



Commission On:	Lay Organization (June 28, 2022)
Presiding Officer:	Bishop Stafford J. N. Wicker
General and/or Connectional Officers:	Brother Matikane Abednego Makiti. President of the Connectional Lay Organization
Vice Chairperson:	Veronica Wiley
Secretary:	Keith E. Britton

Actions Taken:

Brother Matikane Abednego Makiti, President of the Connectional Lay Organization delivered a report to the Lay Commission highlighting the following:

- State of the Connectional Lay Organization
- The Connectional Lay Organization at Work
 - Implementation of the CLO Vision
 - Training and Development
 - Participation of Young Adults
 - Stakeholder Engagements
 - Cordial Relationship with the Commission Chair
 - Partnerships with Other Auxiliaries
 - Strategic Direction and Support for the Episcopal Presidents
 - CLEDC
 - Preserving Our History
 - Keeping the Membership Informed
 - Acts of Kindness
- Strategy

Sister Kathy Drayton, Treasurer for the CLO, provided an updated report on the financial status of the CLO and gave an overview of the most recent external audit.

- The most recent external audit report dated June 22, 2022 shows continued sound financial practices of the CLO, resulting in an unqualified opinion.
- While there are no significant financial issues, the finance team continues to work with the administration to carefully examine financial practices and identify ways to remain in good financial health.

Sister Patricia Wright, Director of Lay Activities for the CLO, provided the following save the date announcements:

- December 9-10, 2022 – CLO Fall Executive Board Meeting (Virtual)
- April 7-8, 2023 – CLO Spring Executive Board Meeting (Format/Location TBD)
- June 26-30, 2023 – 38th Biennial Session of the Connectional Lay Organization, The Hilton Chicago, 720 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

Commission Chair Bishop Stafford J. N. Wicker

- Congratulated President Makiti for maintaining his personal vision for the CLO
- Encouraged laypersons to speak positively over each other's lives
- Thanked everyone for their prayers and support of the Lay Organization and the AME Church

Recommendations

- Encourage Episcopal Districts to replicate efforts of the CLO for enhanced lay ministry and effective partnerships
- Share information throughout the Episcopal Districts concerning upcoming events and encourage lay and clergy registration
- Support Disaster Relief Fund for the CLO

Roll:**Lay Commission Roll 06/28/2022*****Bishop Stafford J. N. Wicker - Chair******Mr. Matikane Abednego Makiti, Global President Connectional Lay Organization***

District	Representative	P - Present, A - Absent, E - Excused
Chair	Bishop Stafford Wicker	P
President	Preident Matikane A. Makiti	P
First	Dr. Alicia Collins Dennis	P
Second	Sis. Edna Watson	P
Third	Dr. Kimberly Gordon Brooks	P
Fourth	Bro. Jerry Turner	A (Represented by Michael Cousin)
Fifth	Bro. Chinelo Tyler	A
Sixth	Sis. Rosemary Street Nixon	A
Seventh	Bro. Keith Britton	P
Eighth	Sis. Sherry Peyton	P
Ninth	Sis. Veronica Wiley	P
Tenth	Sis. Shantel Sims	P
Eleventh	Bro. John Lovel	A (Represented by Patricia Wright)
Twelfth	Dr. Dorothy Henderson	P
Thirteenth	Sis. LaTanya Germany	P
Fourteenth	Bro. Melvin D. Nyanway	E
Fifteenth	Bro. Chris Qwane	E
Sixteenth	Sis. Joy Frances Johnson	E
Seventeenth	Rev. Margaret Nkama	E
Eighteenth	Bro. Qiniso Tsabedze	E
Nineteenth	Bro. Benjy Mfolo	P
Twentieth	Bro. Stan Simfukew	E
At Large	Bro. Reginald McGill	P
At Large	Bro. Darwin Eldridge	P
At Large	Sis. Jeannie Rivers	P
At Large	Rev. Leodis Strong	A
At Large	Rev. Dr. Henry A. Belin III	P