

African Methodist Episcopal Church
Fifth Episcopal District Lay Organization

SIXTY FIRST (61ST) ANNUAL SESSION
FIFTH DISTRICT LAY CONVENTION

Hosted by: Hosted by: Desert Mountain Conference



July 20th – July 21st 2018 | Renaissance Glendale Hotel & Spa, Glendale, AZ



Constitution and Bylaws

Nona Simpkins, Chair, LC DeMon Carey, Co-Chair



Committee Assignment/Activities

- The purpose of this committee is to review, recommend, and provide relevant changes for the Constitution and Bylaws of the Connectional Lay Organization.
- We are to approve revised CBL of 5th District Annual Conference Lay Organizations.
- Receive recommendations for amendments to CLO CBL.
- There have been ten conference calls since 2017 convention, four with whole committee and six with subcommittees.

Issues Discussed, Findings, Conclusion

- The 5th District CBL have been approved by the CLO.
- Approved four Annual Conference CBL-SCA,DM, MW and MO.
- Waiting on CA and PNW revised CBL.
- Received one recommendation for amendment to 5th District CBL.
- Received four recommendation for amendments to the CLO CBL.
- Amendment to add Annual Lay Day to 5th District-denied
- Amendment to change deadline to submit amendments-denied
- Amendment on qualification of Parliamentarian-denied
- Amendment to amend Standing Committee-accepted
- Amendment to amend Qualifications and status of President Emeritus-accepted.

Recommendations

There are two recommendations being brought forward for approval by this 61st Annual Session Fifth District Lay Convention.

1. To amend the Standing Committee to include Budget and Finance Committee.
2. To move the office of President Emeritus from a voting member position to a position of honor with the role and qualifications of the office of President Emeritus define in the Bylaws.

Budgetary Needs

2018-19 Committee Budget needs: **\$0.00**

Committee Participants

- Nona Simpkins-MO
- LC DeMon Carey-DM
- Joann Thompson-DM
- Monice Crawford-MW
- Sydney Williams-SCA
- Renee Anderson-SCA
- Walter Mitchell-CA
- Gene Hardin-PNW
- Sylvia Payne-PNW

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Questions



AMENDMENTS

Title: Committees

Reference: The Doctrine and Discipline of the AME Church 2016, Article XIV, Section 2, page 491.

Intent: To amend the standing committee to include Budget and Finance Committee.

Rationale: In order for the organization to run efficiently the Budget and Finance Committee should be a Standing Committee that works not only during the convention but throughout the year to ensure the budget is functioning to its fullest ability.

Current Text: Article XIV, Section 2, page 491 reads Standing Committees shall be the following: Proposed Legislation, Constitution and Bylaws and AME V-Alert.

Amended Text: Article XIV, Section 2, page 491 amends to read, Standing Committee shall be the following: Proposed Legislation, Constitution and Bylaws, AME V-Alert and *Budget and Finance*.



AMENDMENT

- **Title: Membership**
- **Reference: The Doctrine and Discipline of the AME Church 2016, Article IV, Section 2b, page 473.**
- **Intent: To move the office of President Emeritus from a voting member position to a position of honor with the role and qualifications of the office of President Emeritus define in the Bylaws.**
- **Rationale: To really define this role so that every Past President is not automatically considered President Emeritus. Also, what financial obligation is connected to this position?**
- **Current Text: Article IV, Section 2b, page 473 reads all persons holding the designation and/or office of President Emeritus.**
- **Amended Text: Delete Article IV, Section 2b. Add to Bylaws of the Connectional Lay Organization as Section 10, page 496. President Emeritus must have served eight years as Connectional Lay President. Be an active member of the Connectional, District and Conference levels. Receive 25% discount on registration, if not already a register delegate. No voting privilege. No financial compensation.**