

Inter-District

ACE LEAGUE IMBIZO



Friday – Sunday
17–19 Apr, 2026



Starts at
5:00 PM



St Mary's AME Church

22 Rhabe St, Galeshewe, Kimberley



**ALLEN CHRISTIAN
EVANGELICAL
LEAGUE**

of the

African Methodist Episcopal
Church



OUR PRESIDENTS

Bro Thabo Bidla
15th ED

Rev Bongumusa Qwabe (PE)
18th ED

Rev Motseko Potse
19th ED

CHAIRPERSON'S GREETINGS

To the Bishops of the African Methodist Episcopal church, in order of their seniority, Episcopal Supervisors, General Officers, Connectional Officers. The Presidential Council of Inter-District ACE League. Episcopal Officers, Pastors, Chaplains, Delegates and visitors to the second biennial imbizo.

On behalf of the interim steering committee for this, the 2026 Biennial IMBIZO. It is my distinct honour and privilege to extend a warm and fraternal welcome to every delegate, observer, and friend joining us this weekend.

Over the past two years, the inter-district progressive group of individuals, found it fit that this interim-steering committee represent their labours to work and report on their toils and diligent efforts which mostly happen behind the scenes in order to bring this such an event to life.

Since our last meeting at the 2024 inaugural IMBIZO. This committee with the help of its sub-committees and episcopal district executive teams, has managed to facilitate the work of securing the time and place for the sitting of this event, coordinating logistics, research work, and submit proposals for the constitution, bylaws, preparing reports, and ensuring every delegate can participate fully in the program of the ACE.

Each step of these labours was carried out with unity, transparency, and a deep respect for the processes that binds us together. Having the common understanding that this continues to be sacred work. We therefore gather to reflect, decide, and renew our shared purpose.

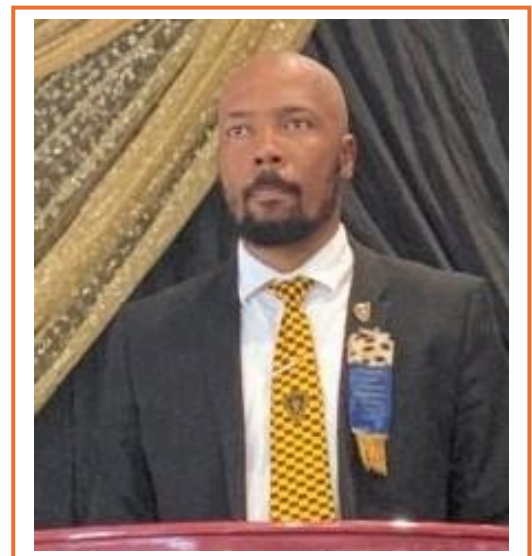
This weekend we therefore welcome you not just to an event, but to the fruit of our collective labour. Thank you for travelling, for preparing, and for the trust you place in this process. May our deliberations be orderly, our debates principled, and our outcomes a true reflection of the leagues will.

Welcome, to you all

Rev. Lwazi S. Ntloko

Inter-District Chairperson, Steering-Committee

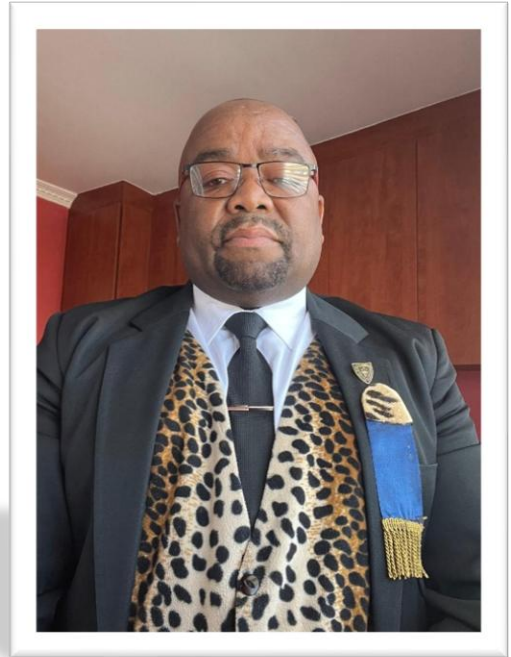
Biennial IMBIZO 2026



Greetings from the 15th ED Leadership

Beloved, we take this time to bring greeting from the Episcopal leadership of the Host District, and we thank God for His redeeming grace and rare opportunity to allow us to converge in His presence one more time, here in St Mary's AME Church in Kimberley

In 1749, Charles Wesley, a prolific hymn writer published one of the popular hymns that is commonly used at the opening of Methodist Annual Conferences, "And Are We Yet Alive"...to see each other's face? This hymn was written to celebrate being preserved by divine power, reflecting on past trials and dedicating oneself.



Herein Brethren we take this time to celebrate a joyous moment like this one, to be in your presence, to breath the same air with you and mostly to worship and praise God with you... As the book of Isaiah chpt 1 vs 18 says "Come now, let's reason together"

Words can't express how excited we are to have you on our shores. We sincerely salute the tenacity of the team that made this second edition of our inter-ED Imbizo to what it turns out to be. We previously alluded, we are intentional about removing barriers that confine us and we'll do what was never done before and remain resolute to the course. ASIJKI... We need to share and exchange skills that we possess for the betterment of all of us. We need to learn from each other and build our auxiliary to be a force to be reckoned with in the African Methodism.

Dr John Tibane in his book Enlightened Leadership says, "The main thing in life is to make the main thing the main thing". The echo of these words is saying we will only achieve what we want by placing the MAIN THING in the centre of all that we do.

Let's celebrate this moment and make sure we sustain this unity for decades and generations to come.

Please let's join voices in expressing our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the host church and the leadership, for leaving no stone unturned in hosting us and making our stay here so habitable.

Peace, Love and Joy

Greetings from the 18th Episcopal District



I greet you all in name of Jesus Christ Amen. It is my singular honour once again to greet with a scripture (2 chronicles 10:5-8) for we really need each other no matter what, brothers and sisters we are all equal in the eyes of the Lord so we strong together.

