

BILL NO.	CLO PL 05
TITLE	Quarterly Conference Consistency
REFERENCE	<i>The Doctrine and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church 2012. 49th ed. Nashville, Tennessee. The AMEC Sunday School Union, , 2013. Part IV, Section IX, Subsection A.1.a., The Role of the Presiding Elder - Administrative Function, page 104; & Part VII, Section IV.B, The Quarterly Conference - sessions, Page 215.</i>
INTENT	To state the purpose of the Quarterly Conference, and to make clear the intent of the currently stated schedule and format for Quarterly Conferences as stipulated in the Book of Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and to emphasize the importance of said schedule and format.
RATIONALE	The presiding elder is required to hold a Quarterly Conference in every station and circuit every three months. However, some presiding elders have implemented a variety of meeting formats and schedules which have been increasingly causing undue hardship for the members and officers of the local churches, resulting in significant reduction in attendance. In order to fulfill the duty of determining the efficiency of the pastor and the effectiveness of the ministry of the church (Section IX, Subsection A1.a) it is imperative that the presiding elder meet and interact with a substantive representation of the local church, and in such a place and manner as to ensure the local church's privacy.



- 1 CURRENT TEXT: Section IV, Opening Paragraph (before subsection A)
- 2 No Language
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4 AMENDED TEXT: Section IV, ADD Opening Paragraph (before subsection A)

5 *The presiding elder holds Quarterly Conferences to determine the effectiveness of the*
6 *ministry of each church in his respective district, to evaluate the efficiency of each*
7 *pastor and give proper direction to all the affairs of the churches in said district.*

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9 CURRENT TEXT: Section IVB. Sessions; pg. 215 (first paragraph)

10 The sessions of the Quarterly Conference shall be held every three (3) months, or four
11 times a year, in every circuit and in every station. The time and place of meetings shall be
12 selected by the presiding elder after consultation with the pastor. If there is no presiding
13 elder, the time and place shall be selected by the pastor. Where there is no pastor, the
14 presiding elder shall select the time and place of the meeting.

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16 AMENDED TEXT: Section IVB. Sessions; pg. 215 (first paragraph)

17 *A Quarterly Conference shall be held every three (3) months, a total of four times for*
18 *the fiscal year, in each station, circuit or mission. The time of the conference shall be*
19 *set by the presiding elder after consultation with the pastor. Where there is no pastor,*
20 *the presiding elder shall select the time of the conference. The place of the conference*
21 *shall be the location of the station or mission, or in the case of a circuit, a location*
22 *most convenient to the majority of the members of the Quarterly Conference.*

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24 **FUNDING: There is no cost associated with this proposed legislation**

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26 Submitted by *the CLO Proposed Legislation Committee*