



African Methodist Episcopal Church Connectional Lay Organization (CLO)

CLO Historiographers in Districts 1-20 – April, 2023

Our Goal

“To keep you informed and knowledgeable of the Lay Organization
and its connection to the African Methodist Episcopal Church”

QUESTIONS

1. The AME Church elected four bishops in a **“long night session”** of this General Conference. Who were the four bishops and what year were they consecrated?
2. She was a YAR in the 19th Episcopal District (**R**epublic of **S**outh **A**frica) making a substantial difference in the four years she was elected to serve. What is her name?
3. In what month, dates and year did the Connectional Lay Organization convene a Connectional Summit in South Africa.
4. These 3 persons were known as the **“leaders”** at this General Conference - a layman, a pastor, and a Bishop. Name them: Layman Herbert _____, The Rev. Frank _____, and Bishop D. Ormonde _____. Give the full names of these great leaders.
5. In 1992 she received the distinguished **“Layperson of the Year Plaque ”** for her many significant contributions to her church and Lay Organization in Indiana (4th Episcopal District). She participated as an outstanding Parliamentarian at her local lay in addition to the other significant roles she played in the Lay, her church and community. Name this outstanding woman who gave of herself and her many talents for the betterment of others.
6. She was a former West Conference Lay Organization President from 2001 to 2005 with a focus on education. Name this noted 19th Episcopal District (RSA) laywoman.
7. On March 10, 1863, in Ohio, AME Bishops, with the agreement of the Trustees of this educational institution, agreed to purchase this property for the AME Church. What is the name of the University they purchased?
8. When did the Organized Lay Movement begin? What was this organization called at the time of its inception? Who was the first President?
9. In what Episcopal District and in what year did the Lay Organization movement start in Southern Africa? Who was the first President?
10. When was the Polokwane Episcopal District Lay Organization (RSA) established and who was the first president?

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11. He was elected to serve as President of the AME University in Monrovia, Africa which is located in the 14th District. Name this distinguished educator and preacher.
12. She is the 9th President of Prince George’s Community College. She most recently served for 22 years at Valencia College, Orlando, Florida, in various administrative positions. She is an ordained Itinerant Elder in the AME Church, 2nd Episcopal District and presently serves as the Pastor of Payne Memorial AME Church, Jessup, Maryland. What is her name?
13. This was the first time laymen were elected general officers in the AME Church. It happened at the General Conference of 1896. Name these two distinguished gentlemen.
14. She served as the effervescent President of the 2nd Episcopal District Lay Organization and was distinguished by being a recipient of the *Living Legend Award*, the highest award given by the Bishops of the District. Name this outstanding 2nd District President?
15. Mr. Raymond Davis was a faithful member of St. Paul AME Church in Columbus, Ohio. He authored a pamphlet entitled, **A History of the Connectional Laymen’s Organization**. In addition, he was elected an officer in the Connectional Laymen’s Organization. What position did he serve?
16. While living in Fort Salonga, New York, this gifted Inventor and Historian taught Sunday School at Historic Bethel AME Church in the town of Huntington, NY. Name this distinguished/honored Gentleman?
17. The Lay Organization in India is a part of which Episcopal District?
18. Where is “Mother Emanuel” AME Church located?
19. Until recently, she served as an active participant in the 3rd Episcopal District Lay Organization, however she was noted for her length of service as the Secretary of the Connectional Lay Organization (she was elected before the eight-year rule went into effect). The Organization elected her in keeping with the 1970’s thrust toward greater women’s rights. Name this dedicated and efficient laywomen.
20. In 2014 Sister Ferryneisa Benjamin, a past Episcopal District Lay Organization President, was recognized as a trail blazer by the Virgin Island Restore Hope Mission. She received a Certificate as part of this recognition and she served for 20 years as Assistant Commissioner for the Virgin Islands Department of Human Services. In which Episcopal District did she serve as an elected officer.



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ANSWERS

1. Four Bishops - Decatur Ward Nichols, George Edward Curry, Frank Madison Reid Jr., Alexander Joseph Allen – All were consecrated in 1940.
2. Sister Thabile Ngubeni - Sontshi.
3. March 2-7, 2006.
4. Attorney Hubert L. Dudley, Rev. Frank Madison Reid Jr. and Bishop D. Ormonde Walker. 5. Mrs. Perla Owens Gholston.
6. Sister Catherine Moyase Mvelasa.
7. Wilberforce University.
8. The Lay Movement began in 1912 at the 25th General Conference. The Organization was called the “**Laymen’s Missionary Movement.**” Professor Charles H. Johnson was our first President.
9. 15th Episcopal District in 1968. Doctor Wilfred W. Nduna was the Organizer and first President.
10. In 1986 – Richard Gam Transvaal was the first President.
11. The Rev. Dr. Alvin E. Attah.
12. Dr. Falecia D. Williams.
13. Professor. H. T. Kealing, Editor, AME Review and Professor John R. Hawkins, Secretary of Education.
14. Sister Gertrude Judd Upperman.
15. Connectional Laymen’s Organization Historiographer.
16. Brother Booker Taliaferro Washington.
17. The Fourth Episcopal District.
18. Charleston, South Carolina
19. Mrs. Leona Hubbard Butler (3rd District)
20. 16th Episcopal District.

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