

**AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CONNECTIONAL LAY ORGANIZATION – LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

TEMPLATE

PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR SUBMISSION TO THE 2012 GENERAL CONFERENCE

DIRECTIONS: Discussion of proposed legislation should occur in the local church, the Presiding Elder District, Conference, Episcopal District and Connectional levels. All resulting final proposed legislation should be forwarded to:

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Instructions to Interested Individuals and Lay Organizations in the 1st – 20th Episcopal Districts:

Forward all proposed legislation in the format described herein to:

_____, Legislation Committee Member, _____ Episcopal District,
(name) (number)

Address: _____

Phone: _____ FAX: _____

E-mail: _____

Episcopal District Submission Deadline: Tuesday, February 1, 2011

A.M.E. Church Submission Deadline: Tuesday, March 27, 2012, at 5:00 p.m. (90 days prior to the start of the 49th Quadrennial Session of the General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church).

Instructions: Preparation of Proposed Legislation: Each proposed Bill must adhere to the format below, answering the questions: What? Where? How? Why?

- **Title:** Assign a Title/Subject to the matter presented. (What?) The Title/Subject should be concise, yet clear, typically one line.
- **Reference:** Indicate all sections in the current edition of *The Book of Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church 2008* that are impacted by the proposed legislation. (Where?) Include Part, Section, Article and Page Number(s).
- **Intent:** Explain how the proposed legislation will impact the A.M.E. Church. (How?) Include Objectives, Changes, Additions and other supportive language.
- **Rationale:** Are the changes/modifications/additions necessary? (Why?) Please elaborate.
- **Text:** The text of the proposed legislation should be printed exactly as it is to appear in the revised, 2012 Edition of *The Book of Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church*. Please double space and number each line (1, 2, 3, etc.).

- Legislation that has a budgetary impact must be accompanied by a projected cost of implementation.
- All legislation submitted by the laity should be sent to the Connectional Lay Organization's Legislative Committee for discussion and support.
- This Template for Proposed Legislation may be copied for distribution.

EXAMPLE OF THE PROPER FORMAT FOR PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

BILL NUMBER: AB-00

TITLE: The Quarterly Conference Composition

REFERENCE: The Book of Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church 2008, Part VIII, Section IV.A. Composition (Page 230).

INTENT: To have the Presidents of the Local Lay Organization as members of the Quarterly Conference added to the Discipline.

RATIONALE: Presidents of the Lay Organizations are members of the Official Board, Quarterly Conference, District Conference and Annual Conference.

CONFERENCE: This omission under the Quarterly Conference needs to be corrected.

TEXT: (Add your text here)

1 Current Text: licensed missionary workers, evangelists and the
 2 superintendent of the Church School, the presidents of the
 3 A.C.E, Fellowship and Missionary Societies, administrators of
 4 the A.M.E. Institutions, organizations and agencies, provided
 5 the latter are members of the A.M.E. Church.

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 7 Amended Text: licensed missionary workers, evangelists and
 8 The Superintendent of the Church School, the presidents of
 9 The Lay Organization, A.C.E Fellowship and Missionary
 10 Societies, Administrators of the A.M.E. institutions,
 11 Organizations and agencies, provided the latter are members
 12 Of the A.M.E. Church.

