



# THE CONNECTION

CONNECTIONAL LAY COUNCIL  
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH

June 2009



## 9th Quadrennial Lay Convention Highlights

Saturday, July 25,—  
Thursday, 29, 2009

The Renaissance  
Portsmouth Hotel and  
Waterfront Conference

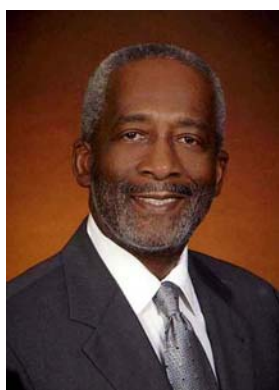
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## OUR RETIRING OFFICERS 2001—2009



President



Recording Secretary



Financial Secretary



Treasurer

### A Procedural Journey to the 9<sup>th</sup> Quadrennial Convention of the Connectional Lay Council

By Patricia Lewis, CLC Parliamentarian

(Last of a series of three articles)

In the second article about frequently asked questions (FAQs) three of the six steps in *Handling a Motion* were outlined, i.e.:

1. A member makes a motion;
2. The motion is seconded;
3. The chair states the motion. *Until the chair states the motion, the question is not pending before the assembly.*

The **final steps** in handling a motion are:

**4. Members *debate* (discuss) the motion** (unless no member claims the floor for that purpose).

Debate must be confined to the merits of the pending question.

**5. The chair *puts the question*** (that is, puts it to a vote).

The chair may ask, "Are you ready for the question?" ***No response is necessary!*** *This is a rhetorical question—and if no one claims the floor, the chair puts it to a vote by saying:*

**For a voice vote:** *"The question is on adoption of the motion to [or 'that']...*

*Those in favor of the motion, say **aye**. [Pausing for response] Those opposed, say **no**." A response of **nay** is for roll call voting!*

**For a rising vote:**

*"Those in favor of the motion will rise. Be seated. Those opposed will rise. Be seated." A rising vote is not necessarily a 'counted' vote.*

**6. The chair *announces the voting result.***

• **Voice vote:** *"The ayes have it and the motion is adopted..." Or, the noes have it and the motion is lost."*

**Rising vote:** *"There are two thirds in the affirmative and the motion is adopted..." Or, "...There are less than two thirds in the affirmative and the motion is lost..." After announcing the voting result, the chair completes the announcement by stating the effect of the vote, or ordering its execution, if needed or appropriate. Afterwards, the chair may say, "The next item of business is..."*

**Note:** *If the convention adopts a standing rule that allows the use of voters' cards, this method may be used in lieu of a 'rising' vote.*

**Proposed Bylaws Revision.** The extensiveness of amendments to the bylaws will determine the method of handling them. For isolated changes, which are what we had during the 2005 8<sup>th</sup> Quadrennial Convention, changes were treated as a motion to *Amend Something Previously Adopted*. Changes of the bylaws that are so extensive and general that they are scattered throughout the bylaws may be effected through the *substitution* of an entirely new set of bylaws, called a **revision**. The 8<sup>th</sup> Quadrennial Convention authorized a bylaws revision by the 9th Quadrennial Convention.

The proposed bylaws revision has been posted on the web site of the Connectional Lay Council, [clcamezion.org](http://clcamezion.org) for many months.

This means that a new document will be submitted that will be open to amendment (change) as fully as if the Connectional Lay Council were adopting bylaws for the first time. The proposed revision has incorporated essential elements provided for in the existing Constitution of the Connectional Lay Council; thereby, alleviating the need for two separate documents which is no longer a recommended practice. The convention (assembly) can perfect the revision by primary and secondary amendments—however, the old document (existing bylaws) cannot be altered with a view of retaining it in a changed form. Because a revision of bylaws is a lengthy document involving more than one section, it will be considered seriatim (or article by article, section by section, and/or paragraph by paragraph). When all parts have been opened for amendment, the assembly will decide if the proposed revision, as amended, will be substituted for the current bylaws. If the revision is adopted by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, simultaneously, the old bylaws will go out of existence, as will the document called the *Constitution*.

If you have a specific question concerning this article, please contact Patricia Lewis, CLC Parliamentarian, by e-mail at [plewis39@windstream.net](mailto:plewis39@windstream.net); or by telephone or fax at (330) 908-3791.

# CONVENTION DEDICATED TO DR. BETTY V. STITH AND DANNELLA V. HILLIAN



Dr. Betty V. Stith, President Emeritus of the Connectional Lay Council, began her service in the Lay Council, with the class of officers serving from 1960 to 1972. She succeeded the first secretary of the Council and was elected vice president in 1972. Dr. Stith was elected the third president and first woman to fill that position during the 40th Quadrennial General Conference, in Chicago, Illinois and served in that position from 1976 to 1985. She was also the Recording Secretary of the Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society from 1991-1999, making her the only layperson in Zion to serve in two connectional offices of the Church.

Included in the tapestry of President Stith's activities was her involvement in District, Annual and General Con-

ference proceedings. She led Zion's Laity in fund raising activities for Livingstone and Clinton Junior Colleges, The Bishop George J. Leake III Scholarship Fund and whatever was active in Kingdom building through the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. Dr. Stith instituted new concepts of productivity through the Lay Council that cut a broad path in Zion Methodism and are still being practiced today. These practices include the Regional Directors, Quadrennial Convention, Lay Convocation and Life Memberships.



