

FLORIDA CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION
Eleventh Episcopal District
African Methodist Episcopal Church

ANNUAL CONVENTION
April 17-18, 2026

Theme: Preparing our Hearts and Minds for Service

"Therefore, prepare your minds for action, discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when He is revealed."

1 Peter 1:13 (NRSVue)



CONVENTION COMMITTEES' REPORTS
2026

Mr. Donald L. Russell, Florida Conference President
Mrs. Rebecca Pittman, Florida Conference DOLA

Florida Conference Lay Organization

*Eleventh Episcopal District
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CONVENTION STANDING RULES

The following are proposed as the Standing Rules governing the Florida Conference Lay Organization Day and ½ Annual Convention:

Rule # 1

The Day and ½ Annual Convention of the Florida Conference Lay Organization (FCLO) shall convene virtually, on April 17, 2026, and in person on April 18, 2026.

Rule #2

The Convention Guide, as adopted by the Convention, shall be the official program for the Convention.

Rule #3

While in Zoom Conferencing, delegates devices should remain on “mute” when not speaking and video should be on the off position while away from device. Using the Zoom phone, delegates should remain muted when not speaking by using the feature of *6 to mute/unmute.

While addressing the convention, or making a report, the delegate video should be remain on while speaking.

Rule #4

The presence of a quorum shall be established by registered delegates participating. For the in-person meeting, a majority of the members of each District of the Annual Conference registered delegates shall constitute a quorum. The continued presence of a quorum shall be determined by the number of delegates present.

Rule #5

There shall be a Registration/Credential Committee, appointed by the President, to serve during the Convention. The Registration/Credential Committee shall be responsible for the supervision of the accreditation of delegates and for registering all persons through the Districts of the Annual Conference Lay Organizations. All registrants must pay the appropriate established fee of \$ 40. Registration for the FCLO Day and ½ Annual Convention shall open on March 19, 2026, and end April 10, 2026. On-site registration will be available at the convention for a fee of \$ 50.00, however, kit materials may not be available. The Registration/Credential

Committee shall give a report at the first Business Session of the Convention and a final report during the third Business Session.

Rule #6

The “order of business” of the Convention shall be the first item of business at the opening session of the Convention. The Convention shall be conducted in accordance with the Florida Conference Lay Organization Constitution and Bylaws, special rules incorporated herein, and pertinent provisions established for the Convention. Items and matters not specifically covered otherwise shall be governed by Robert’s Rules of Order (newly revised).

Rule #7

There shall be an official Parliamentarian to whom questions may be directed through the presiding officer only. If deemed advisable by the presiding officer, a question may be referred to the Rules Committees for interpretation.

Rule #8

Delegates must be recognized by the presiding officer before speaking. To be recognized on the Zoom application using your smart phone or computer, are ask to use the raised hand feature or speak and wait to be recognized by the presiding officer or a facilitator who will alert the presiding officer. To be recognized using your phone or in-person, please speak and wait to be recognized by the presiding officer. A delegate shall speak only once during debate on the same subject, issue, or question, and is limited to two (2) minutes to speak, until every delegate desiring to speak on the subject, issue, or question has had an opportunity to do so.

Rule #9

All delegates shall have an opportunity to vote. Voting on issues shall be done using the Zoom poll function, and/or a voice vote. Using the Zoom application, a poll will be displayed on the screen. For delegates dialing in from their locations, verbal instruction will be given regarding how to submit their votes.

Rule #10

All reports presented at the Convention shall be transmitted electronically, with exceptions, and shall be sent to the delegates’ email addresses, listed in their registration, on or before the report is presented.

Rule #11

No action shall be considered invalid due to a lost connection or poor quality of a member internet which prevents participation in the meeting. The presiding officer may direct the disconnecting or muting of a member’s connection if it causes undue interference during the meeting. The presiding officer’s decision to do so shall be announced during the meeting and recorded in the official minutes.