We are glad again that the moment have that we have been waiting for , to speak life to our beloved ACEL auxiliary and we do this if we allow the Spirit of the Living God to lead us and not forgetting that as we embark in any business or discussion we always solicit the wisdom and knowledge from Him who is able to keep us from falling God our Creator.

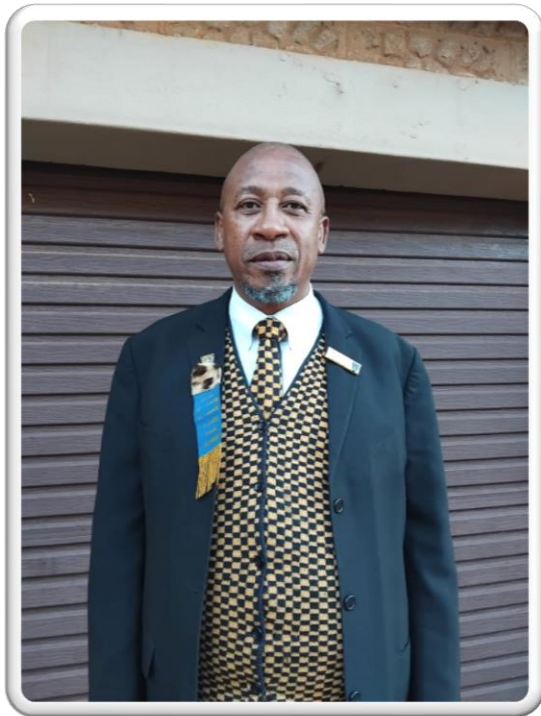
Finally let us express our excitement before God for an opportunity granted to us to serve.

The ACEL was established under a strong foundation of Prayer and our main aim of to bring people back to God from every corner of our society,

Lastly let's enjoy ourselves whilst in Kimberley Northern Cape Province of Republic of South Africa solely on the ground of the 15th Episcopal District under the leadership of Bishop Berlin and President Thabo H. Bidla God bless you all



19th Episcopal District ACE League Presidential Greetings



To the established protocol of the 2nd session of the Inter-Episcopal Districts ACE League Imbizo

Grace and peace to you in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

It is with great joy and a deep sense of gratitude that I extend warm greetings on behalf of the 19th Episcopal District ACE League

This sacred gathering stands as a testament to shared commitment to unity, spiritual growth, and the advancement of the work of the ACE League across our Episcopal Districts.

As we convene once more , we celebrate not only the journey we have traveled since our first Imbizo but also the bonds of fellowship that continue to strengthen us as one body in Christ

The Imbizo provides us with a vital platform to reflect, and to engage in meaningful dialogue, and address matters that shape the future of our organization.

It is our prayer that this session will be marked by wisdom, mutual respect, and renewed vision that aligns with the mission and values of the African Methodist Episcopal Church

As the 19th Episcopal District ACE League, we affirm our pledge to walk this journey with our sister Districts, upholding the principles of integrity, unity, and purpose

May God guide our deliberations, strengthen our fellowship, and grant us success in all our endeavours

Yours in Christ's Service

Rev Motseko Potse
President, ACE League 19th Episcopal District

ESTABLISHMENT OF PROTOCOL

To the Presiding Bishops of the Respective Districts (15th; 18th and 19th) of the African Methodist Episcopal Church,

- The Presiding Prelate of the 19th Episcopal District and the Senior Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Bishop Wilfred Jacobus Messiah.
- The Presiding Prelate of the 15th Episcopal District, Bishop Henry A Berlin, III
- The Presiding Prelate of the 18th Episcopal District, Bishop Jeffery B. Cooper Sr.

The Host Presiding Elder, the Rev BK Phoko

The Host Pastor, the Rev MW Bikwa (PE)

Presiding Elders and Members of the Clergy present and their Spouses

Episcopal Presidents of the Allen Christian Evangelical League,

- 15th Episcopal District President, Bro Thabo Bidla and the Executive.
- 18th Episcopal District President, Rev Bongumusa Qwabe (Presiding Elder) and his Executive, and the
- 19th Episcopal District President, Rev M.R Potse and His Executive committee,

The Hosting Conference President Brother L K Sesinyi, and his Executive Committee,

The Hosting District President Sister Agnes Ndlovu, and her Executive Committee

The Hosting Local President Sister L Merrieman, and her Executive Committee

Delegates,

Observers,

Visitors,

Brothers, and Sisters

We greet you all in the wonderful name of our Lord Jesus Christ Amen.

The Protocol is now Established

RULES OF THE IMBIZO

1. The Inter-District ACEL Imbizo of the 15th; 18th and 19th Episcopal Districts shall begin and end with a worship service and shall last for not more than three days. Beginning 17th April 2026 and shall end on the 19th April 2026.
2. The Convener or His nominee shall call the Meeting, to order. All sessions shall begin, reconvene and adjourn as outlined in the program.
3. The agenda, as outlined shall after adoption, shall be the official agenda for the Imbizo. Once adopted, it may only be changed by a two-thirds majority.
4. Meeting boundaries shall be established by the chairperson and all executive members shall be seated conspicuously at all times at areas designated for them.
5. Registration and Rights of Participation: Members of The Inter-District ACEL Imbizo (15th; 18th and 19th Episcopal Districts), are required to have complied with the pre-registration process as facilitated by their respective, Episcopal Presidents, a payment of R300 is expected to have been paid in accordance with the instruction of the designated registration committee for this Meeting. Such members shall hereinafter be referred to as "Meeting Delegates". To avoid confusion, all attendees who are not members of the 15th; 18th and 19th Episcopal ACE League, are free to also register for the meeting in a similar manner, all registered attendees who are not members or are guests to this meeting shall be allowed to observe the proceedings and may participate in engagements subject to the Chairperson's indulgence.
6. No delegates shall be absent from any session of the meeting without the necessary permission from the Presiding Officer.
7. A timekeeper shall be appointed and announced by the Presiding Officer, at the beginning of the session.
8. In order to ensure orderly procedures, no delegate shall speak without recognition by the Chair. A delegate shall state his/her name and Episcopal District when speaking for the first time.
9. No member shall speak twice on the same issue, unless there are no other new members who wishes to participate on the same issue.
10. Members should not interrupt each other except on a point of order. When the point of order is raised, all business shall be suspended until the matter is settled.
11. Delegates shall respect the property where the meeting is hosted and its surrounding throughout the weekend. The venue should be left in the same order we found it (cleanliness is close to Godliness)

12. The President / Convener or his nominee shall officially declare the meeting closed after the pronouncement of the benediction, on 19 April 2026.
13. **SUSPENSION OF RULES:** Meeting delegates may suspend these standing rules. A motion to suspend these rules (1) shall be properly moved and seconded, (2) may be neither amended nor debated, and (3) requires a two-thirds majority vote.
14. The Interim Constitution and Bylaws of the ACE League developed by the Progressive Group, and the Latest Edition of the Robert Rules of Order (12th Edition) shall be used to settle any other point that is not covered by the rules committee.