Dannella V. Hillian served on the Executive Board of the Connec-

tional Lay Council as South Atlantic Regional Director until her death, August 2008. She also served in the following appointed positions on the Board Convention Election Committee Co-Chair, 2004 Convocation Planning Committee Chair and a Life Member.

She was Conference Lay Council Parliamentarian, Chaired the Bylaws Committee and former Recording Secretary.

Lancaster District Lay Council President

At her home church of Victory Tabernacle she was the Preacher Steward and local Lay President.

When asked what the Connectional Lay Council Ministry meant, her response was "Lay people founded our church. Without continued dedication from the laity, our Zion Church is bound to fail. The Connectional Lay Council is a 'binding thread' that connects Zion into the tapestry of Christianity. I'm willing. Are you willing to join me working side by side in the Master's vineyard?"

## AGENDA/PROGRAM

### FRIDAY - JULY 24, 2009

12:00 PM – 8:00 PM Registration

### SATURDAY - JULY 25, 2009

**Pre-Convention Events 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM**

8:00 AM – 7:00 PM Registration

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM Health Fair

9:00 AM – 12:45 PM Regional Lay Academy

1. Growing and Expanding Your Lay Council

2. Social/Political Concerns

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM Young Adult Lay Academy

1. Leading From the Second Chair

2. Survey Results & Update on the Young Adult Initiative

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM Social Concerns Forums

1. Managing Health Issues that Impact the Black Community

2. The Church's Response to Social Injustice

3. Resource Partners for the Church

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM The Prayer Assembly

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Cultural and Gospel Extravaganza

### SUNDAY - JULY 26, 2009

8:15 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Communion Worship Ser-

vice

*LUNCH - On Your Own*

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM Registration

**3:00 PM Grand Opening**

Grand March & Processional

Seating by Episcopal District

Welcome Program

Organization of the Convention

*DINNER - On Your Own*

President's Message

Presidents Reception

**MONDAY, JULY 27, 2009**

6:00 AM Morning Watch

Praise Teams by Regions: Piedmont,

Western West Africa and Western

8:30 AM Bible Study

*BREAKFAST-On Your Own*

Memorial Service

Challenge Luncheon Speaker: Ron

Marshall

Lay Academy

Business Session

*DINNER - On Your Own*

**TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2009**

Morning Watch

Praise Teams by Regions: North East-

ern, Eastern West Africa and South-

west Delta

Bishop George J. Leake, III Prayer/

Scholarship Breakfast

Bible Study

Lay Academy

*LUNCH - On Your Own*

2:00 PM Young Adult Initiative: Where

We Go From Here

Business Session

*DINNER - On Your Own*

7:00 PM The Quadrennial Theme: The

Synopsis and Proposition

Regional Meetings

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2009**

Morning Watch

Praise Teams by Regions: Eastern NC,

Alabama-Florida and Midwest

*BREAKFAST-On Your Own*

Bible Study

Business Session

Election of Officers

*LUNCH - On Your Own*

Business Session

*Free Time*

Dr. Victor J. Tulane Awards Banquet

**THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2009**

Morning Watch

Praise Teams by Regions:

Mid-Atlantic I, Mid-Atlantic II and South

Atlantic

*BREAKFAST-On Your Own*

Business Session

Installation of Officers

Closing & Benediction

# 9TH QUADRENNIAL LAY CONVENTION

## Health Fair

The Health Fair planned by the Social/Political Action Committee will be held Saturday, July 25th from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Health Screenings for Diabetes, Blood Pressure, Vision (Lions Club) and Cancer (American Cancer Society) will be offered. The following Exhibits and Health Information will be provided: Sleeping Disorders (Virginia Health Department [VAHD]); Lung Care and Air Quality (American Lung Association); Drug Use and Substance Abuse (Every Women's Life VAHD); Eating Habits and Proper Nutrition (VAHD); HIV, AIDS and Transmitted Diseases (Balm in Gilead), Domestic Violence and Family Neglect (EWL VAHD); Obesity and Weight Control (VAHD ACS); Aging and Senior Care (Citizens' Committee to Protect the Elderly); Depression and Mental Health (VAHD & EWL); Fire Safety (Portsmouth Fire Department); Heart Care and Stroke Prevention (American Cancer Society); Environmental Concerns (VAHD and ALA); Safety and Emergency (American Red Cross); Preventive Health Care (Varied) (Life Styles Department – Portsmouth General Hospital); and Home Safety and Crime Prevention (Sheriff Department) Off site Health and Safety providers are Information and Giveaways on Breast Cancer Awareness and Prevention (Sister Study Breast Cancer Research Project)

## Social Concern Forum

The Social Concern Forum will be offered on Saturday afternoon addressing the following topics: "Managing Health Issues that Impact the Black Community", "The Church's Response to Social Injustice" and "Resource Partners for the Church"

## Area Regional Lay Academy

The two Regional Lay Academies for members of Mid-Atlantic II scheduled for Saturday morning are "Growing and Expanding Your Lay Council" and "Social/Political Concerns".