Rule #12

A specific part of these standing rules may be suspended, provided that:

1. A proper motion to suspend the desired section is presented (made);
2. The motion is properly supported by a second; and

3. The Convention approves the motion with a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegation.

Minutes

The minutes as recorded by the recording Secretary and staff, are written to include all actions taken at our Day and ½ Annual Convention. These minutes were presented at our Quarterly Meeting on May 31, 2025, for approval, however, the delegates at the Day and ½ Annual Convention should have an opportunity to review and adopt any actions of the Organization.

Convention Theme: *“Revive our Souls again in this New Season” Psalm 85:5*

Friday, April 11, 6:00pm (EDT) on zoom

FCLO Annual Convention Business Session I

1st Vice President, Sister Carolyn Hill, called Business Session I to order and presented the Chaplain, Sister Barbara Patterson, to conduct the devotion.

Sister Patterson prayed and read the scripture, Romans 12:2 ending the devotion.

Roll Call - The officers announced themselves in the chat.

Present: Donald Russell, Carolyn Hill, Yolanda Foxx-Palmer, Jennifer Lawson, Annie McCelvy, Ethel Wooten, Marrie McQueen, Barbara Patterson, Cassandra Jenkins, Rebecca Pittman, Sharon K. Russell, LaTasha Jones, Henry Lamar Love, Patricia McCallister, Mary Silva, LaDonna Hogue, Priscilla Salter.

Adoption of Convention Guide – President Russell made one change, Item G, Treasurer’s Report on Business Session I was moved to Business Session III. The Convention Guide was approved by common consent with the recommended change.

Standing Rules - Sister Cassandra Jenkins, Committee Chair, read the Standing Rules. After the reading, Sister Priscilla Salter moved to approve the Standing Rules as presented. Sister Sharon Russell seconded. The motion was approved.

Registration/Credential Report – President Russell read the Registration/Credential Report for the convention as of April 8, 2025.

Pensacola Panama City District	11
Marianna District	7
Quincy-Monticello District	9
Tallahassee District	19
Total Registered as of April 8, 2025	46

Age group of registrants:

A) 18-35 1 B) 36-50 5 C) 51-65 6 D) 66+ 19 Age group not reported 19

President’s Message - President Russell gave his annual “President’s Message” to the FCLO.

Sister Barbara Patterson moved to accept the report as presented. Sister Sharon Russell seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

President Donald Russell presided after the adoption of the President Address.

Minutes - The Minutes of The All-Hands Executive Board Meetings February 13, 2025, and March 13, 2025, were sent to everyone prior to the meeting. Sister Ola Irvin moved to accept the minutes with

necessary corrections. Sister Carolyn Hill seconded. No corrections were noted, and the motion was adopted.

Brother Russell presented Sister Tomeka Norton Brown, a staff member of ACTS2, for a health moment. ACTS2 offers free support services to caregivers of loved ones with Alzheimer's disease. She gave an update on the ACTS2 Program. The program is expanded to include the entire state of Florida. All services are free. The program has great partnerships. If anyone is interested in having a workshop presented, please reach out to them.

Officers' Reports – Stewardship reports were given by 1st Vice President, Sister Carolyn Hill, 2nd Vice President, Sister Yolanda Foxx-Palmer, Third Vice President, Sister Jennifer Lawson, Recording Secretary, Sister Annie McCelvy, Assistant Recording Secretary, Sister Ethel Wooten, Corresponding Secretary, Sister Delbra McGriff, Treasurer, Sister Sharolyn Galloway, Financial Secretary, Sister Marrie McQueen, Chaplain, Sister Barbara Patterson, Parliamentarian, Sister Cassandra Jenkins, Director of Lay Activities, Sister Rebecca Pittman, Director of Public Relations, Sister Sharon Russell, and the Young Adult Representative, Sister LaTasha Jones.

District Presidents Reports –

Pensacola Panama City District – Brother Raymond Jackson read the report in the absence of President Joseph Johnson.

Marianna District – President Patricia McCallister read the report.