To the President/Chairperson and all delegates, this shall be the protocol of the 2nd session of the inter Episcopal District biennial session of A.C.E. League Imbizo held at St Mary's AME Church , Galeshewe, in Kimberly from 17-19 April 2026. I therefore move for its adoption.

Rules Committee

Rev Fulufhelo G. Maiwashe

Rev Vuyisile Vaas

Bro Mzwandile Masuku

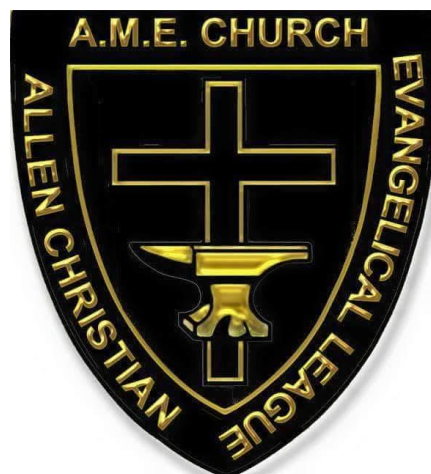
Bro Lungile Xhongo

ELECTED INTERIM COMMITTEE MEMBERS		
a	Rev Lwazi Ntloko	Chairperson
b	Bro Mhambi Ndlangamandla	Vice-Chairperson
c	Rev Tebogo Mabena	Secretary
d	Bro Moleleki Mofokeng (Lic)	Assistant Secretary
e	Bro Thabo Bidla	15th ED President
f	Rev Bongumusa Qwabe (PE)	18th ED President
g	Rev Motseko Potse	19th ED President
MEMBERS OF THE PROGRESSIVE LEADERS GROUP		
1	Bro Thabo Bidla	15th ED Representative
2	Rev Vuyisile Vaas	15th ED Representative
3	Rev Mambi Bubele	15th ED Representative
4	Bro Ncedo Tukwayo	15th ED Representative
5	Rev Oliver Mothelesi	15th ED Representative
6	Rev Sinethemba Zantsi (PE)	15th ED Representative
7	Bro Lomex Sisilana	15th ED Representative
8	Sis Thandiswa Mayana	15th ED Representative
9	Rev Betty Schroder (PE)	15th ED Representative
10	Bro Monwabisi Bango	15th ED Representative
11	Rev Bongumusa Qwabe (PE)	18th ED Representative
12	Bro Mzwandile Masuku	18th ED Representative
13	Sis Aletta Sekabi	18th ED Representative
14	Bro Sabelo Dlamini	18th ED Representative
15	Bro Mhambi Ndlangamandla	18th ED Representative
16	Bro Singleton Simango	18th ED Representative
17	Bro Sibusiso Baartjies	18th ED Representative
18	Bro Teboho Lekhotla	18th ED Representative
19	Bro Lekhetho Mosito	18th ED Representative
20	Rev Rodrick Mogotsi	18th ED Representative
21	Rev Motseko Potse	19th ED Representative
22	Rev Mlawuli Mayekiso (PE)	19th ED Representative
23	Rev Thapelo Selebalo	19th ED Representative
24	Rev Fred Mogaadile	19th ED Representative
25	Rev Tebogo Mabena	19th ED Representative
26	Rev Patrick Modise	19th ED Representative
27	Sis Amaleah Mbewe	19th ED Representative
28	Sis Mmatsiana Emily Makgoba	19th ED Representative
29	Bro Moleleki Mofokeng	19th ED Representative
30	Bro Lungile Xhongo	19th ED Representative

AGENDA

17 APRIL 2026 (DAY 1)		
10:00am	LOGISTICS COMMITTEE ARRIVAL	LC Chairperson
12:00pm – 4:00pm	MEMBERS ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION	Registration Committee
3:00pm – 4:00pm	INTERIM COMMITTEE MEETING (ALIGNMENT)	Chairperson

17 APRIL 2026 (DAY 1)		
5:00pm – 5:20pm	OPENING DEVOTIONS	Worship Committee
5:30pm – 6:30pm	BUSINESS SESSION 1	Chairperson
	<i>a. Greetings & Welcome</i>	<i>15th Episcopal District President & Host Pastor</i>
	<i>b. First Registration Report</i>	<i>Registration Committee</i>
	<i>c. Rules of Order</i>	<i>Rules Committee</i>
	<i>d. Programme Run Through and Adoption</i>	<i>Vice-Chair</i>
	<i>e. Organization – Appointment of Committees</i>	<i>Presidential Council</i>
	<i>f. Journey Travelled since 2024 Imbizo (Feedback Session)</i>	<i>Interim Committee</i>
6:30pm – 8:00pm	OPENING WORSHIP EXPERIENCE Worship Leader - Rev TMS Selebalo Preacher – Rev OM Mothelesi	Worship Committee
8:00pm	CLOSURE	