## Young Adult Initiative

Saturday afternoon two Young Adult Lay Academies will be offered "Leading From the Second Chair" and "Survey Results & Update on the Young Adult Initiative".

## Prayer Assembly

The Prayer Assembly will be conducted by Rev. Dr. Otis T. McMillan, Director of Evangelism. The purpose of the Prayer Assembly is to provide an opportunity for the prayer warriors of Zion to come together on Saturday at 4:30 P.M. to pray for Zion's leadership, convention participants and activities that will be done to the glory of God.

## Cultural and Gospel Extravaganza

At 7:00 PM on Saturday a Cultural and Gospel Extravaganza will be presented featuring noted gospel singers and groups from the Chesapeake Bay area.

## Community Outreach

The Dwelling Place in Norfolk, Virginia was identified as our community outreach project. The mission of The Dwelling Place is to provide a safe and secure emergency shelter for families in crisis and to assist them in achieving self-sufficiency. We are asking you to purchase Walmart, Target and Walgreen gift cards in the amount of \$5.00 or more and bring them to the convention. Cards will be collected at the Special Projects or Registration table. You may also sign up to visit the site to deliver the gift cards. Tuesday night has been tentatively scheduled to accommodate the visit.

## Morning Watch

Morning Watch is divided into Praise Teams by Regions

(three per day) and will start each morning at 6:30 am beginning Monday, July 27th and ending on Thursday, July 30th.

## Bible Study



Bible Study will be held Monday, July 27th – Wednesday, July 29th mornings at 8:30. Bishop Dennis V. Proctor, will be the teacher. Bishop Proctor is a native of Buffalo, New York, is a graduate of the Syracuse, New York public school system., Bachelor of Arts (Summa Cum laude) from Livingstone College, Master of Arts in Pastoral Care and Counseling, from Ashland Theological Seminary, {a C.P.E. Diploma from Western Reserve Psychiatric Habilitation Center}, a Jurist Doctor from The Ohio State University college of Law, and a Doctor of Ministry from the United Theological Seminary. He was honored by his Alma Mater by receiving the Doctor of Divinity from Hood Theological Seminary and Livingstone College.

Bishop Proctor elected the episcopacy on July 18, 2008 at the 48th Session of the General Conference as the 97th bishop in succession of the A.M.E. Zion Church and currently presides over the Western Episcopal District which consists of the Alaska, Oregon-Washington, Southwest Rocky Mountain, California, Arizona, and Colorado Conferences.

He is a member of the Board of Trustees of Livingstone College, National Council of Churches, Chairman Appeals Board, Second Vice Chairman Commission on Discipline Codification, Second Vice Chair Health and Social Concerns Board, Second Vice Chairman Statistics and Records Board, and an active member of the International Minister's and Lay Association of the A.M.E. Zion Church.

He is married to the former D. Diane Wilson and the father of three children - Emory II, Dennis, Jr. and Dian-dra Noelle.

## Lay Academy

The topics presented within the Lay Academy are designed to connect the Objectives and Purpose of the Connectional Lay Council with the Convention Theme: Maximizing Our Mission by Managing Our Ministry Through: Education, Evangelism, Empowerment and Expansion. The topics will be presented by qualified individuals who will be prepared to answer your questions and distribute materials.

## Grand March and Procession (Opening Session)

### Sunday Afternoon

Each Episcopal District must choose two banner carriers who will serve on the Banner Committee and will be responsible for your Episcopal District's banner. Banners should be completed by July 24, 2009 and brought to the Convention by designated persons. Each Regional member can walk behind either their Episcopal, Conference or Presiding Elder District banner. The Convention will display banners from the twelve Regions (one banner per Episcopal District). Regions can rotate a different banner each day. Conference and District may be highlighted in banner design.

## Organization of the Convention

### Sunday Afternoon

The convention officially opens and is organized Sunday afternoon. The Rules Committee presents for approval the rules which will govern the convention.

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The Credentials Committee reports on the certified voting delegates and gives the total number of convention members entitled to vote. Delegates certified by the committee will be seated in designated areas by Regions

## Welcome Program

### Sunday Afternoon

The Mid-Atlantic II Episcopal area will be in charge of this program., led by the Right Reverend Warren M. Brown, Bishop, Mrs. Aurelia Brown, Missionary Supervisor and Regional Director Mrs. Renee Felton Pullen.

## President's Reception

### Sunday Evening

The Presidents Reception is scheduled for Sunday Evening and is part of the registration package for the convention. The reception is a time to fellowship and celebrate the presidents who serve at all levels of the Connectional Lay Council.

## Memorial Service

### Monday

A Moments of Remembrance Service will memorialize departed church leaders and laity of Zion who have made valuable contributions and sacrifices for the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

## Challenge Luncheon

### Monday



The Challenge Luncheon speaker is Ron Marshall. He is a member of Bethel A.M.E. Zion Church, Bessemer, Alabama. He is President-Birmingham District Lay Council, Trustee for North Alabama Conference, member Finance Committee- North Alabama Conference, Chairman Steward Board-local church.

Ron spent 17 yrs. mid-level management Bellsouth. Spent 6 yrs in banking industry.

Currently, owner Myriad Communications Network, Inc.

