AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH CONNECTIONAL LAY ORGANIZATION – LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

TEMPLATE

PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR SUBMISSION TO THE 2012 GENERAL CONFERENCE

<u>DIRECTIONS</u>: 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).

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

- <u>Title</u>: 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).
- <u>Intent:</u> 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.
- <u>Text:</u> 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 <u>Current Text: licensed missionary workers, evangelists and the</u>

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

Societies, Administrators of the A.M.E. institutions,

Organizations and agencies, provided the latter are members

Of the A.M.E. Church.





PROPOSED LEGISLATION FORM

Date:								
Person	Submitting Legis	slation:						
District:			Conference:					
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Phone:			_E-mail:					
1.	. Check the appropriate response:Proposed Revision to Existing LegislationProposed New Legislation							
2.	2. This Proposed Legislation concerning has been approved by the : Episcopal District							
3. Check all categories below that apply. This legislation has been reviewed, discussed and is supported at the following levels:								
Local Church Lay Organization: Approval Date: District Lay Organization Approval Date: Approval Date:		ı :	O	_				
4. Existing Legislation now reads as shown in the box below. (Cite the applicable portion of current legislation; Include rationale for the proposed revision. If more space is needed, please continue on a separate page identified as "Item 4 continued.")								
5.	5. List the Proposed NEW Legislation in the box below. Include the proposed Article, Section and Subsection. If more space is needed, continue on a separate page identified as "Item 5 continued."							

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