18 APRIL 2026 (DAY 2)		
7:00am – 8:30am	BREAKFAST	Host Church
8:30am – 9:00am	DEVOTIONS + PRAISE AND WORSHIP	Worship Committee
9:00am – 1:00pm	BUSINESS SESSION 2	CHAIRPERSON
10min	a. Reading and Approval of Day 1 Minutes	The Secretariat
10min	b. Second Registration Report	Registration Committee
2h 00min	c. Constitutional Review and Rights and Privileges of Trialists Discussions	Constitution and By-Laws Committee
40min	d. Episcopal Districts Overview (Presentations of Status Quo)	15 th ED President 18 th ED President 19 th ED President
1h 00min	e. Growth Strategy and Development	Strategy and Development Committee
15min	f. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)	Presidential Council
1:00pm – 2:00pm	HOUR OF POWER Worship Leader - Rev BS Qwabe (PE) Preacher – Rev M Sejamoholo	Worship Committee
2:00pm – 3:30pm	LUNCH	Host Church
3:30pm – 6:30pm	STREET REVIVAL	Revival Committee
7:00pm – 8:30pm	DINNER	Host Church
08:30pm – 02:00am	EVENING REVIVAL	Revival Committee



18 APRIL 2026 (DAY 3)		
7:00am – 8:00am	BREAKFAST	Host Church
8:00am – 8:30am	<i>Resolutions</i>	<i>Resolutions Committee</i>
	<i>Finance Report</i>	<i>Finance Committee</i>
8:30am – 11h30	CLOSING WORSHIP EXPERIENCE Worship Leader - <i>Rev Lwazi Ntloko</i> Preacher – <i>Rev Tshenolo Nkgelepang</i>	Worship Committee
12h00	LUNCH and DEPARTURE	Host Church



THE OPENING WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

The Rev Thapelo Maswabi Simon Selebalo, Worship Director

The Prelude		All
The Processional	Presiding Elders, Clergy & Officers	All (Standing)
The Doxology	Dumisani u Jehova, O sinik' iziphozonke, nonkenidumis' uYise, Nyana, Moya oyincgwele.	All (Standing)
The Call To Worship	Minister: I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord, our feet shall stand within your gates, O Jerusalem. People: For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. Minister: Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek your good. People: Those that be planted in the house of the Lord, shall flourish in the courts of our God. Minister: Blessed are they that dwell in Your house. Lord, I have loved Your habitation, the place where Your honor dwells. People: For the Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him. Minister: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer. People: O sing unto the Lord a new song, for God has done marvellous things. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth, sing praises.	The Host Pastor
The Hymn		19th ED
The Prayer Of Invocation		18th ED
The Gloria Patri	Udumiso malube kokuye u Yise, nakuye u Nyana, nakuye u Moya oyingcwele, Njengokuba kubekunjalo kwasekuqalekeni , Kude kube ngunaphakade Amen.	All
The Hymn of Praise		15th ED
Old Testament		19th ED
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The Choral Preface To The Decalogue	<i>Bokang Modimo oa Khanya Modimo o re entseng Ketso tsa ona di benya Di khanyalefatsheng</i>	All (Standing)
The Decalogue		19th ED
The Worship Through Music		15th ED 18th ED 19th ED

The Presentation Of The Preacher

15th ED

The Te Deum Laudamus

All

Siya Kudumisa Thixo!: Siya kuvuma ukuba unguYehova.
Umhlaba wonke ubedesha Wena: UYise ongunaphakade.
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amandla akulo.

Likerubime, neserafime: Zimana zimemeza kuwe.
Uyingcwele, uyingcwele, uyingcwele: Yehova, Thixo
wemikhosi

Izulu lizele, kwa nomhlaba: Bubukhulu, bobungcwalisa baKho
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Kwa noMoya oyiNgcwele: uMonwabisi.
UnguKumkani wobungcwalisa: Wena Kristu!
Wena unguNyana ongunaphakade: woYihlo.

Uthe Wena wakunyula umsebenzi Wo kusindisa abantu:
akwasidela isizalo sentombi: Uthe wakuba weyisile
ubukhali bokufa: wavulela bonke abakholwayo
ubuKumkani bezulu. Wena uhleli ngasekunene kuThixo:
ebungcwaliseni boYihlo: Siya kholwa ukuba woza:
ube nguMgwebi wethu.

Siya kuthandaza ngoko, siza izicaka zakho:
ozithengileyo ngegazi laKho elinqabileyo.
Zenze ukuba zibalwe ndawo-nye nabangcwele bakho:
ebungcwaliseni obungunaphakade.
Nkosi! Sindisa abantu baKho:
uthamsangelise ilifa laKho.
Baphathe, ubaphakamise: kude kube ngunaphakade.

Thina, imihla ngemihla: sikwenza mkhulu Wena.
Sihlala sibedesha igama laKho: kude kube ngunaphakade.
Sincede nkosi!: usilondoloze ngale mini singabi nasoono.
Nkosi, z'usiphathe ngetaru: z'usiphathe ngetaru.
Nkosi! Itaru lakho ma lihle phezu kwethu:
nje ngokuba ithemba lethu likuwe.
Nkosi! Ndithembe Wena:
ma ndingaze ndidaniswe.

The Sermon

Rev Oliver Mothelesi

Pastor of the Edith Ming AMEC, Pampierstad

**The Lord's Prayer
Chanted**

All

**The Invitation To
Christian Discipleship:**

The Preacher

The Offering

The Finance Committee

**The Presentation Of The
Offering:**

The Announcements

The Doxology

*Atamelang Ho Jehova
Le 'mineleng Hallelujah
Naha tsohle Mo roriseng
Mo rateng Mo sebeletseng*

All

The Benediction

The Recessional

THE HOUR OF POWER

The Rev Bongumusa Sizwe Qwabe, Worship Director

The Doxology

Dumisani u Jehova,
O sinik' iziphazonke,
nonkenidumis' uYise,
Nyana, Moya oyincgwele.

All (Standing)

The Call To Worship

Minister: As the deer longs for streams of water, so I long for you, O God.

Clergy

People: I thirst for God, the living God. When can I go and stand before Him?

Minister: I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea.

People: The LORD is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him..