**Ticket included in Registration, \$40.00 if sold separately**

## Bishop George J. Leake III Prayer Scholarship Breakfast

### Tuesday

The Bishop George J. Leake III Prayer Scholarship Breakfast is named after a former Board of Lay Activities Chairman. Please enter prayerfully and depart empowered to serve as laity encourage others to "Come with Us to Christ". **Ticket included in Registration, \$30.00 if sold separately**

## Regional Meetings

### Tuesday Evening

Meetings with your Regional Director is scheduled for Tuesday evening also during this session you will be able to meet each candidate.

## Election of Officers

### Wednesday

Election for the seven officers will be during the Wednesday morning session. In order to vote, a person must be a member of the Connectional Lay Council in good standing at least **30 days** prior to the opening of the Convention.

## Dr. Victor J. Tulane Awards Banquet

### Wednesday Evening

This gala banquet will honor retiring elected officers

(David A. Aiken, President; Mary Matthews, Recording Secretary; Connie B. Williams, Treasurer and Jerry McCombs, Financial Secretary). Dr. Victor J. Tulane Servant-Leadership and Dr. Betty V. Stith Trailblazer and William Orr Membership Awards presented and Laity Hall of Fame persons inducted. Dress in evening finery. **Ticket included in Registration, \$45.00 if sold separately.**

## Installation of Officers

### Thursday

The seven elected officers will be installed during an impressive service Thursday morning

## Registration

Registration forms can be downloaded at the CLC web site [clcamezion.org](http://clcamezion.org). General Registration June 1, 2009 - \$225.00 Registration includes: Convention Bag, Convention Materials, Bishop George J. Leake Prayer Breakfast, Challenge Luncheon, Dr. Victor J. Tulane Awards Banquet and Souvenir Journal.

## Convention Souvenir Journal

Souvenir Journal forms can also be downloaded at the CLC web site [www.clcamezion.org](http://www.clcamezion.org). **DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES HAS BEEN EXTENDED: JULY 1, 2009.** Ad Size and Prices are Front Inside Cover—\$500.00; Back Inside Cover—\$500.00; Back Cover—\$500.00; Gold Border Page—\$250.00; Full Page—\$175.00; Half Page - \$100.00; Quarter Page—\$50.00; Business Card - \$15.00.; One Line Entry (20 Words Max)\$10.00. Please add \$10 for each picture. **Ads should be camera ready and contain no borders.**

## Exploring Feasibility of Offering Activities For Children

The Convention Committee is still wanting to plan activities for persons bringing children ages 3—12 but they can't wait until July for you to let the office know. They are asking that if you want your children to participate in all of the Children's Activities to contact the CLC office (704-599-4630 ext. 332) immediately and also make that notation on your Registration Form so that adequate arrangements can be made for Children's Activities.

## The Quadrennial Dr. Victor J. Tulane Awards Banquet

The Quadrennial Dr. Victor J. Tulane Awards Banquet **deadline has been extended to June 15, 2009.**

The laity recognition awards are as follows:

- The Laity Hall of Fame (one per region)
- The Dr. Victor J. Tulane Servant-Leadership Award
- The Dr. Betty V. Stith Trailblazer Award

The criteria's have challenging guidelines to assist you in matching up the laypersons that are the best fit for each of the awards. We encourage you to be in prayer as you reflective on the laypersons that you are considering for each of the honors.

The nomination form for each award can be downloaded from the CLC website [www.clcamezion.org](http://www.clcamezion.org). Mail all nominations to: Connectional Lay Council, Attn: Awards Committee, PO Box 26770, Charlotte, NC 28221-6770

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## Overflow Hotel

Governor Dinwiddie Hotel & Suites, 506 Dinwiddie Street, Portsmouth, VA 23704, Phone: 757-392-1330 .  
<http://www.governordinwiddiehotel.com>, **Group Code:** AMEZ, **Rates \$104.00 + Tax (13%)** , **Cut Off Date: June 25 2009**

A credit card number and/or deposit (equal to one night's room & tax) is required from individuals when making reservations within the group block. Individual reservations may be canceled by hotel if credit card declines. If paying balance by check, it is due at least 7 days prior to arrival; otherwise balance is due at check-in (cash) or check-out (with pre-authorized credit card). There is a 72 hour cancellation policy. Check-in time is 3 p.m. or after; check-out by noon.

## Banners Criteria

- Size: Width 36' x Length 48' (excluding fringe 3-5 inches)
- Include Episcopal District or Conference or Presiding Elder District name
- Use fabric that has some body, such as felt, burlap, broadcloth, quilt, vinyl etc.

## Color Days

All Laity are asked to show their Lay Council colors during the convention. A suggested attire is **SATURDAY - JULY 25, 2009** —Casual & Sporty CLC Apparel Day; **SUNDAY - JULY 26, 2009** - 3:00 PM Grand Opening Black & Gold Apparel; **MONDAY, JULY 27, 2009**—Memorial Service and Challenge Luncheon Business Attire and Life Members Stole **TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2009** and **WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2009** - CLC Medallions & Membership Pin Day **WEDNESDAY, EVENING** - Awards Banquet Black & Gold After-Five Apparel **THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2009** Travel: Casual & Sporty CLC Apparel Day .