Quincy Monticello District – President Henry Love read the report.

Tallahassee District – Sister Connie Jenkins-Pye read the report for President Mary Silva, who was traveling.

There were no acknowledgements or announcements.

Business Session I concluded.

A wellness break was given before the Opening Worship.

FCLO Annual Convention Opening Worship

Friday, April 11, 2025, 7:30pm (EDT), Zoom Conferencing

Worship Leader - Brother Frank Trueblood

Call to Worship – Dr. Kyle Harris

Prayer of Invocation – Brother Leroy Kelley

Scripture Reading – Brother Frank Trueblood

Summary of Decalogue – Brother Donald Russell

Recognition of Honorees – Brother Donald Russell

The Men of Distinction Honorees were:

Pensacola Panama City District – Brother Robert Lane

Marianna District – Brother Demetrius Patterson Lewis

Quincy Monticello District - Brother Kelvin Hereford

Tallahassee District – Brother Kent A. Pearcey

The Preached Word - The Reverend Dr. Carlton L. Taylor, Presiding Elder of the Tallahassee District.

Invitation to Christian Discipleship - The Reverend Willie Merrick, Pastor, Flipper Chapel AME Church, Tallahassee

Remarks - Sister Rebecca Pittman, Director of Lay Activities

Brother Donald Russell, Florida Conference Lay Organization President

Brother John Love, Eleventh Episcopal District Lay Organization President
The program concluded with Doxology and Lay Benediction.

FCLO Annual Convention, Day 2, Saturday, April 12, 2025, 9:00-12:00 noon (EDT)

**Anderson Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Tallahassee, the Reverend Freddie Glenn,
Pastor**

Business Session II, President Donald Russell presiding

Call to Order - President Russell called Business Session II to order.

Devotion – Chaplain, Sister Barbara Patterson, led the opening song, “We Praise Thee, O God.” Sister Vera Gibbs, Tallahassee District, prayed. Brother Ronnie Price, Marianna District, read the scripture, Ephesians 1:3-13. A song, “The Lord is Blessing Me” ended the devotion.

Bible Study - Brother Charlie Nichols, Connectional Lay Organization Chaplain.

His subject was “A Message in the Lenten Season.” The scripture reference was Joel. Joel was a minor prophet in the Old Testament. Joel’s prophecies focus on repentance, restoration and divine blessing for God’s people if they return to Him. A few of the points from the study:

- Repentance lies at the heart of the Lenten Season.
- Lent is a season of turning away from sin and turning back to God.
- God wants genuine transformation of the heart.
- God wants your heart and not your garments.
- God desires sincere repentance, heartfelt connection, and a return to His presence.
- No matter how far one may have wandered, God welcomes us back when we turn to Him with a true heart.

Greetings and Presentations - President Russell greeted the attendees and welcomed everyone to the FCLO Annual Convention. He presented plaques to the Men of Distinction honorees that were celebrated at the Virtual Opening Worship last evening.

Learning Lab I – “The Connectional Church Structure” - Brother Nicholas Causey, President, East Conference Lay Organization, Presenter.

Learning Lab II – “The Local Church” – Retired Presiding Elder, the Reverend Ralph Wilson, Presenter.

Business Session III

Committee Reports:

Audit Committee – The committee has conducted an internal audit of the finances of the FCLO. All funds have been received and disbursed in accordance with the approved budget of the FCLO. The Director of the Stewardship and Budget Committee does not have access to the account. All Funds are accounted for.

Sister LaDonna Hogue, Director, Stewardship & Finance

Constitution and Bylaws - No proposed changes to the FCLO Constitution were received.

Sister Cassandra Jenkins, Chair

Legislation – No proposed legislation was presented to the committee.

Sister Yolanda Foxx-Palmer, Chair

Scholarship/Awards – Eight (8) Selmo Bradley or Willie Williams Applications were received.

Quincy-Monticello District -1

Tallahassee District – 7

No applications arrived after the posted deadline date.