The Hymn

15th ED

The Prayer

19th ED

The Hymn of Praise

18th ED

Scripture Lesson

15th ED

The Worship Through Music

15th ED

18th ED

19th ED

19th ED

The Presentation Of The Preacher

The Sermon

Rev Mogomotsi Sejamoholo

Pastor of the Edith Bryant Chapel, Bloemhof

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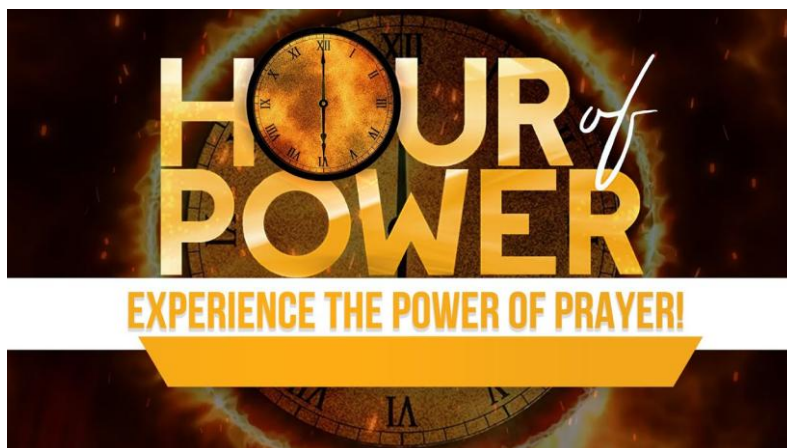
The Doxology

Rorisang Molimo Ntate,
Mpho tsothe li tsoa ho oona,
Bohle le rorisang Ntate,
Mora Moea O Halalelang.

All

The Benediction

The Recessional



THE CLOSING WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

The Rev Lwazi S Ntloko, Worship Director

The Prelude		All
The Processional	Presiding Elders, Members of the Clergy & Officers	All (Standing)
The Doxology	<i>Atamelang Ho Jehova</i> <i>Le 'mineleng Hallelujah</i> <i>Naha tsohle Mo roriseng</i> <i>Mo rateng Mo sebeletseng</i>	All (Standing)
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The Summary of the Decalogue	Minister: Hear now what Christ our Saviour says: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it. You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets."	19th ED
The General Offering		The Finance Committee
The Worship Through Music		19th ED 18th ED 15th ED
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The Te Deum Laudamus

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ebungcwaliseni boYihlo: Siya kholwa ukuba woza:
ube nguMgwebi wethu.

Siya kuthandaza ngoko, siza izicaka zakho:
ozithengileyo ngegazi laKho elinqabileyo.
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nje ngokuba ithemba lethu likuwe.
Nkosi! Ndithembe Wena:
ma ndingaze ndidaniswe.

The Sermon**Rev Tshenolo Nkgepelang***Pastor of the Motswedi wa Botshelo AMEC, Botswana*

**The Lord's Prayer
Chanted**

All

The Invitation To Christian Discipleship:

The Preacher

The Finance Report

The Finance Committee

The Resolutions

The Resolutions Committee

The Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Chief Celebrant

The Doxology

Dumisani u Jehova,
O sinik' iziphonzonke,
nonkenidumis' uYise,
Nyana, Moya oyincgwele.

All

The Benediction

The Recessional

THE ALLEN CHRISTIAN EVANGELICAL LEAGUE GROWTH STRATEGY FOR THE INTER-EPISCOPAL WITHIN GDC DISTRICTS 2026



BRIEF

The Allen Christian Evangelical league of the AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL church is an auxiliary that has existed more than one hundred years within the three Episcopal Districts of the Connectional AME Church. Although the League existed for so many years, the Connectional church only approved their bill to be included in the Book of Doctrine and Discipline of the church during the sitting of the 52nd session of the General conference held in 2024 in Ohio.

Through the years of its existence, the A.C.E League (as abbreviated) continued to operate through the 15th, 18th and 19th Episcopal District as an Evangelical vehicle that helps to spread the GOOD NEWS and, in that process, helped to grow the church numerically and Financially.

The acceptance of the League by the connectional church came a victory to a long-fought battle that ran over many decades. However, this victory poses a new challenge to the league in growing outside the borders of the three current Episcopal where it exists. This new challenge drove the PROGRESSIVE LEADERS FORUM, a committee responsible for the foundation work of creating a working platform for the existing district and lay a foundation for a Connection structure to exist.

In this document, we shall take a SWOT analysis of the A.C.E League in its current form to lay a foundation for our growth strategy 2026 to 2036.

The aim of this document is to map a way in growing the A.C.E League with the three Episcopal districts where it exists and further grow towards all GDC Districts and the connectional church within the next ten (10) years. Efforts of growth to continue beyond the first ten years until the league exists in every AME church within the connection.

Let us look at the SWOT analysis of the A.C.E League.

A. STRENGTH

- Existence in many churches already within the 15th, 18th and 19th Episcopal Districts.
- Membership estimated at over ten thousand (10 000) across these three Districts.
- Spreading over different countries already. South Africa, Lesotho, Eswatini and Botswana.
- Speaks different languages that exists within the countries where it already exists.

- Membership ranges from all age groups. From young children to retired grandparents. (no age restriction)
- Genre of music separates the A.C.E League from the rest.
- The choreography and the energy that accompanies the singing.
- The street revival and ministry outside the walls of the sanctuary.
- The uniform
- The involvement of Presiding Elders and Pastors as full members of the League.
- Our musical instruments, Bit, Klock, Sticks etc.

B. WEAKNESS

- Undocumented history due to the political history of the countries of origin.
- Different cultural believes and practices.
- Exclusion from the connectional BoDD decades.
- Absence of uniformity in the attire and operations.
- High literacy in members.
- Dual membership due to other auxiliaries within the church.
- Lack of finalised ONE constitution and bylaws document that runs across all districts.
- Absence of a connectional executive/structure that holds structures accountable and oversees the day-to-day work of the League.

C. OPPORTUNITIES

- Some local churches within the three Episcopal districts still doesn't have the A.C.E League.
- Some members of the clergy remain non-members.
- Certain regions of the 15th Episcopal like Namibia, Angola and other already knows and have seen the A.C.E League at work.
- Social media platforms such as Facebook, Tik-Tok and others.
- Bishops that served the three Districts has full knowledge of the league and have worked with the league during their tenure.

D. THREATS

- Dual membership
- Social media abuse
- Crime
- Financial challenges
- Congested Church calendar

We will need to answer the following questions in this strategic document amongst other things.

1. Where do we start?
2. How do we implement?
3. How do we spread outside the three districts?
4. Who heads this growth campaign?
5. What resources do we need?
6. How do we measure the growth
7. How do we strengthen the existing membership?
8. Retention strategy
9. When and how often do we review the strategy for alignment?
10. What realistic growth do we believe we can achieve in the first decade?