## Special Projects

New Special Project items will be: Polo Shirt with the CLC logo; Paper Fan with Membership information; Mouse Pad with Theme & Past Presidents Names and Rally Towel to wave in the Grand March  
 Returning items are: Luggage Tags, Travel Mug, Lay Council Lapel Pins (Military and Safety), License Plate Frames, Lay Council Writing Glo Pen, Leather Book Mark (Closing Prayer or Scripture), Lay Council Gold Watch, Medallions, Bible Cover, Tee Shirts, Baseball Caps (black or Gold logo), Large Black and Gold Portfolio, Small Black and Gold Portfolio, Life Member Writing Pen, and Life Member Stole

## Evaluation

To adequately evaluate the effectiveness of the Convention and plan for the future, delegates will be asked for their candor on each of the activities, programs and services. It will only take minutes to complete and turn in forms One form will address the Lay Academies at the end of each Academy and the other form will address the Convention to be turned in at the close of the Convention.

## Ground Transportation

Airport Shuttle is operated by CAREY VIP Chauffeured Services, a division of James River Bus Lines, serving Virginia since 1928.

The Airport Connection offers very reasonable rates to the entire area. Professional uniformed drivers provide the service with new extended leg room Crown Victoria sedans and Ford Vans with a center aisle and individual seats.

Norfolk Airport Connection is located outside baggage claim at the booth marked "Airport Express Shuttle Ser-

vice."

For further information call or write:

Carey VIP Airport Connection  
 Norfolk International Airport  
 Norfolk, VA 23518

Reserve online or by telephone:

(757) 963-0433  
 (866) 823-4626 (Toll-free)

## Taxi Cab Companies

Taxi Cab service is ready and waiting at Norfolk International Airport. Located just outside the baggage claim lobby, they're ready to leave as soon as your luggage is loaded. Service is provided directly to your destination. Five persons can ride for the price of one as long as they are going to the same destination. Payment may be made by cash, and in some instances credit cards and corporate charge accounts are available. Please contact the companies below for more details.  
 Taxi Services: Andys Cab Co.,(757) 461-8880 ; (866) 840-6573 (Toll-free); Black and White,(757) 855-4444; City Wide Cabs,(757) 857-5950; Duke Cab Co.(757) 583-4079; East Side Cabs(757) 718-0937; Eden Cab Co., (757) 724-5555; Waterside Taxi Company Inc.,757-531-6430 ; Norfolk Checker(757) 855-3333; Oceanside Executive,(757) 455-5996; Southside Cab Co.(757) 423-0154.

## Rental Car Information

With combined citywide fleets of over 3,000 vehicles, Norfolk International Airport's seven onsite rental car agencies are ready for group or individual needs. The rental car offices are conveniently located in the baggage claim area below the main terminal lobby.  
 Rental Cars: Alamo,(800) 462-5266; Avis(800) 831-2847; Budget(800) 527-0700; Dollar(800) 800-3665; Enterprise(800) 736-8222; Hertz,(800) 654-3131; National(800) 227-7368; Thrifty(800) 367-2277

## Hotel Parking

Parking at the Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel is \$10.00 per day

## Buses

The Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel has parking available for buses along side of the parking garage on the street. The parking is \$20 per day/per bus. Please contact the CLC Office if you need this service so that space can be reserved for you.

## **DELEGATES SHOULD....**

- \*Come prepared to attend all business sessions and special events
- \*Not vacate the bar of the Convention without notifying Regional Director
- \*Not bring any food or beverage on the Convention Floor
- \*Exemplify respectful and moral behavior at all times
- \*Respect the property and facilities made available for your convenience and enjoyment while attending Convention
- \*Observe all Convention rules
- \*Get to know someone new, especially from another Conference or Episcopal District

## Call to Convention by Yvonne Baskerville

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! All Young Adult Zionites between the ages of 22-40 years of age are urged to attend the 9<sup>th</sup> Quadrennial Lay Convention in Portsmouth, Va. July 25-30. The Steering Committee is laboring tirelessly to finalize the planning for specific lay academies and plenary sessions tailored to the interest and needs of this group. The Convention promises to be an enriching and educational denominational experience. This Quadrennial Convention will be the first convention assembly since the CLC Young Adult Initiative was launched in 2006. The CLC leadership's commitment to retaining and developing young adults leaders in the denomination will be evident by the array of topics and the caliber of presenters.

The schedule of events include social/political concern forums, lay academies on leadership and spiritual growth, worship service, a cultural and gospel extravaganza, legislative sessions and election of officers. Two of the lay academy topics are *"Unwavering Zion: Its History, Traditions & Visionary Leaders and the Joshua Generation"*. A half-day pre-convention young adult lay acad-

emy on the topic of *"Leading from the Second Chair,"* will take place on Saturday afternoon. A report out on the Young Adult Survey conducted in the spring of this year and a panel discussion titled, *"Where Do We Go From Here"* are also planned. Young adult attendees will have the opportunity to fully engage in the other general lay academy and plenary sessions as well. A service project is planned in conjunction with the Special Projects Committee. All young adult attendees are requested to bring a small monetary gift for a donation which will be made to a local homeless shelter in the area for cleaning and school supplies.

Membership dues must be current 30 days prior to convention in order to participate in the voting at the business sessions (elections and legislative). Dues are to be paid through the local church. Registration forms can be obtained on the CLC website at [www.clcamezion.org](http://www.clcamezion.org)

We look forward to welcoming you to the Convention in July! God Bless!