The applications have not been forwarded to the EEDLO Scholarship Committee.

One application was received for the Hall of Fame Award, Pensacola-Panama City District, Brother Charlie Nichols.

Sister Carolyn Hill, Chair

Benevolence -Three (3) resolutions were written and sent by the committee.

The Benevolence Policy does not need to be updated at this time.

Sister Jennifer Lawson, Chair

Organizational and Officers Effectiveness – There has been no notification of any officers not performing his/her duties in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws.

Sister Priscilla Salter, Chair

81st Annual Session EEDLO Convention:

The South Conference Lay Organization will host the 81st EEDLO Convention June 24-27, 2025, at the Hilton Palm Beach Hotel Airport, West Palm Beach, Florida. The rooms are \$139.00 per night.

Registration is \$125.00 and can be done on the EEDLO Website.

Each District of the Annual Conference Lay Organization of the Florida Conference elected a delegate to serve as a conference delegate. The delegates are Estell Hogan, PPCD, Dorothy Barbara Patterson, Marianna, Johnnie Hill, QMD, and Ric Mathis, Tallahassee. Sister Cassandra Jenkins moved to elect the district representatives as conference delegates. Sister Carolyn Hill and Dr. Kyle Harris seconded. The motion was adopted. The delegates should not register themselves, the FCLO will register the conference delegates.

The Florida Conference Lay Organization will make a presentation at the 81st EEDLO Convention inviting the EEDLO to the Florida Conference for the 82nd EEDLO Convention. Sister Connie Jenkins-Pye was appointed chair of the Presentation Committee.

President Russell will appoint Host Committee Chairs later for the souvenir journal, transportation, banquet, logistics, hospitality and other committees as needed.

39th Biennial Session of the Connectional Lay Organization

The Session will be held July 7-11, 2025, in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Road to General Conference 2028 part 2– President Russell stated that following General Conference 2024 and the years leading up to the election of delegates to General Conference 2028 the members of the Florida Conference Lay Organization will continue to have a conversation about insuring delegate representation from across the conference, not just some of the districts. He wants all of us to consider what we can do to ensure that a member from each district of the annual Conference is elected as a delegate to the 2028 General Conference.

2026 Election/Voter Engagement –

President Russell encouraged each of us to start talking now about Voter Education and Voter Mobilization. The upcoming elections will be very important, and results may affect our livelihoods. Become involved in social action in our communities.

Financial Report -

Sister Marrie McQueen, Financial Secretary, read the report.

Sister Rosa Robinson moved to receive the financial report. Sister Vera Gibbs seconded. The motion was adopted.

Business Session IV –

Celebration of Service– Sister Jennifer Lawson, FCLO Benevolent Chair, Presiding

Song of Hope, Congregation

The Prayer, Chaplain Barbara Patterson

Roll Call, President Donald Russell

Tributes included dignitaries across the AMEC Connection, Ministers, and Lay of the Florida Conference.

Bishop Frederick Calhoun James-93, Bishop Frank Curtis Cummings-95, Bishop Henry Allen Belin, Jr.-104, Bishop Robert Vaughn Webster-110, Bishop Anne Henning-Byfield-135

Supervisor, Christy Davis Jackson, Supervisor Lola Nixon Cheltenham, Supervisor Cecelia Williams Bryant

General Officer, Reverend Jerome V. Harris, Judicial Council, Judge Warren Hope Dawson Florida Conference Minister, the Reverend Magelean Edwards

Florida Conference Lay, Sisters Carrie W. Price and Avonette Robinson Henry, Marianna District, Sister Lillie Hartsfield Ross Young, QMD, Sisters Lillie Mae Robinson and Mary Robinson Hicks, Tallahassee District.

The Celebration of Service concluded with Prayer by Second Vice President, Sister Jennifer Lawson and the singing of the Song of Triumph, "When We All Get Together" by the congregation.

