



February 15, 2023

Local Lay Presidents:

The Spirit of the Lord is on us, because He has anointed us to be His workmanship, we are created in Christ Jesus for good works!

President Barbara Myers and the Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization Biennial Outstanding Lay Person Committee welcome your nominations for the 38th Biennial Convention Outstanding Layperson and Outstanding Young Adult (18-35.)

The award for Connectional Lay Organization Outstanding Layperson and Outstanding YAR of the Biennial allows laity to highlight the good work and accomplishments of outstanding lay members from **March 2019-March 2023**.

Local Lay Presidents are encouraged to submit the nominee(s) to Sister Penny S. Oliver, penny.oliver52@yahoo.com on or before **March 5, 2023**. All emails received will be acknowledged (if you have not received a “received reply” within 24 hours of submission, please call or text 336-348-3259). **Incomplete packages will be returned.**

Only two nominees will be accepted from each church (1 Adult and 1 YAR).

A complete package includes information requested in Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4:

Section 1

- Date of application:
- Nominee’s Name
- Address (include street address, city, state and zip)
- Phone# and email address
- Education
- Occupation
- Episcopal District
- Annual Conference
- Local Church Name
- Address of local church (include street address, city, state and zip)
- Pastor Name

Section 2

Please provide specific experience of the nominee(s) work and service in the Lay Organization at the various levels of the A.M.E. Church (Connectional Level, Episcopal District Level, Annual Conference Level and Local Church level). Include details about how the life of the nominee(s) has been enriched or enhanced **and** how being a member of the Lay Organization of the African Methodist Episcopal Church has enabled the nominee to impact the lives of others. Please elaborate on works, service, and support for the Connectional Lay Organization that includes any attendance at Biennial conventions or meetings and/or serving on Connectional standing or Convention Committees.

Section 3

Please share the nominee's involvement or participation in other church and community organizations, including positions held and achievements attained. Highlight the achievements that are extraordinary in scholastics, employment, or within the community.

- Other Church Organizations/Board/Auxiliaries
- Community involvement including positions/offices held and projects/ventures developed under your leadership
- Significant Honors and Awards

Section 4

The Nominee(s) is to submit:

- Short bio, not to exceed 500 words
 - Share your story – family, career, achievements, favorite scripture or quote
 - Share your lay organization story – how you came to be a member of the lay organization
 - Share your thoughts – what does it mean to be an ambassador of African Methodism and how is this definition reflected in your involvement/activism in the church and community
- Color photograph (jpeg headshot)
- Letter of reference
 - Local lay organization president
 - Annual Conference lay organization president

Nominations are not complete unless the WNCC-LO Biennial Committee receives all items in Section 1, 2, 3, and 4 on or before **March 5, 2023**. **Only two nominees will be accepted per church (1 Adult and 1 YAR).**

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“Living a Global Witness Ministry That Transforms, Transcends and Liberates: Luke 4:18-19

WNCCLO Biennial Outstanding Lay Person Committee

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