

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 District, Conference, Episcopal District and Connectional levels. All resulting final proposed legislation should be forwarded to:

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Episcopal District Lay Organization Review Instructions:

Forward all proposed legislation in the enclosed explained format to:

_____, Episcopal Chairperson, Legislation Committee

Address: _____

Ph.: _____ FAX: _____

E-mail: _____

Episcopal District Submission Deadline: February 1, 2011

AME Church Deadline: March 27, 2012 - 5:00 p.m. (90 days prior to the start of the 49th Session of the General Conference, African Methodist Episcopal Church)

Instructions - Proposed Legislation Preparation: Each proposed Bill must adhere to the following format, 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 Doctrine and 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, etc.
- **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 Edition of *The Doctrine and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church 2008* (“double spaced”). Each line should be numbered (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.
- The accompanied Legislative Template may be copied for distribution.

EXAMPLE OF FORMAT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

BILL NUMBER: AB-00

TITLE: The Quarterly Conference Composition

REFERENCE: The Doctrine and 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.



PROPOSED LEGISLATION FORM

Date: _____

Person submitting legislation: _____

District: _____ Conference: _____

Address: _____

Ph. _____ E-mail: _____

1. Check the appropriate response. ___ Existing Legislation; ___ Newly Proposed Legislation
2. Proposed Legislation Adopted/Submitted by: _____ Episcopal District
3. Check the category(ies) that apply. This legislation has been reviewed, discussed and is supported at the following levels:

Local Church Lay Organization	District Lay Organization	Conference Lay Organization	Episcopal District Lay Organization
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4. Existing Legislation now reads: (Quote applicable portion of current legislation; Include rationale for the change.) If more space is needed, please continue on a separate page identified as "No. 4 continued".

5. Proposed NEW wording (by article, section, and subsection). If more space is needed, continue on a separate page identified as “No. 5 continued”.