WHERE TO FROM HERE?

To formulate a realistic, achievable and an effective growth strategy, we need to setup the base at which we begin now so that growth can be measured or quantified. Monitoring and evaluation will be required to make sure that there is continuous work happening to achieve this goal.

Elements as identified in the SWOT analysis above, both as weaknesses and strengths will have to be talked to, resolved or used as stepping stones to achieve this great work.

A deadline will also have to be set so that we are all aware of the mark we are chasing. Although the deadline is crucial for the process, the work of growing the organisation is continuous through the life of the A.C.E League.

We therefore will need a team of believers assigned to specific roles so that there is accountability.

HOW DO WE IMPLEMENT?

The A, C, E League prides itself with Spiritually gifted members. These members sometimes face discrimination, and they are not freely able to use their God-given Spiritual talents within the church, subsequently sidelining their ability to do the work of Evangelism. This needs to be attended to and such members be allowed to use these gifts to do the work of the Gospel. Awareness and training are fundamental as well to help those who don't understand these spiritual gifts to be educated, and their fears alleviated.

A dedicated office /officers within the existing executive needs to be assigned the duty of championing this strategy. The office of the Vice President is more suited to spearhead this growth path and be accountable to its success or failure.

This office can develop a locally based strategy in line with the Inter Episcopal and action with oversight and measuring to evaluate progress.

SPREADING OUTSIDE THE THREE DISTRICTS

With the General conference having adopted the Bill of the A.C.E League, the connectional church is now aware of this Evangelical vehicle that can assist the entire church recruit new members.

We now need to be visible across the connectional church. First the GDC region as most of their district have somehow seen, heard and witness the work of the League through various platforms.

The needs to be a team that will visit different Episcopal District gathering such as Planning meetings and Midyear session and request for the opportunity to share the news of the League with delegates at those sittings.

This can even be trimmed to lower level of Annual conferences during their sittings.

The use of Social media campaigns such as Tik-Tok, Facebook and other reliable means must be utilised to create the hype and generate awareness.

Virtual platforms present another angle of engagement with our brethren outside the region to share the ideas and be available on request to assist with ideas and outline the processes.

The opportunity presenting itself through Bishops of the Church that have served in districts with A.C.E League should be appreciated. These leaders of the church have had a first-hand experience of the work done on Evangelism by the league and therefore can help create an atmosphere conducive for the league to exist and strive.

Once the base has been strengthened and solidified, the growth can be targeted on the entire connectional church.

WHO HEADS THIS STRATEGY?

The Inter- Episcopal through their Imbizo Convo needs to elect/appoint/assign a team that will be responsible for the affairs of the A.C.E League outside the Episcopal District. This team, although not a Connectional Executive until enough ground has been covered will amongst other duties champion this growth strategy and facilitate the work needed to push this assignment.

Within the elected team, a Head of Strategy (HOS) must be appointed with the sole mandate of traveling across the connection and offer presentation about the A.C.E league and how it does business for the Gospel.

Regional coordinators to be assign a mandate of working closely with the HOS in following up all the work done and assisting where necessary to make sure that no seed planted is left un-monitored.

RESOURCES

The work of growth will need financial resource over and above human resource. Although the Inter-Episcopal currently has zero funds at their disposal, the Inter Episcopal unity of the three District shall work on generating funds through internal means and imbizo gatherings to fund this initiative. These funds shall be collected in a form of annual Budget (according to district strength), Donations and fund-raising initiatives to generate resource.

Members across the Connectional church shall be invite for individual pledges to make sure that this work of Evangelism is funded and becomes as sucess0.

The Iner-Episcopal team once in place shall map a clear way of action with financial implications for the Inter Episcopal to consider and fund according.

MEASURING

For the strategy to work, we need to create a data base of the current A.C.E League membership from grass roots. This information can be gathered through the office of the Vice Presidents of each district so that a full detailed report of each AME local church, PE District, Annual Conference and Episcopal District is captured to create a starting Data Base.

Annually each Episcopal District shall report via the office of the Vice president on their numerical shift either way. Action to be agreed upon annual as to the direction to follow in fast tracking the growth and most important to guard against loss of our members.

More tools can be developed to measure so that not only numbers are looked into, but can be dissected down to gender and regions for a clearer picture of the developments.

RETENTION

We should never loose sight of existing members within the League as we embark on this huge task of growth. Existing members should be afforded the opportunity to use their skills and God given talents to continue the work of Evangelism outside the walls of the sanctuary. These are members who live their lives daily with the local community and are best placed to advice and give constructive inputs so that the work is diligently done

It is therefore critical that these members be given an ear at different levels of the church so that they continue growing the church.

The office of the Coordinator can be strategically used to reach out to members with concerns and help resolve any issues between the league and its members. A more harmonious relationship should be created so that everyone feels at home.

The league has traditionally been a vehicle where all members feel equal irrespective of their level of authority within the church. This can be seen through the league uniform

that does not discriminate between males and female, clergy and lay, young and old. This tradition helped members warm up to the work without the fear of victimisation.

The current financial strategy makes it more accessible to all members. Both rich and poor to participate because of the use of the group system. The league has never been known for raising huge funds as its sole mandate is to evangelise. This should be always considered so that we do not fall in the same trap of “The expensive Church of modern days”.

REALISTIC GROWTH

The opportunity presenting itself to league is enormous and if well executed, huge growth can be achieved within a short period of time. However, reality does teach us that a well-planned process is more sustainable for long term than a rushed results orientated approach that can give us high numbers for a short period.

It is therefore important for the League to understand that the work is all divine, and thus required diligence, dedication, patience and most impotent Prayer.

In line with the biblical teaching, for every soul saved the heavens celebrate. It is for this believe that the focus should be on saving souls and not rushing the numbers, having said that, a better picture to be able to set a reasonable realistic target lies in the original data base that will serve as a base for this strategy to expand from.

