

Tenth Episcopal District Lay Organization 2025 Biennial Delegate Eligibility Criteria

1. All nominees must be a part of an active lay organization at all levels: local, district of the annual conference (**where it exists**), conference, and episcopal district.
2. All nominees must be in **good and regular standing** in their **Local Church Lay Organization, District of the Annual Conference Lay Organization (where it exists), Conference Lay Organization, and the Tenth Episcopal District Lay Organization**. The eligibility criteria for Biennial Delegates are clearly outlined in the **Connectional Constitution & By-Laws**. These details can be found in **Article IV - Membership, Sections 1 and 2**, on **pages 502-503** of the **2021 Book of Doctrine & Discipline**.

Section 1. Membership in this organization is open to all lay (un-ordained) members of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, in good and regular standing, in their Local, District of the Annual Conference, Conference, and Episcopal District Lay Organizations. Good and regular standing is defined as every member being governed by the Constitution of the Lay Organization, pays required dues as set by his/her local lay organization attending fifty percent (50%) of the local lay organization meetings, and participating at the Conference Lay, Districts of the Annual Conference Lay, and Episcopal District Lay Organization levels.

3. Good and regular standing is defined as having attended and registered at regularly scheduled meetings as reflected on **attendance records** and **financial records**, which are maintained by the President and/or the Recording Secretary/Treasurer.
4. All nominees must have attended **four** of the Tenth Episcopal District Lay Organization meetings in the previous two conference years: 2022-2023 (11/2022-08/2023) and 2023-2024 (11/2023-08/2024).
5. **The Letter of Intent** should be sent to the Chairperson of the Nomination Committee. The Letter of Intent **must be received** no later than **January 25, 2025**. **Any letters of Intent received after January 25, 2025, will not be considered.**

The local lay president of your local church should sign the Letter of Intent. The **Letter of Intent** should also be signed by the District of the Annual Conference president, which indicates that you are in good and regular standing in the District Lay Organization.

The **Letter of Intent** should also be signed by the Conference President, indicating that you are in good and regular standing in the Conference Lay Organization. **If the nominee is the president of the Local Lay Organization, then the 1st Vice President should sign The Letter of Intent instead of the local president.**

A copy of the Letter of Intent is attached.

Note: Nominations from the floor will not be considered because eligibility must be determined prior to the day of the election.

6. **Letters of Intent** for the 2025 Biennial Election Nominations should be sent to the following address or email:

Mailing Address:

Mr. Royce B. Smith
P.O. Box 1405
Temple, TX 76503

Email:

You may also email the completed application to **roycebsmith@gmail.com**, ensuring that the email includes a stamped date of submission.

7. Elected Biennial Delegates **must** provide a **written report (two (2) copies)** to the Tenth Episcopal District Lay Organization following the 2025 Biennial Session. **One** written **report copy** will be given to the **Recording Secretary** and the **second copy** to the **Historiographer** for the **archival records** for the Tenth Episcopal District **body at the next regularly scheduled meeting following the Biennial Session.**
8. Please direct any questions to the chairperson of the nomination committee.

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**Tenth Episcopal District Lay Organization
African Methodist Episcopal Church**

Dr. Rodrick Moore, President

Mr. Royce B. Smith, Nomination Committee Chair

Bishop Ronnie Elijah Brailsford, Sr., Presiding Prelate

LETTER OF INTENT

(To seek nomination for the Tenth Episcopal District Lay Delegate to the 2025 Lay Biennial)

Instructions: Please complete the letter of Intent, secure the necessary signatures, and return it to the Nominating Committee Chair- Royce B. Smith, P.O. Box 1405, Temple, TX 76503/roycebsmith@gmail.com. The Letter of Intent must be postmarked by January 25, 2025.

I seek nomination for the Tenth Episcopal District Lay Delegate to the 2025 Lay Biennial of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. I have read and understood the 2025 Biennial Delegate Eligibility Criteria as spelled out in the Connectional Constitution & By-Laws. Article IV- Membership Section 1-Section 2 (pages 502- 503 of the 2021 Book of Doctrine & Discipline of the AME Church) and agree to comply with the same.

Please find below my experience and qualifications for the Tenth Episcopal District Delegate to the 2025 Lay Biennial of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. I give permission to the Nominating Committee to speak with any and all persons necessary to verify my qualifications for this nomination.

If for any reason, I wish to withdraw, I must notify the Nomination Committee Chair- Royce B. Smith, by: **electronic mail:** roycebsmith@gmail.com, **regular mail:** P.O. Box 1405, Temple, Texas 76503, or **telephone:** 731-217-8924.

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ Email Address _____

Local Church _____ Pastor _____

Local Lay President _____

How long have you been an active member of the local lay organization? _____

List activities that you are currently participating in the: Local Lay; District of the Annual Conference; Conference; and Tenth Episcopal District Lay Organization.

Explain why you feel that you are the best candidate to serve as a Tenth Episcopal District Delegate to the 2025 Lay Biennial.

Nominee's Signature _____ Date _____

*Local President's Name (Please Print) _____

*Local President's Signature _____ Date _____

District President's Name (Please Print) _____

District President's Signature _____ Date _____

Conference President's Name (Please Print) _____

Conference President's Signature _____ Date _____

Nominating Committee Chair's Signature _____ Date _____

***Note: If the local president is the nominee, the vice president will sign the nomination form instead of the local president.**

Created by: Royce B. Smith, Chair, 2025 Biennial Election Committee
Tenth Episcopal District Lay Organization
