



**AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
CONNECTIONAL LAY ORGANIZATION**

**THE 37<sup>TH</sup>**

*Biennial Convention*

**DRAFT AGENDA**

**ORLANDO, FLORIDA  
CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA**

**JULY  
11-12, 2021**

**MATIKANE A. MAKITI  
CLO-PRESIDENT**

**AMETTA L. REAVES  
CLO-DIRECTOR OF LAY ACTIVITIES**

**JAMESHA J. WILLIAMS  
YOUNG ADULT REPRESENTATIVE**

**"LAITY WALKING HUMBLLY WITH GOD,  
TO DO JUSTICE AND TO LOVE KINDNESS." MICAH 6:8**

**DIANNE H. BATTLE , CLO DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS ~ MARKETING**

**11 July 2021**

**10:30 AM EDT / 4:30 PM SAST - 3:30 PM – 9:30 PM SAST**

**12 July 2021**

**9:00 AM EDT / 3:00 PM SAST - 1:15 PM EDT / 7:15 PM SAST**

*Convention Theme*

*"Greater Together: A Calling to Fulfill" 1 Peter 2:9*

**Bishop Errenous E. McCloud, Jr., Lay Commission Chairperson**

**Bishop Adam Jefferson Richardson, Jr., Senior and Host Bishop**

**Bishop David Rwhynica Daniels, Jr. Host Bishop**

**Mr. Matikane Abednego Makiti, Connectional Lay President**

**Ms. Ametta Lorene Reaves, Connectional Director of Lay Activities**

**Ms. Jamesha J. Williams, Connectional Lay Young Adult Representative**

**Mrs. Patricia Wright, Host Lay President**

**Mr. Mzwake Chris Qwane, Host Lay President**

**Mrs. Teresa White Host Director of Lay Activities**

**Mr. Lorato Lekhobo, Host Director of Lay Activities**

**Ms. Ashley Blakely, Host Lay Young Adult Representative**

**Ms. Kesaleboga Mmusi, Host Lay Young Adult Representative**

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## Mission Statement

The Lay Organization of the African Methodist Episcopal Church is commissioned to teach, train and empower its members for lay ministry, global leadership and service following the tenets of Jesus Christ.

## Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to organize and train the laity of the African Methodist Episcopal Church so that lay persons may maximally utilize their God given abilities and skills to improve and extend the kingdom to create happiness, peace, and harmony among its members.

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# *37th Lay Biennial Convention* *Day One July 11th, 2021*

**10:30 AM EDT/4:30 PM SAST**

- 37<sup>th</sup> Lay Biennial Opening Worship

**11:30 AM EDT/5:30 PM SAST**

### **Business Session I**

**President Matikane Abednego Makiti, Presiding Officer**

- Roll Call
- Agenda Adoption
- Preliminary Registration Committee Report
- Preliminary Credentials Committee Report
- Approval of the Minutes
- The Rules Committee Report
- Host Districts Greetings
- Introduction of the Lay Commission Chairperson

- President's Message
- Director of Lay Activities Report
- Young Adult Representative Report

**12:30 PM EDT/6:30 PM SAST**

**Wellness Break - 10 minutes**

**12:40 PM EDT/6:40 PM SAST**

**Business Session II**

**President Matikane Abednego Makiti, Presiding Officer**

- Final Registration Committee Report
- Final Credential Committee Report
- **Election of Officers**
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Day Two July 12th, 2021*

**9:00 AM EDT/3:00 PM SAST**

**Business Session III**

**President Matikane Abednego Makiti, Presiding Officer**

- Historiographer's Report
- Finance Report Financial Secretary & Treasurer
- Budget & Finance Committee Report
- CLEDC Report

**Wellness Break 15 Minutes**

**11:00 AM EDT/5:00 PM SAST**

**11:15 AM EDT/5:15 PM SAST**

**Plenary Speaker**

**The Honorable Tishaura Oneda Jones, Mayor of St. Louis, Missouri**

**12:15 PM EDT/6:15 PM SAST**

**Business Session IV**

- Special Presentation - 4<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District Lay Organization
- Installation of Officers
- Memorial Tribute
- Closing Mediation & Love Circle

**Adjournment 1:15 PM EDT/7:15 PM SAST**

# The Lay Benediction

## Connectional Lay Organization AME Church

Words by Mrs. Rose Reese  
Tune by Ms. Jackie Winston/Ms. Florine Herron  
Scoring by Ms. Florine Herron

May God bless us with the true spir-it of

The first system of musical notation is in 4/4 time, featuring a piano accompaniment with chords and a vocal line. The lyrics are: "May God bless us with the true spir-it of".

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Chris-ti - a - ni ty. That we may live to-geth-er not as man o - ver man. But as

The second system of musical notation continues the piece. The lyrics are: "Chris-ti - a - ni ty. That we may live to-geth-er not as man o - ver man. But as".

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Lay per - sons work-ing with God - - But as Lay per - sons work-ing with

The third system of musical notation continues the piece. The lyrics are: "Lay per - sons work-ing with God - - But as Lay per - sons work-ing with".

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God - - But as Lay per - sons work-ing with God. A - men.

The fourth and final system of musical notation concludes the piece. The lyrics are: "God - - But as Lay per - sons work-ing with God. A - men.".