

BILL NO.	CLO PL 10
TITLE	Terms of Service for Members of the Board of Trustees
REFERENCE	<i>The Doctrine and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church 2012, Part IV, Section II.A.1. paragraph A1b(2) and A1b(3b); Pg. 64.</i>
INTENT	To establish consecutive terms of service for members of the Board of Trustees that will best benefit the local church.
RATIONALE	In order for the local church to operate effectively it needs to engage the contributions and cooperation of all members in all areas of service and ministries. It is important that positions of leadership such as members of the Board of Trustees have an appropriate turnover that would ensure that resources are updated for effective church administration so that leadership will remain relevant to the changing times. Church members who meet the qualifications of this position will have a better opportunity to serve in this capacity if the consecutive term of service is in place. The years of service prior to the effective date will not be factored in (i.e. everyone will start from zero years). There is also opportunity for a member to be nominated again one year after serving the necessary consecutive years (i.e. there shall be a one year lapse after serving eight consecutive years before a member can be nominated again).



- 1 CURRENT TEXT: Section II.A1.b. 2); Page 63
- 2 Qualifications
- 3 Each person to be elected a trustee shall be eighteen (18) years of age or over and shall be
- 4 instructed in the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Trustees of the local church. The
- 5 training shall be completed within sixty (60) days after the election, or prior to the appropriate
- 6 Quarterly Conference, whichever comes first. All trustees must attend at least three training
- 7 sessions. A Certificate of Confirmation shall be given to each successful student, to be presented
- 8 at the appropriate Quarterly Conference, signed by the instructor appointed by the pastor. The

9 nominee shall have been a member of the local church at least six (6) months and a member of
10 the African Methodist Episcopal Church for not less than two (2) years, except in case of mission
11 or new work. No person who is not a member is good and regular standing in our church shall be
12 eligible to be elected a trustee.

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14 AMENDED TEXT: Section II. A.1.b. 2); Page 64; *Add the following to the current text.*

15 *There shall be not less than a one year lapse after serving eight consecutive years before a*
16 *member is eligible to be nominated again.*

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18 CURRENT TEXT: Section II.A1.b. 3)b); Page 64

19 When the civil law does not intervene, the trustees shall be elected annually by the
20 members of the church.

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22 AMENDED TEXT: Section II.A1.b. 3)b); Page 64

23 When the civil law does not intervene, the trustees shall be elected annually by the
24 members of the church *for each one year of service and they shall not serve for more than*
25 *eight (8) years consecutively. Exception may be made with approval by the Church Conference*
26 *of a local church, station or circuit consisting of less than fifty (50) adult members. The years*
27 *of service prior to the effective date of this legislation will not be factored into its execution.*
28 *This legislation will take effect at the close of the 2016 General Conference.*

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

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32 **Submitted by the CLO Proposed Legislation Committee**