Election/Installation of Officers

EEDLO President, Brother John Love, conducted the Election of FCLO Conference Officers 2025-2027. The slate of officers presented by the Nominating Committee was approved by the body.

		# of Years Served
President	Donald Russel	4
1 st Vice President	Carolyn K. Hill	4
2 nd Vice President	Yolanda Foxx-Palmer	2
3 rd Vice President	Jennifer Lawson	4
Recording Secretary	Annie McCelvy	4
Assistant Recording Secretary	Vera Gibbs	0
Corresponding Secretary	Ethel Wooten	0
Treasurer	LaTasha Jones	0
Financial Secretary	Marrie W. McQueen	6
Chaplain	Dorothy Barbara Patterson	4
Historiographer	Sharon Russell	0
Parliamentarian	Cassandra Jenkins	6
Director of Lay Activities	Rebecca Pittman	4
Director of Public Relations		
Young adult Representative (YAR)		

With no contested offices on the slate, Brother Love declared each of the officers elected. The 2025-2027 FCLO Officers were presented to the body. Brother Love installed the newly elected officers and congratulated them.

President Russell did a wrap up of the Convention and encouraged all attendees to stop in the fellowship hall next door to pick up a Lunch to Go.

The FCLO Annual Convention adjourned with the Lay Benediction.

Annie G. McCelvy
Recording Secretary

Donald L. Russell
President

Adopted May 31, 2025

Treasurers Report

The treasurer is required to make a Financial Report to the body during our Quarterly Meetings
and at the seat of our Annual Convention.

		Florida Conference Lay Organization Treasurer Report 01/25/26-04/10/26		
Previous Balance				\$5,787.95
Income				\$16,980.00
2/4/2026				
	Tallahassee District	Selma Bradley Scholarship		\$500.00
	QMD	Quarterly Offering		\$100.00
	Rev. J. Ford	Christmas Fellowship		\$40.00
	Tallahassee District	Budget		\$3,500.00
	Tallahassee District	Quarterly Offering		\$100.00
	Mt. Ararat	Souvenir Journal Ad		\$100.00
	Marianna District	Quarterly Offering		\$100.00
	PPC District	Quarterly Offering		\$100.00
2/19/2026				
	100 Black Men	Full page Ad		\$100.00
2/20/2026				
	Patricia McCallister	Christmas Fellowship		\$200.00
	PPC District	Selma Bradley Scholarship		\$500.00
	PPC District	Budget		\$3,500.00
03/18/2026				
	Sanjena Clay	Full page Ad		\$100.00
3/21/2026				
	QMD	Budget		\$3,500.00
	QMD	Selma Bradley Scholarship		\$500.00
	Marianna District	Budget		\$4,000.00
	Patricia McCallister	Christmas Fellowship		\$40.00
Disbursements				\$15,453.46
2/20/2026	Ck# 1163	Brenda Banks	Benevolence	\$25.00
3/2/2026	Ck# 1164	11th Episcopal District	1/2 budget	\$6,300.00
	Ck# 1165	11th Episcopal District	Scholarship	\$2,000.00
	Ck# 1166	Donald Russell	Mid Year Travel	\$300.00
	Ck# 1167	Carolyn Hill	Reim. Convention Sov.	\$325.66
3/23/2026	Ck#1168	11th Episcopal District	1/2 budget	\$6,300.00
	Ck#1169	USAA	Reim. bus deposit	\$202.80
RECAPITULATION				
Balance brought forward				\$5,787.95
Total income				\$16,980.00
Total disbursements				\$15,453.46
BALANCE				\$7,314.49

REGISTRATION REPORT

The Registration Committee report is generated from all persons (weather clergy or lay) who has paid the appropriate fee established for the Day and ½ Convention. All registration must come through the Districts of the Annual Conference Lay Organization.

