

# African Methodist Episcopal Church

## Connectional Lay Organization

**Bishop Ronnie Elijah Brailsford, Sr.**  
*Connectional Lay Organization*  
*Chairman of Commission*

### CONNECTIONAL LAY ORGANIZATION NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Virtual CLO Executive Board Meeting  
February 26, 2025 – 2:00 p.m. (EST)

**Mr. Matikane Abednego Makiti**  
*Connectional Lay Organization President*

**Ms. Betty J. Tuggle**  
*Connectional Lay Organization*  
*Chair Nominating Committee*

To: Bishop Ronnie Elijah Brailsford, Sr., Lay Commission Chair, Mr. Matikane Abednego Makiti, President, Connectional Lay Organization, Connectional Lay Organization Officers, Episcopal District Presidents, Advisors, and Committee Chairpersons.

We greet you in the name of Jesus Christ. We count this opportunity a true joy as I make this report on behalf of the Connectional Lay Organization Nominating Committee. We thank God for His gracious love and guidance during this process. In addition, we say thanks you to Bishop Ronnie E. Brailsford, Sr., President Matikane A. Makiti, and the entire CLO Executive Board for affording us the opportunity that was not taken lightly to serve you. Finally, we say to the candidates if you as Lay Leaders of the African Methodist Church trust in God's plan and allow Him to direct your steps you will be effective and continue the Lay Organization's legacy.

We the Connectional Lay Organization (CLO) Nominating Committee are pleased to present our report for 2025-2029 nominations. Our committee has diligently reviewed and considered candidates for various leaders positions within the CLO, ensuring that each nominee align with our Bylaws, Mission, Values, and needs.

The CLO Nominating Committee submits the Recommendations to the CLO Executive Board as follows:

**Letters of intent received: (17)**

**Met the qualifications: (17)**

Name	Episcopal District	Annual Conference
<b><u>President (2)</u></b>		
1. Matikane Abednego Makiti	Nineteenth	West
2. Simeon P. Rhoden, Jr.	Fifth	Pacific Northwest
<b><u>First Vice President (1)</u></b>		
1. Dr. Dorothy Henderson	Twelfth	East Arkansas

Name	Episcopal District	Conference
<b><u>Second Vice President (2)</u></b>		
Simon R. Letsoko	Nineteenth	East
Jerry Turner, Jr.	Fourth	Chicago
<b><u>Third Vice President (1)</u></b>		
Lovie Louise Aaron	Twelfth	Arkansas
<b><u>Recording Secretary (1)</u></b>		
Monique Hudson Green	Sixth	Atlanta North Georgia
<b><u>Assistant Recording Secretary (2)</u></b>		
Dr. Edna S. Waston	Second	North Carolina
Alfred Wolobah	Fourteenth	Liberia
<b><u>Corresponding Secretary (1)</u></b>		
Cheryl Hammond Hopewell	First	Philadelphia
<b><u>Treasurer (1)</u></b>		
Kathy Drayton	Tenth	North Houston
<b><u>Financial Secretary (1)</u></b>		
Carolyn A. Walker-Kimbro	Third	Ohio South
<b><u>Chaplain (1)</u></b>		
Charlie Nichols	Eleventh	Florida
<b><u>Historiographer(1)</u></b>		
William E. Ayers, Jr	Second	Washington
<b>Parliamentarian</b>		

**Director of Lay Activities (1)**

Patricia H. Wright

Eleventh

St. Petersburg

**Director of Public Relations (1)**

Dianne H. Battle

Ninth

Northwest Alabama

**Young Adult Representative (YAR) (1)**

Aimee A. J. Beasley

Sixth

Atlanta North Georgia

Conclusion, we believe the nominees presented in this report possess the necessary qualities and dedication to serve our church and Lay organization effectively. We respectfully submit these nominations for your approval and look forward to your feedback.

Thank you for your attention and support.

Finally, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the Connectional Lay Organization Nominating Committee members for their incredible dedication and hard work. Your commitment to excellence has truly made a difference. The success we achieved is a direct result of your joint efforts. Every detail was overseen with such care, and the teamwork displayed was inspiring.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support and dedication. I am profoundly grateful to have such a remarkable team to work with.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty J. Tuggle  
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Chairperson, CLO Nominating Committee

Members, Nominating Committee  
Betty J. Tuggle, Chair, (4<sup>th</sup> District)  
Michael Brown, Vice Chair, (6<sup>th</sup> District)  
Veronica Wiley, Secretary, (9<sup>th</sup> District)  
Corey Williams, Chaplain, (12<sup>th</sup> District)  
Erin Young, Member, (3<sup>rd</sup> District)  
Deborah Membe. Member, (17<sup>th</sup> District)  
Sabatha Mojaki, Member, (15<sup>th</sup> District)