CONCLUSION

The committee would like to thank the leadership for the opportunity to serve. It be noted that this document forms only the foundation of the massive work that needs to be done to grow the League throughout the connectional church. Members are therefore invited to participate, share idea and help mould this strategy into a solid working document that cuts across different dynamics of culture, race, geographical local and all ingredients that makes the AME church what it is.

Your committee

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The Rev Vuyisile Vass

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The Rev Oliver Motheletsi

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ACE LEAGUE PROGRESSIVE LEADERS

HOW DID WE GET HERE?

CHAPTER 1

Greeting to you all in the wonderful name of our Lord and our Saviour Jesus Christ. The Progressive Leaders' group has grown in leaps and bounds from whence it was in the year of 2024, from the time we gathered for our inaugural IMBIZO.

When we converged in the imbizo of 2024. There were a lot of question marks around the issue of our gathering. Not knowing or understanding what we're going to do, neither knowing how the event itself is going to pan out. However, since the success of that event, we have seen that in fact there are in fact differences between us, but mostly there are a lot of similarities between the districts in relation to where each Episcopal District is, in relation to where it desires to be.

At the close of the Imbizo, we realised that most of the issues and questions we all had, surrounded our Bylaws and Constitution. Through the years different regions had developed practices that created issues that we could agree on as it relates to what the right practice ought to be. Thus, we had bylaws that we could not agree on. We were all as a progressive group very anxious but at the same time very apprehensive, not knowing exactly as to how to proceed because we subconsciously believed that our proposed constitution would be received negatively General Conference if we ourselves could not see eye to eye.

The progressive group received more members from the 15th, 19th and 18th episcopal district in order that they may assist. Presidents got rid of the members who were inactive during deliberation and were inactive. However, there was no significant work being done for a short period after the Imbizo.

One of the things they helped us on our way was the fact that we were all in one accord. We all sing from the same hymn book as it relates to the vision. Even though there were differences between us, we all wanted to see the success of the ACE League and seeing it being recognised as part of the greater community AME Church.

We then began the work of formulating documentation that will seek to speak to some of these items that we needed to teach one another on, and items that were foreign practices to other Districts. The Group did not however get around to presenting some of these workshops to one another until after the sitting of the 52nd General conference.

It was rather unfortunate that the year of 2024, could not provide conducive time frames for us to be able to meet and iron out these differences prior to the GC. The committee was inundated with the tasks of trying to understand how many of our members would attend the GDC in order to have our voice hear there. We also understood the importance of our members having to attend the GC, and moreover to have a person in the revisions committee of the GC that would be able to articulate the position of the ACE in Southern Africa to the rest of the connection. It is in the climate of these lingering uncertainties that the gathering of the progressive groups took a downturn.

Through the grace of God, delegates to the GC had seen our effort, and have been involved in the discussion around our legislative submission. Thankfully for us, we did have brave and capable members in the revision committee who ensured that our bill came to the floor of the conference. To all of our elation as delegates present there. Our submissions emerged. Praise be to God.

While being the secretary of the progressive group, and the custodian of the only documented constitution that was agreed upon by all districts. I was then contacted by Rev. Betty Schroder, who worked closely with Dr. Norris in order to share with them the constitution and facilitate a session where we can meet with him and present this new and radical evangelistic instrument called the ACE League. That prospect alone revived our work in the Progressive Leaders Group. We quickly dusted ourselves and went to the boardroom in order to formulate a document that would promote the ACE league, to overseas districts.

We succeeded in this and on October 25, 2024, we all witnessed that wonderful presentation by Rev. TG Mabena, broadcast to the zoom audience from around the connection. While we received applause and back-pats for the good work done. Our excitement was however short lived. Where to from here..? We asked ourselves.

We had to go and revisit, those painstaking issues that we still couldn't find consensus on again. We needed to have a full constitution. We wanted to have uniformed, uniform. We wanted to have a single way of operating that would guide us all.

CHAPTER 2

On the date of the 25th of September 2024.

We had a meeting whereby we set out to strategize as to how, we would present the ACE League to the greater connection of the AME Church

We received assistance from the Reverend Betty Schroder, to invite The Reverend Dr Norris. Through interactions with him we were able to garner the audience not only of strategic stakeholders but the concerned connectional church who wanted to be involved.

Our presentation was received with gladness, and everybody had received our presentation with excitement. Knowing that the ACE League would take the church forward, particularly with its style of evangelism.

While in the same year we set out to have follow-up meetings in order to iron out issues that concerned our constitution. We did find and realise that our meetings were become more and more of a drag for members to attend. As the schedule of the church calendar laid an assault to our plans to meet monthly attendance became an issue as meeting were becoming lengthy and tedious. At times the boarded on being cumbersome as we could not come to sound decisions making without avoiding voting.

Where at time attempts by presenters to give clarity to pieces of legislation required a committee member to explain to each individual, deliberate and describe a different certain interpretation of a piece of legislation and correcting the wording that needs to go with that, the process of forming our legislation became tedious.

It was in this light that the Progressive Leaders decided that going forward, it would be expedient for the inter-district-leadership to work as smaller group. It was said in the deliberation that we should form a non-biased committee of individuals who can be able to see eye to eye concerning issues that divide us across district lines.

We said we should form a committee that would make the work required to be done much easier. We also said we should have a committee that will see to it that they meet more frequently, and report back to progressive group on the development. It was also said this committee would bring its decisions after their deliberation to the Progressive Group, in order for the Progressive Group of Leaders to have oversight, and veto that decision.

Sometime in the month of March 2025, we met once again - this after the presidents had already met with their districts and marked out individuals who would serve in this committee. In our meeting in March, we set out to establish what the objectives of this committee would be.

In a document titled - *PROPOSAL FOR AN INTERIM COMMITTEE TO TAKE OVER THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CURRENT PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL*

Certain key objectives are highlighted as that speak to what the responsibilities of this committee are.

(not limited to)

1. To involve the Progressive Leaders and Members in the Development and Finalization of the Constitution and By-Laws,
2. The networking and establishment of the ACE League in the Connection
3. Growth Strategy and Road-Map
4. To initiate, prepare, regulate and lead the meetings of the Progressive Leaders
5. To provide insight, information, and advice to the Progressive Leadership Forum, to help the Forum make the most well-informed decisions
6. To Compile and Communicate the Decisions of the Progress Leaders, the Connectional Department and Episcopal District Constituencies.
7. To offer opportunities for problem-solving and be a forum for presenting multiple points of view.