Total Registration: **54**
as of April 14, 2026

By the Districts

Marianna District: **8**
Quincy-Monticello District: **9**
Tallahassee District: **16**
Pensacola-Panama City District: **21**

<u>District Name</u>	<u>Laity</u>	<u>Young Adult</u>	<u>Clergy</u>
• Marianna District	7	0	1
• Quincy-Monticello District	9	0	0
• Tallahassee District	15	0	1
• Pensacola-Panama City District	20	0	1

Age Group of Registrants

A. 18-35: **0**
B. 36-50: **2**
C. 51-65: **12**
D. 66+: **26**
Not Reported: **14**

CREDENTIAL REPORT

Credentials report is generated from the registration of lay delegates who are present to vote on any issue or election of the Organization. Once delegate receives his/her kit a credential card will be issued. This form is to be completed by the committee in person and reported during Business Session III.

Total Credential Lay Delegates:

	Registered	Credentialed
Marianna District	7	1
Quincy-Monticello District	9	7
Tallahassee District	14	10
Pensacola-Panama City District	<u>21</u>	<u>11</u>
	51	29

Note: Credential Committee' Report is a report of ALL registered delegates who are present at the meeting.

AME V-ALERT REPORT



VOTER REGISTRATION EDUCATION and MOBILIZATION

Report

April 10, 2026

“Blessed are the voters with pure hearts, who educate and encourage voters with apathy and disillusionments to register and VOTE, for they shall see a VOTER turnout on Election Day.”

(Rev. Dr. Mankekolo Mahlangu-Ngcobo of South Africa A.M.E. Church)

To President Donald Russell, other officers and members of the Florida Conference Lay Organization:

Mission Statement

The mission of Voter Registration, Education and Mobilization (Get Out the Vote), is to inspire, encourage, and create a sense of urgency for a strong voter turn out of African Americans in all elections, especially the 2026 Florida gubernatorial election.

Goal:

To increase the number of African Americans registered voters and voters within and beyond the geographical boundary of the Florida Conference.

Objectives:

1. To identify, encourage, and assist un-registered members in your local church, neighborhood/ and the immediate neighborhoods/ Service Area to register and to vote in all elections.
2. To identify, encourage and assist youths ages 16 and 17 years old to pre-register to vote and youths aged 18 to register and to vote.
3. To identify and inform persons with past felony convictions of their restoration of voting rights according to Florida's Amendment 4. Encourage and assist them to register and to vote.
4. Encourage pastor of local churches to conduct a 100% Congregational Voter Registration Survey to determine registered and non-registered members.
 - Encourage registered voters to vote and check their registration and voting status.
 - Encourage and assist non-registered members to register and to vote.
5. Visit your County Office of Election and obtain a copy of the following important resources:
 - A copy of African American registered voters in your city or town. You may need to pay a small fee, but it is very important. It is a tool for identifying registered and unregistered voters
 - A copy of the County 2026 Voter Guide
6. To group or organize local churches by counties and assist local church and County Coordinator.
7. To review and keep an update on all legislative bills or issues that suppress the political participation and voting rights of African Americans.
 - Florida's new voting laws

- Senate Bill 7050 (SB70)
 - Senate Bill 900 (SB 90)
 - Project 25
 - Redistricting
8. To support and coordinate with the Episcopal Coordinator in their Get Out The Vote (GOTV) Plan of Action for the 2026 Florida gubernatorial election, Rev. Jimmie Dickie and Sister Sharon Russell, Episcopal Coordinators of Voter Registration, Education and Mobilization, and Rev. Dr. Ronney Clark, Episcopal Coordinator of Social Justice.
 9. Coordinate the inclusion of a Voter Registration, Education and GOTV Learning Lab at our Fifth Saturday meetings.
 10. To present workshop “Be Informed Before Going to the Polls”
 11. Encourage local church to participate or set a day for “Souls to the Polls”
 12. Know key election and other important dates.

I encourage every local church to download or obtain a copy of the AME V Alert Toolkit.