## Delegates, Legislative work By Isaiah Pickney

The Legislation\Constitution Committee has completed its work in preparation for the 9<sup>th</sup> Quadrennial Connectional Lay Council (CLC) Convention. The work is now posted at the CLC website for download ([www.clcamezion.org](http://www.clcamezion.org)). The committee was charged by the 8<sup>th</sup> Quadrennial Convention to draft a revision of the lay council by-laws for consideration by the CLC 9<sup>th</sup> Quadrennial Convention. The revision was drafted with the following objectives; 1) provide functionality, 2) provide clarity and interpretation, and 3) provide a living document with today's practices. The Committee believes it has accomplished its objective with

the proposed revision. The next step is for you, the delegates, to accept/amend or reject the proposed document. Delegates should download the proposed revision and become familiar with it. We ask you to prayerfully read and digest the proposed revision prior to the convention. As an inform delegate, you will be able to participate in the process as the document is read paragraph by paragraph for action by the convention. The committee with your help is looking forward to a great legislative session of the convention. To God be the glory.

## Election Procedure

1. All offices of the Connectional Lay Council are open for election. Officers to be elected are as follows:
  - President
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - Financial Secretary
  - Chaplain
2. Scantron machines will be used for casting ballots
3. Votes will be cast by Episcopal District
4. The voting privilege in the Connectional Lay Council shall be contingent upon the paying of dues. In the year of the quadrennial convention all memberships must be paid thirty days (June 25, 2009). prior to the opening date to be eligible to vote. All must also have registered with the convention no later than July 26, 2009.
 

The voting age for memberships in the Lay Council shall be set at eighteen (18).
5. The candidate with the highest number of votes constitutes the winner of that office. In the event of a tie for an office, a run-off will be held immediately following the announcement of the election results.



### DELEGATES SHOULD BRING.....

- The Holy Bible
- CLC Constitution and By-Laws
- Robert's Rules of Order
- Life Member Stole
- Clothes for Color Days
- After-six attire for Victor J. Tulane Awards Banquet
- Medication and Health Insurance Card
- Confirmations of Hotel and Convention Registrations
- Shawl (in the event of excessive air conditioning)
- Comfortable shoes
- Airplane/Bus/Train Ticket

## 2009 CONNECTIONAL LAY COUNCIL CANDIDATES

### INCUMBENTS



**Jessie Riddick**  
2nd VICE PRESIDENT

I am seeking re-election for the Office of 2nd Vice President of the Connectional Lay Council of the AME Zion Church. As 2nd Vice President and Membership Chairperson, God has afforded me the opportunity to serve, to meet and work with so many of my brothers and sisters in this branch of Zion. If re-elected, I will continue to push memberships, Life Memberships, and make sure that every church has an active Lay Council. I am here to serve you, the Laity of the AME Zion Church



**Charles Montgomery**  
CHAPLAIN

I will continue to be committed and serve with the utmost integrity. I remain a capable person with a great interest in the laity and if it's God's will that I continue as your Chaplain I will continue to assume the responsibilities of this challenging and rewarding position and serve with the help of God, with talking, loving, caring and praying for the brothers and sisters of our beloved Zion.

### NEW CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE

(Editor's note: Listed are the persons that have submitted their names to the CLC Office at the time this Newsletter was compiled. This may not reflect all the Candidates.)



**Sheila Quintana**  
PRESIDENT

#### My Campaign Platform

• **We must be Prepared to Lead:** Our purpose is to ensure effective Lay representation in every area of leadership in the Zion Church. We must be able to keep all members well informed on the important issues and actions in Zion by providing resources to all Regional Directors to work with the Conference, District and Local Church Lay Council presidents.

• **We are the Church of the 21st Century:** Using technology, we must increase the efficiency of the Lay Council membership process, support uniformed membership drives throughout the Local Churches to support our budget process and any other use of technology that would improve our outreach efforts.

• **We are the "Power in the Pews":** Provide Lay Academies and Lay Workshops that focus on the information available in "The Discipline of The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church" to support powerful leadership.

• **"Sheep begat Sheep":** We are required to evangelize the "lost sheep" and expand the Church as Jesus Christ commanded.



**Ruth Gough**  
1ST VICE PRESIDENT

As a former New Members Class Leader, one of my main responsibilities was to indoctrinate new members, Lay people, to the history, methods, and doctrines of the A. M. E. Zion church, generally, and Columbus Avenue, specifically. This task gave me a wealth of information regarding Zion, and how to help nurture new members to the church and (sometimes) the body of Christ, to maximize their growth and potential. This will benefit me in the role as First Vice-President when it comes to working with the education committee and the standing/special committee in developing and disseminating information and training programs for our denomination's lay ministries. I believe that my knowledge of Zion and past leadership experience is enhanced by my professional work as a Social Worker in a Special Needs High School, where my teaching, motivating, supporting and communication skills are used everyday. With this briefcase of ability, it is not hard to see that my "committed leadership," is the best choice.

