.

The Commission also heard the report of the Treasurer for the CLO Mr. Darwin Eldridge.

- The CLO has received unqualified audits for the entire tenure of the President, Treasurer and Financial Secretary.
- The Organization is in excellent financial position and the independent auditor stated the records were impeccable.

The Commission members provided commendations to the President Willie C. Glover, Treasurer Darwin Eldridge, and Financial Secretary Richard Bowden for a job well done.

The Commission also received an update on the upcoming Biennial Session.

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Recommendations:

1. Encourage continued registration for the upcoming Biennial Session
2. Remind Episcopal District Presidents of the registration procedures and the need to provide complete and accurate information for all registered persons to facilitate the electronic registration check in process.
3. Continue to encourage all laity to subscribe to the Christian Recorder
4. Promote active involvement by the laity on all levels of the church

Additional Items:

- General Officer John Thomas thanked Dr. Glover and the Lay Organization for supporting his efforts as a former Lay Officer and as a candidate. He expressed appreciation to the CLO and the Commission for working to increase Christian Recorder subscriptions.
- Bishop McCloud gave a preview of communion worship service procedures for the Biennial Session.

Roll:

Bishop E. Earl McCloud, Jr. - Chair (Present)
Dr. Willie C. Glover, Global President Connectional Lay Organization (Present)

Episcopal District	Representative	Attendance 6/20/17 (P=Present, A=Absent,
First	Edna Sharp	P
Second	Valerie Gary Bell	P
Third	Kimberly Gordon Brooks	P
Fourth	Betty Tuggle	P
Fifth	Tamika Jones	P
Sixth	Janice Stewart	P
Seventh	Keith Britton	P
Eighth	Stephanie Burks	P
Ninth	Veronica Wiley	P
Tenth	Rev. Mittie Muse	P
Eleventh	Reginald B. McGill	P
Eleventh	Rev. Mark Griffin	P
Twelfth	Dr. Dorothy Henderson	P
Twelfth	Rev. Tyrone Broomfied	P
Thirteenth	LaTanya Germany	P
Fourteenth	Garfield Mason	E
Fifteenth	Theodore Messiah	A
Sixteenth	Krystel Compton	P
Seventeenth	Martin Lombe	A
Eighteenth	Malungisa Auricola Dlamini	A
Nineteenth	Abram Kgaile	A
Twentieth	Stain Simfukwe	A
At Large	John Autrey	A
At Large	Larry Hollie	A
At Large	Rev. Henry A. Belin III	P