Barbara Dorothy Patterson, Chair-AME V-Alert

AUDIT REPORT

1. Has the committee conducted an internal audit of the finances of the FCLO? **YES**
2. Have all funds been received and disbursed in accordance with the approved budget of the organization? *If no, please explain* **YES**
3. Are all funds housed in the Florida Conference Lay Organization account with Bank of America? **YES**

LaDonna Hogue, Director
Stewardship and Finance Committee

THE BUDGET & STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Budget 2026-2028

Conference Years

100 - PROPOSED INCOME

101 - DISTRICTS BUDGET

Marianna (25%)	\$3,500.00	
Tallahassee (25%)	\$3,500.00	
Pensacola-Panama City (25%)	\$3,500.00	
Quincy/Monticello (25%)	<u>\$3,500.00</u>	
		\$14,000.00

102 - QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP OFFERING

\$125 per District of the Annual Conference/Other Offering/Gifts		\$2,000.00
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103 - FCLO CONVENTION WORKSHOP

\$50.00 (estimated 75 members)	\$3,750.00	
\$20.00 (Youth Ages 13-17) (estimated 10 members)	\$200.00	
\$5.00 (Youth Ages 0-12) (estimated 10 members)	\$50.00	
*Registration fee includes kits, continental breakfast, and lunch		
		\$4,000.00

104 - ANNUAL LAY DAY

\$25 pre-offering with 25 members per district (est. 100 members)		\$2,500.00
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105 - CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP/LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT BANQUET

\$40.00 Tickets with at least 25 members/district (estimate 100 members)	<u>\$4,000.00</u>	\$4,000.00
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106 - Selmo Bradley Scholarship

Marianna (25%)	\$500.00	
Tallahassee (25%)	\$500.00	
Pensacola-Panama City (25%)	\$500.00	
Quincy/Monticello (25%)	<u>\$500.00</u>	
		\$2,000.00

107 - FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE/LAY WITNESS PROGRAM

		\$2,500.00
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108 – OTHERS


		\$0.00
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ESTIMATED INCOME AVAILABLE

		\$31,000.00
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200-PROPOSED EXPENDITURES

201 - EPISCOPAL BUDGET	\$12,600.00
202 - PRESIDENT	\$2,000.00
CLO Biennial Travel (including registration)	
EEDLO Convention Travel (including registration)	
Planning Meeting	
Mid-Year Convention	
CEYLC	
EEDLO Fall Executive Board Meeting	
EEDLO Retreat	
EEDLO Executive Board Meetings	
Intra-Conference Travel	
203 - DIRECTOR OF LAY ACTIVITIES	\$1,500.00
CLO Biennial Travel (including registration)	
EEDLO Convention Travel (including registration)	
Planning Meeting	
Mid-Year Convention	
CEYLC	
EEDLO Fall Executive Board Meeting	
EEDLO Retreat	
EEDLO Executive Board Meetings	
204 - YOUNG ADULT REPRESENTATIVE	\$1,500.00
CLO Biennial Travel (including registration)	
EEDLO Convention Travel (including registration)	
Planning Meeting	
Mid-Year Convention	
CEYLC	
EEDLO Fall Executive Board Meeting	
EEDLO Retreat	
EEDLO Executive Board Meetings	
205 - CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP/LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT BANQUET	\$3,000.00
*An itemized budget will be presented to the executive board prior to event.	
206 - FCLO CONVENTION	\$1,500.00
*An itemized budget will be presented to the executive board for approval prior to the Convention.	
207 - ANNUAL LAY DAY EXPENSE	\$250.00
208 – DELEGATES	\$2,880.00
EEDLO Annual Convention Registration (4 @ \$125 each)	\$500.00
EEDLO Annual Convention Stipend (4 @ \$300)	\$1,200.00
CLO Biennial Registration (4 @ \$295 each)	\$1,180.00

