



Connectional Lay Organization EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

*REPORT OF THE YOUNG ADULT REPRESENTATIVE
MS. JAMESHA J. WILLIAMS
FALL 2021*

Bishop Stafford J. Wicker
Chairperson of the Lay Organization Commission of the General
Board

Matikane A. Makiti
President, Connectional Lay Organization

Patricia Wright
Director of Lay Activities, Connectional Lay Organization

Members of the Connectional Lay Executive Board

Episcopal Young Adult Representatives

Sisters & Brothers



The Journey Continues



It is an honor to submit this report covering updates, concerns, plans of the office of the Young Adult Representative (YAR). We continually seek to foster growth while nurturing a more inclusive environment for all generations within the Connectional Lay Organization

I am eternally grateful for the support I have received from the Episcopal District YARs, advisors and my 7th Episcopal District family.

Young Adult Representative Council

1 st Marcus Burnett	2 nd Adam Johnston	3 rd Erin Youngue	4 th Derrick Stinett	5 th Dallas Richardson	6 th Lester Foster
7 th Lakendric Rush	8 th Samuel Saprong	9 th Jeremy Josep	10 th Shantel Sims	11 th Ashley Blakely	12 th
13 th	14 th	15 th Lebo Mmusi	16 th Jean Louis Jean Reynold	17 th Patrick Chongo	18 th Ginindza Mcloisi
		19 th K Makhema	20 th Vacant		

God Honors Your Humility

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

1 Peter 5:6-7

Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

James 4:10

Congratulations to:

- Martinique Mix – 6th Episcopal District - Director of Lay Activities
- Melinda Robinson – 13th Episcopal District – Third Vice President
- Judge Thabile Ngubeni – AMEC Judicial Council Lay Alternate & 19th Episcopal District – Second Vice President
- Natalie Horton – 12th Episcopal District – President
- Nomthimba N. Khoza- 19th Episcopal District - President

More to follow

Roles & Responsibilities of the Young Adult Representative

The Young Adult Representative shall:

1. Be responsible for implementing teaching and training opportunities for Young Adults in conjunction with the Director of Lay Activities and establishing working relationships with other relevant Young Adult and Ministries within, and outside the AME Church.
2. Prepare an annual line-item budget to reflect the work of this office for submission to the Budget Committee.
3. Advocate for Young Adults concerns to the Connectional Executive Board and beyond.
4. Facilitate Lay Organization Young Adult events with the approval of the Executive Board.
5. Voice the concerns and visions of a new generation of laity and serve as a Christian mentor to a younger generation of African Methodists.

YAR Activity Highlights

- ▶ Provided ongoing support to YARs and their programming initiatives.
- ▶ Met regularly with Director Wright
- ▶ Serve as mentor to young adults throughout the denomination.
- ▶ Homegoing celebration for Immediate Past CLO Assistant Secretary Brenda Holland Curry
- ▶ Kentucky Conference Lay Speaker
- ▶ McElrath Chapel Lay Day Speaker
- ▶ Presenter, Capital District – Washington Conference – District Conference
- ▶ Presenter, 4th Episcopal District Winter Meeting – Young Adult Representative Workshop
- ▶ Presenter, 2nd Episcopal District Leadership Training – Young Adult Representative Workshop
- ▶ Presenter, 7th Episcopal District Annual Retreat – “Choose Life, Choose You”
- ▶ Presenter, 3rd Episcopal District RAYAC - “Coping with Grief”
- ▶ Presenter, 16th, Christ Our Redeemer AMEC Lay Organization – Parliamentary Procedures

Continued & Future Plans

- ▶ Regular meetings with Episcopal District YAR Council and Conference YARs
- ▶ Strategic planning to develop efficient young adult leader ministry
- ▶ Incorporating the President's vision for young adult into the work of this office.
- ▶ Intergenerational leadership is necessary and vital to sustain our organization.
- ▶ Increased support of young adults in District 14-20 to ensure they receive available information and resources.
- ▶ Increased dialogue with Episcopal Presidents needing assistance for YAR programming.

Future Plans

- ▶ 2022 Young Adult Virtual Retreat – Open to All – Registration details coming soon
 - ▶ Young Adult Townhall
 - ▶ Spiritual Growth
 - ▶ Action planning based on needs and current concerns
- ▶ Collaboration and continue support of RAYAC & WMS/YPD
- ▶ Collaboration with the 1st Vice President & Director of Public Relations to ensure the perspectives of the young adult are shared and incorporated regularly.

Concerns & Growth Opportunities

- ▶ Young Adults are still not considered members of the CORE leadership team of the Lay Organization.
- ▶ As Young Adult Representatives balance career, family, church ministry and self-care, continue providing grace and timely planning for increased involvement from this demographic.
- ▶ We are missing opportunities to extend an invitation to members of the YPD and Richard Allen Young Adult Council on all levels (where applicable), through continued support and involvement programming initiatives.
- ▶ Increased training for leaders and members on the Constitution & Bylaws of the Connectional Lay Organization.



My love, my peace, happiness and
gratitude I give to
7th Episcopal District Family!



To Bishop Samuel L. Green Sr., Supervisor Phyllis N.
Green,

President Keith Britton, members of The Nation
State of South Carolina &

to my loving parents James & Janie



and your unwavering love, support and
encouragement are
a



Connectional Lay Organization
Let us continue to make God proud!
Share Love, Seek Joy, Find Peace

