



A Message From
Your Connectional DOLA

Greetings Executive Board Members:

During our Executive Board meeting last week the Connectional theme was approved. Please see attached in this missive an overview of the theme, a description of the artistic rendering and the litany or responsive reading that can accompany programs with the theme.

Additionally, there is a graphic rendering attached to the email.

I pray you will find this information useful as you begin to share across our connectional church the newly approved Connectional Lay theme. Thank you for your support.

Be Blessed,

Pat W.

CLO DOLA Wright

CLO Theme

“Living A Global Witness Ministry That Transforms, Transcends and Liberates”

The Scriptural Reference: Luke 4: 18-19

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

Living A Global Witness Ministry means that we intentionally, on purpose, in an unabashed way, in a public way, in a relational way, desire to bring witness that is different, daring, innovative, engaging and liberating.

We serve a church that spans 39 countries, 5 continents, speaks countless languages, is governed by democracy, aristocracy, monarchy amid a plethora of cultures and yet believes in **THE SAME GOD**. We are separated by miles, resources, agendas, political interests, and for the past 18 months we can add pandemic to the mix of reasons that we are apart. We have been kept together through the innovation of technology and the willingness to transform to a different way of thinking, worshiping and witnessing. We have had to transcend the usual way of doing things so that all could be privileged to a liberating gospel. We, as the Organized Lay Organization, have had to step up and be demonstrative of the outcomes we are desirous of seeing. In other words, Living A Global Witness Ministry That Transforms, Transcends and Liberates is where our mission rests.

Living A Global Witness Ministry **that Transforms** is real life ministry. Everybody seems to be using the word ‘transformation’ to describe the impact of what they are doing. There is transformational leadership, transformational management, transformational development, transformational business, transformational care, transformational learning, and even transformational marketing!

As we continue to use the term transformation to describe our Christian ministries, we should be clear about what we mean when we use it. The biblical concept of transformation flows from an intensely personal relationship with God. As shared by one Bible scholar, “It is a complete regeneration of our being, thinking, and doing that works itself out in our families and communities.” It is not something that is achieved by external force or theories of social change, but by a work of God in the heart.

God transforms from the inside out. As followers of Jesus, we have all experienced the transforming power of God at work in us – that quiet work of the Holy Spirit convicting us of wrongdoing, cleansing our hearts, shaping our character, changing our attitudes, and influencing our actions.

Living A Global Witness Ministry that **Transcends** goes beyond borders and boundaries. It is the charge and chance for us to extend ourselves beyond our comfort zones to communicate and create avenues that will reach generations, open minds and activate people to engage in a unifying work. Living A Global Witness Ministry that **Liberates** frees one to be liberal in praise, in service and witness. The gospel is a message of freedom and liberation — the ministry of Jesus was that of liberating captives.

The gospel tells us that it is through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit that we can courageously go out of our comfort zones to preach and serve others just like Christ did in the synagogues. And so we shall, by **Living A Global Witness Ministry that Transforms, Transcends and Liberates**.

Graphic Design

There is ONLY ONE Logo for the Lay Organization.

With the introduction of new themes, there are graphic designs or artistic renderings created to help visually express or support the theme. Such is the case with our newly approved theme. It **does not** take the place of the Lay Logo. The use of the Lay Logo is always in order with Lay programs. The use of the thematic rendering is also in order, especially when representing the theme. One may use either the official lay logo or the thematic artistic rendering. When using an artistic rendering, it is important to make sure to use the one that reflects the current theme.



The graphic design that supports the theme of Living a Global Witness Ministry that Transforms, Transcends and Liberates displays the Lay Logo with a golden bronze tinted cross and anvil that stand out. The cross, of course represents our faith while the anvil represents the longevity and durability of a church that has weathered many storms yet still maintains its shape and purpose. Undergirding and even enfolding the Lay Logo is the world. We are a global organization with a reach that is inter and intra connected. This design shows the link of the Lay Organization with the entire world. It is illustrative of a ministry that is both pervasive and invasive.

NOTE: A png file is attached to this email so that it may be used for programs and presentations.



How does the theme relate?

A Living Global Witness Ministry that Transforms, Transcends and Liberates connotes **collaboration and diversity** as it addresses these areas across the global church. It covers a broader range than does a single focused theme.

Living a Global Witness Ministry is an **inclusive** approach that requires and demands voices from the WHOLE Connectional Church

With this theme we can ask our selves what are we presenting to the collective humanity? It is global witness that **appeals to and crosses the component lines and denominational lines** and bridges the clergy and laity gap. It is presenting living a global witness that transforms, transcends and liberates the world by living a life that is pleasing in the sight of the Lord.

Transcendent ministry speaks to go going above and beyond and doing things differently than before. It is a time to **utilize the skills of the entire church to provide a witness**. Unity and collaboration are attributes that compel us to go farther and beyond our current status.

Liberating ministry frees all to be invested, innovative and involved.

Living A Global Witness Ministry that Transforms, Transcends and Liberates

A litany (responsive reading) from the pen of CLODOLA P.H. Wright – 11/21

LEADER: We serve a church which spans 39 countries, 5 continents, speaks countless languages, resides in places governed by democracy, aristocracy, and monarchy amid a plethora of cultures and yet believes in **THE SAME GOD**.

People: We are separated by miles, resources, agendas, political interests and a pandemic. We have been kept TOGETHER through the innovation of technology, the willingness to transform to different ways of thinking, worshiping and witnessing and by the Grace of **THAT SAME GOD**.

LEADER: Living A Global Witness Ministry **that Transforms** is real life ministry. Reflective of a personal relationship with God, it is a complete renewal or shift of one's mindset, beliefs and entire way of being and behaving.

People: O LORD, we seek Transformation by the renewing of our minds and hearts so that we may prove what is Your good, acceptable and perfect will.

LEADER: Living A Global Witness Ministry **that Transcends** goes beyond borders and boundaries. It is the charge and chance for us to extend ourselves beyond our comfort zone to communicate and create avenues that will span generations, open minds and activate people to engage in an edifying work.

People: O LORD, our prayer is to execute a Transcendent mission that is unparalleled in commitment to any seen or yet to come.

LEADER: A Global Witness Ministry **that Liberates**, frees one to be liberal in praise, service and witness. In essence, it untethers us from dull traditions that bind our imagination, creativity and innovation, and conversely, loosens our proclivity for boundless greatness.

ALL: O LORD, we yearn for a Liberating gospel spread across the world so that all of humanity will come to know and exemplify Living A Global Witness Ministry that Transforms, Transcends and Liberates.