209 - FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE/LAY WITNESS		\$450.00
Speaker	\$200.00	
Church School	\$100.00	
Technology Support	\$150.00	
210 - CONFERENCE ADMINISTRATION		\$2,560.00
Advertisements	\$300.00	
Stipend for Secretary	\$100.00	
Stipend for Financial Secretary	\$100.00	
Stipend for Treasurer	\$200.00	
Bank Fees	\$200.00	
Honorarium	\$500.00	
Photographs/Printing	\$200.00	
FCLO Website	\$800.00	
FCLO Zoom	\$160.00	
211 - BENEVOLENCE		\$500.00
212 - SELMO BRADLEY SCHOLARSHIP (\$500 per district)		\$2,000.00
213 - DAY OF SHARING		\$100.00
214 - CONTINGENCY		\$160.00
*With the approval of the Executive Board prior to disbursement.		
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES		\$31,000.00
Total Income		\$31,000.00
Total Expenses		\$31,000.00
Balance		\$0.00
LaDonna Hogue, Director		
Marrie McQueen, Financial Secretary		
La'Tasha Jones, Treasurer		
		
Patricia McCallister, Marianna District		
Charlie Nichols, Pensacola- Panama City District		
Henry Lamar Love, Quincy Monticello District		
Mary Silva, Tallahassee District		

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS REPORT

1. Are there any proposed amendments to the FCLO Constitution? **NO**

If so, list them

Cassandra Jenkins, Chair
Constitution & Bylaws Committee

LEGISLATION REPORT

1. Are there any proposed legislation that was presented to the Committee? **NO**

If so, list them

Yolanda Foxx-Palmer, Chair
Legislative Committee

LAY BENEVOLENCE REPORT

1. How many resolutions were written and sent by the committee? **17**
2. Does the Benevolence policy of the FCLO need to be updated?
(if so, list update(s)) **NO**

Jennifer Lawson, Chair
Lay Benevolence Committee

FLORIDA CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION

Benevolence Guidelines

Eligibility

- **Active Members:**

Those who are in good and regular standing: have been in attendance and supportive of the Conference Lay Organization at least two times during the conference year.

- **Previous Active Members:**

Currently unable to be active due to present illness, confinement at home or a facility.

- **Extended Courtesies Recommendations:**

Active members Immediate family: spouse, parents/guardian, siblings and children.

Suggested Acts of Kindness:

- Accident or Illnesses: Active members of the Lay Organization will receive \$ 25.00 (this courtesy will be extended not more than twice during the conference year)
- Lengthy Illness: Active members send a card quarterly.
- **Deaths:**
 - **Active members:**
 - A monetary gift of \$50.00 with a sympathy card to the deceased member family, or to an organization of choice, and a plant, (not to exceed a cost of \$75.00)
 - **Immediate Family Member:**
 - A monetary gift of \$25.00 and a sympathy card.

Resolutions:

A Resolution will be prepared for deceased active members, immediate families of active members and dignitaries by the benevolent committee of the Conference Lay Organization and forwarded to the designated Church/Funeral Home prior to the date of the Home going service.

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ORGANIZATIONAL AND OFFICES EFFECTIVENESS

1. Have you received any notification of any Officers not performing his/her duties in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws? **NO**
(if so, how has the matter been resolved?)

Priscilla Salter, Chair
Organizational and Officers' Effectiveness Committee

SCHOLARSHIP/AWARDS

Scholarship/Awards

1. How many Selmo Bradley or Willie J Williams Scholarship Applications were received by the committee? **3**

Marianna District: 1
Tallahassee District: 2

Quincy-Monticello District: 0
Pensacola-Panama City District: 0

2. Have any applications arrived after the posted deadline date? **No**
If so, list number/district: N/A

3. Has the committee forwarded scholarship applications to the EEDLO Scholarship Committee? **Yes, sent postmarked on April 15, 2026.**

4. How many Hall of Fame Award Applications were received by the Committee? **0**

Marianna District: 0
Tallahassee District: 0

Quincy-Monticello District: 0
Pensacola-Panama City District:

5. Has the committee met the deadline established by the EEDLO Awards Committee? N/A If so, list the recipient(s)

Carolyn Hill, Chair
Scholarship Committee