*Endeavor To Empower, Educate and Equip Zion's Laity*



**Yvonne A. Tracey**  
PRESIDENT

*A Servant-Leader...Serving Zion With Passion*  
Lay Council Elected Officer at all levels -

Director of Missionary Education -  
Director of Adults (CED) and active participant in many lay ministries

*Academically & Theologically Prepared*  
Iona College: BA-Business Administration  
Hood Theological Seminary: Masters of Theological Studies

*Vision for Advancing the Purpose of the Connectional Lay Council:* Holistic Spiritual Development - Intensive Leadership Training - Champion Youth and Young Adult Initiatives -  
Encourage Collaboration of Lay Ministries

"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."  
1 Peter 4:10 (NRSV)



**Jacqueline Hart**  
1ST VICE PRESIDENT  
"Leadership that makes a difference"

*"Therefore; my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the works of the Lord. Knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."*  
1 Corinthians 15:58

*"Excellence is the result of caring more than others think is wise, risking more than others think is safe, dreaming more than others think is practical and expecting more than others think is possible."*

Active on all levels in the Lay Council for 15 years. I have held several leadership positions on the local, district, conference and connectional level. I have been trained in motivational techniques. I attended Indiana University and Texas Southern University with a major in Math and Business. I love God and the people of God. I find it easy to communicate with the Lay as well as the clergy. While at SBC/ATT I helped to mentor over 45 young employees, all of which were promoted and currently are leaders. I love to lead, but I also love to support and follow a leader. I truly believe it is not about me, but about representing God and giving Him the glory and doing what God would have us to do. When you help others attain their goals, you make the team stronger. It is about teaming together and making the vision real. I am in love with my family, my church and my God.

## 2009 CONNECTIONAL LAY COUNCIL CANDIDATES

### NEW CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE



**Effie B. Woodard**  
*2<sup>nd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT*

If given the opportunity I will bring or contribute to the efficient operation of a new initiative for Lay Memberships. Having a serious interest in this capacity of Second Vice-President of Connectional Lay Council; my work skills includes good organizational skills and affinity for details and previous experience in a legal office as an Assistant to the Clerk of Court. I am a Life Member of the Lay Council, Past Second Vice President Lay Council of the Dunn –Lillington District (served for 15 years) and have been the speaker/workshop presenter for various Lay Programs.



**Delores Lancaster**  
*SECRETARY*

During the past fourteen years, I have served in secretariat positions utilizing my skills such as shorthand, tape recorders and most recently, the use of my laptop to take and record minutes for my local church, Presiding Elder District, Annual Conference, Episcopal District, Presiding Elders Council and the A.M.E. Zion General Conference. When ever I served in the position as a recording secretary, I have been responsive to all of the duties identified for the CLC Recording Secretary Position. Therefore, with the skills and techniques I have, I feel that if I am elected CLC Recording Secretary, I will be able perform the duties identified.



**Ira Rudolph Golden**  
*FINANCIAL SECRETARY*

**Deborah Roseborough**  
*SECRETARY*

I am running for the office of Recording Secretary of the Connectional Lay Council of the A. M. E. Zion Church. Because I have a love for the Church. I want to see the Church move in a positive direction and I feel that the Lay Council should be at the front of the change. I want to work with other Laity to strengthen the working relationship between the Laity and the Clergy throughout the total denomination. It is just not enough to be a part of history, but it is of equal importance that history be noted through the written word. For this reason I am offering myself for the position of Recording Secretary. All of these thoughts come from my love, experience and dedication in working in the church since childhood.

My experiences is a past Secretary to the late Bishop James W. Wactor and Missionary Supervisor Dr. Hildred H. Wactor. Past Church Secretary of Union Oak A. M. E. Zion Church, Hope Mills, North Carolina. I have served in many capacities at Mount Lebanon A. M. E. Zion Church, Elizabeth City, North Carolina. They are as follows: Youth Adult Missionary Secretary, Class Leader, Church Treasurer and Lay Council President. President and past Secretary of the District Planning Committee of the Elizabeth City District. District President of the Home Mission Workers. Assistant Secretary at the meeting held for the Eastern North Carolina Regional Lay Council under the Leadership of Mr. W. Baird

I'm running for the elected office of "Financial Secretary" because:

1. I want to ensure that basic foundational principles and standards are maintained.
2. I would want to also evaluate current methods and procedures so as to make improvements where necessary.

" You Can Count On Me To Be Accountable"



**Trubbie R. Leeper**  
*TREASURER*

I am offering myself in service as a candidate for the treasurer of the Connectional Lay Council. I believe my financial background will qualify me for this position. In the environment in which we live accountability of accurate financial records is essential.



**Ann Stevens**  
*TREASURER*

Seeking election as a Christian visionary of change and reform with a new direction for investing and retooling resources for sound financial stability and growth.

# PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA ATTRACTIONS

## RESTAURANTS

### **The Deck**

Lunch selections range from king crab legs, steamed clams, oysters, mussels, and shrimp to chicken wings, fried calamari, fish bites, salads, soups, sandwiches, burgers, and chicken. 10 Crawford Parkway (at the Tidewater Yacht Marina). 10 Crawford Pkwy. | 757-398-1221

### **Taste-N-See**

A carry-out cart that operates on weekday mornings and early afternoons. Lunch selections include pork and chicken barbecue, hot dogs and sausages. Also features combos and daily specials as well as chips, soda and bottled water.

