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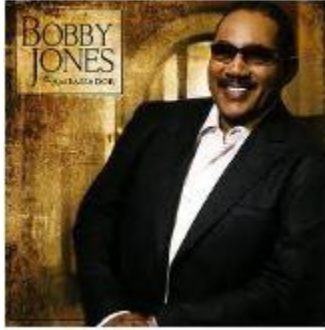
The Connectional Lay Organization Online

Bishop C. Garnett Henning, Sr., Lay Commission Chairman
Dr. Willie C. Glover, President of the Connectional Lay Organization
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Calling ALL Laymen!!

The first official meeting of the members of the Connectional Lay Organization during the 49th Quadrennial Session of the General Conference will be held on June 27th in Nashville, Tennessee. ALL members of the lay organization are asked to be in attendance! Daily meetings are tentatively being scheduled for 7:00 a.m. each day. Episcopal District Presidents will contact members of their Episcopal Districts with the LOCATION and TIME! Delegates are asked to provide their cell phone numbers to the Episcopal District Presidents for contact purposes!

REMINDER: The report of the Lay Organization will be read on Thursday, June 28th. **ALL** members of the lay organization are asked to stand in support of the President's message.



Dr. Bobby Jones to MC Centennial Celebration Breakfast

Dr. Bobby Jones, Grammy Award-winning Gospel music singer and television host from Nashville, Tennessee will be the MC for the Connectional Lay Organization (CLO) Centennial Celebration Breakfast Sunday, July 1, at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee (USA). Dr. Jones is also the host and executive producer of several cable television gospel music programs including *Bobby Jones Gospel*. This celebration will occur during the 49th Session of the General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

The history of the Connectional Lay Organization is one of progress, achievement, and service. At the General Conference, the Connectional Lay Organization will celebrate its 100th anniversary since the passage of the legislation from which evolved the Connectional Lay Organization. This is a praiseworthy milestone in the history of the laity of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. This event is part of the Connectional Lay Organization's celebration of its Centennial year and will serve as a primary fundraiser for the Organization with a focus on supporting its scholarship program, providing global disaster relief funding under the AME Church banner and continuing its program of Lay Witness, Leadership Training and Advocacy – a role the CLO has played through these 100 years. The Connectional Lay Organization President, Dr. Willie C. Glover, stated that "Our centennial year will be a time to give thanks, reflect, celebrate, evaluate, and reposition ourselves for greater service to the Church and the world."

The breakfast promises to be an exciting event and will feature some of the 13th districts top talent and will also include participation from Africa, India, the Caribbean and Europe which reflects the diversity and inclusiveness of the AME denomination. This event represents a huge milestone for the Connectional Lay Organization and we want all who can to participate in this momentous occasion.

The breakfast will take place in the Presidential Ball Room at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel - 2800 Opryland Drive – Nashville, Tennessee. Breakfast will start promptly at 7:00 a.m. (doors will open at 6:15 with open seating unless otherwise noted). Tickets are \$100 and can be secured through the Episcopal District Presidents. Tickets will not be sold at the door. District Presidents can contact Ms. Anna Johnson, breakfast committee co-coordinator, for additional tickets via email anaj1@windstream.net by phone on 859-539-4674. Please see the Connectional Lay Organization Centennial webpage www.connectionally.org or our face book page www.facebook.com for additional insight about Centennial events and the Connectional Lay Organization and its varied programmatic endeavors.

The purpose of the Lay Organization is to organize and train the lay members of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, so that each member may utilize to the maximum the abilities and skills granted by God, in assisting with the improvement and extension of God's kingdom, and creating happiness, peace and harmony among its members.