In front of the Portsmouth Courthouse in the 700 block of Crawford St. | 757-286-6741

### **Thumpers**

Features Cajun food, such as fried gator bites, red beans & rice, seafood gumbo, jambalaya, and crawfish pasta. 600 Court St. | 757-399-1001

### **Bob's BBQ and Country Cooking**

Offers sliced, chopped and beef barbecue, plus country cooking. 417 County St. | 757-399-8060 |

### **Jay's Carolina BBQ & Country Cooking**

Specializes in home cooked foods, such as smoked turkey legs, pork, chicken, baked beans, macaroni and cheese, plus more! 5770 Churchland Blvd. | 757-483-6277

### **Jones' Restaurant**

Featuring North Carolina barbecue, fried chicken and fresh seafood, including flounder, shrimp, oysters, clams, scallops, crab cakes, trout and snapper. Open for lunch and dinner. 5811 W. Norfolk Rd. | 757-484-1996

### **Rodman's Bones & Buddy's**

Features homemade barbecue, soups and sandwiches. Voted best barbecue in Portsmouth for five straight years. 3562 Western Branch Blvd. | 757-397-3900

### **Boomerangs Seafood Restaurant & Bar**

The largest restaurant and lounge in the Churchland area. Specializes in seafood and a variety of tasty appetizers. The menu also includes pasta and meat dishes with unique savory sauces, which are created for each entrée. Features a full service bar with signature drinks, and a game room.

Live music is featured on the weekends. 6045 High St. W. | 757-483-3300

### **Clayton's Restaurant**

For more than 37 years, Clayton's Restaurant has been a locals' favorite. Specializing in "quality seafood at quality prices," Clayton's is famous for its oyster Rockefeller and crab au gratin, but also offers a variety of food for the landlubber. 1805 Hodges Ferry Rd. | 757-488-6243

### **Flagship Restaurant & Raw Bar**

Located in the Shea Terrace section of Portsmouth, this restaurant offers casual dining with a neighborhood atmosphere. Appetizers range from crab balls and tuna bites to shrimp cocktail and chicken wings. The Flagship also offers a variety of soups, salads, sandwiches and wraps. The entrees range from fish and chips to prime rib dinners to pasta dishes like linguini with clam sauce. With a fun kid's menu and family atmosphere, you will love to bring the family out to eat. Amazing food, great service, daily lunch and dinner specials along with special events such as after work deck parties offering live music will make this the place you love to call your second home. Arrive by car or take advantage of the boat dock just outside. 103 Constitution Ave. | 757-398-1600.

## MUSEUMS

### **Children's Museum of Virginia**

This must-see attraction provides serious fun for kids of all ages. Two full floors are packed with activities designed to engage young minds and stimulate imaginations, including a planetarium, a rock-climbing wall, a giant bubble-making station, a real fire engine and half of a city bus. And don't miss the Lancaster Antique Toy and Train Collection, one of the most incredible model train collections in the world. This is a place where kids learn about science, nature, art and lots of other things – although they may be having too much fun to realize it! 221 High Street. (757) 393-5258

### **Lightship Portsmouth Museum**

Lightships were built to help mariners avoid dangerous shoals or enter safely into harbors at night. Years ago, lights were fixed to masts of ships that anchored for months in

strategic locations off the coastline. One such ship can be visited at the foot of London Street on the Portsmouth waterfront. The Lightship Portsmouth was commissioned in 1915 and has since been restored to its original condition. In 1989, it was designated a National Historic Landmark. Visitors can board the vessel and see how the men of the Lightship Service lived during their many months at sea. At the foot of London Street on the waterfront in Historic Olde Towne Portsmouth. (757) 393-8741

### **Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum**

If you're interested in local or naval history, or memorabilia from a centuries-old Southern port, you'll find the Naval Shipyard Museum a delight. Established in 1949 within the nation's oldest shipyard, the Norfolk Naval Shipyard Museum was later moved to the Portsmouth waterfront at High Street Landing on the Elizabeth River. 2 High St. (757) 393-8591

### **Virginia Sports Hall of Fame and Museum**

With two stories of hands-on sports and health exhibits, this attraction celebrates nearly 300 past and present athletes and inspires future ones. Drive a NASCAR simulator, test the speed of your baseball pitch, and take your turn at the microphone as a broadcaster. Kids and adults alike will learn about fitness, nutrition and sports medicine in the Training Room, complete with virtual exercise equipment and a skeleton that rides a bike! A great place for the whole family. Group rates available. The Hall of Fame is also a unique venue for your next reunion, business meeting, or formal reception. Call today to schedule a tour. 206 High St. (757) 393-8031.

## OUTDOOR RECREATION

### **Elizabeth River Ferry**

Pedestrian ferry crossing the Elizabeth River between Portsmouth and Norfolk. Operates seven days a week, departing from High Street Landing on the hour and half-hour, and from North Landing at five minutes after the hour and half-hour for arrival at Waterside in Norfolk. Seasonal schedule to Harbor Park running one hour before game time and one hour after game ends. (757) 222-6100

## **SAFETY TIPS**

- Know where exits are and how to get out of the hotel.
- Never wear meeting badge on the street!
- Walk in groups!
- Don't throw meeting badge away while on site. Wait and throw away when you get home.
- Simply staying alert and relying on common sense can go a long way in ensuring safety.