To lead this initiative, the proposed committee mentioned in this document were that

1. It should be a Seven (7) Member Committee, composed of four elected members from the Progressive Leaders,
2. That the Three (3) x Episcopal Presidents be part of that Committee to represent the views of their Episcopal Constituencies.
3. That the Committee should be composed of the following offices:
 - a. Chairperson
 - b. Vice-Chairperson
 - c. Secretary (already have)
 - d. Assistant Secretary
 - e. Member (Episcopal President 15th)
 - f. Member (Episcopal President 18th)
 - g. Member (Episcopal President 19th)

It needs to be noted that, this committee was set to be an interim committee primarily because. Its responsibility is set to dissolve at the next sitting of the inter-district IMBIZO. Also to be noted that when it comes to serious organizational matters, they continue to remain the responsibility of the Progressive Leadership, and minor operational decisions in between the meetings should then be delegated to the Interim Committee.

This assertion was supported by the leaders that formed part of the deliberations. A document was drafted named

Chapter 3 - ACE LEAGUE PROGRESSIVE LEADERS

How did we get here

After the proposal was accepted and implemented.

A meeting held on the date of 25 April 2025. Elected the following individuals to serve as the interim committee of the progressive leadership:

- Chairperson: Rev. Lwazi. Ntloko
- Vice Chair Bro. Mhambi Dlangamandla
- Secretary Rev. Tebogo Mabena
- Assistant Secretary Bro Moleleki Mofokeng (Lic)
- Council President Rev. Bongumusa Qwabe (PE)
- Council President Rev. Motseko Potse
- Council President Bro. Thabo Bidla

Upon the resumption of the committee work in the month of May 2025. The chairperson outlined the plan to work on decentralised workstreams through delegated work, and sub-committees.

Tasks or workstream required to be done were as follows:

#	Action	Responsible Person	Target Date	Status
1	The Committee to host a meeting to report back to the Progressive Leaders Group.	Rev L Ntloko	05-Jun-25	Completed
	Write a Letter to the Executive Director of Department of Church Growth, Development and Evangelism as a formal introduction of the Steering Committee	Rev TG Mabena	13-Jun-25	Completed
3	The Committee to compile a Road Map Draft as a way forward of where we are going	Rev L Ntloko	10-Jun-25	In Progress
4	Main Constitutional & By Laws <i>- The matter is close to finality. A draft Constitution will be shared within the group, but not for distribution to the membership. The document will be watermarked as a DRAFT.</i>	Rev TG Mabena	16-Jun-25	In Progress
5	Rights and Privileges of Trialists <i>- The matter to be further discussed in the Committee.</i>	Rev TG Mabena	30-Sept-25	In Progress
6	Growth Strategy for 14-20 ED's	Bro M Mofokeng	02-Sept-25	Overdue
7	2026 Imbizo (Logistics, Dates and All other related matters)	Bro T Bidla	02-Sept-25	Completed
7a	The Logistics Committee to submit a Proposed Budget for the Hosting of the IMBIZO. The Budget must incorporate equipment, accessories and printing of the Convention Booklets.	Bro T Bidla	09-Dec-25	Completed
7b	Draft a Proposed Programme (Agenda) for the Convention	Rev TG Mabena	09-Dec-25	Completed

#	Action	Responsible Person	Target Date	Status
7c	Draw up a list of the required equipment and accessories, and submit to the Committee.	Rev TG Mabena	09-Dec-25	Completed
8	Statistics to Measure our Strength and Growth Progression - <i>The Rev Potse to communicate with the Episcopal District Presidents to assist with the Statistics.</i>	Rev M Potse	02-Sept-25	Overdue
9	Documenting the Long-Standing Traditions and Culture of the ACEL.	Rev L Ntloko	30-Sept-25	Overdue
10	Make a formal submission for discussion regarding the Chief Electoral Officer	Bro T Bidla	11-Jun-25	Completed
11	Make a formal submission for discussion regarding the amendment on the Additional Responsibilities of the Programme Coordinator	Bro M Ndlangamandla	11-Jun-25	Completed
12	Make a submission for the Roles and Responsibilities of the Historiographer and Music Director	Bro M Ndlangamandla	11-Jun-25	Completed

What is outlined on this grid is work outlined by the committee and delegated by the chair to certain individuals who were meant to form their own committees in order to be able to gain traction on all the work that was on the shoulders of the progressive group. One does note that 75% of the work has been completed, while some of the work has not been completed yet.

There is just cause and reason as to why all the work was not done in the allocated time frame. In hindsight I do want to state it categorically that the amount of labour that we forecast ourselves as a Leadership Group to get the work completed was immeasurably understated. We did not take into account that the day-to-day work of the church has to take precedence over the work we had. And we didn't fully understand how much we would be stretched.

For an example, when we came to some of the Legislative Tasks of the Constitution some of us needed to go into research and to consult some literature to ensure that we are able to cover all our bases. Where we could not find answers or where answers were not there, we persisted in the thinking that that perhaps there were avenues that we were not reaching, such as consulting people who were far, and securing interviews. As a result, there is some digging and research work still to be done, should the in-coming committee have the time. I do want to believe that the next committee that is coming in will find that tasks like: the documenting of Long-Standing Traditions and Cultures of the ACE League, the measuring the strength of the current ACE League, determining accurate statistics of each episcopal district and also enhancing the recorded history of the ACE league to fill the gaps currently in our history are some of the lowest hanging fruits, and are deliverables within their grasp to achieve.

On the work that the sub-committees were able to complete we'd like to especially thank chairpersons and the committee members that worked tirelessly to ensure that we find answers to questions that we had, which could not be answered when we began. We also want to thank the Interim Committee Members who availed themselves at every time for late meetings. Your toil is very much appreciated. This sitting would not bear fruit if it were not for your efforts, your sleepless nights, the amount of minutes that were recorded and distributed, the reports that were written and all of this we did without any expectation of reward.

It is our wish and it is also the desire that the work that has already begun continues. The ACE League Leadership Group is in a better position that it was 2 years ago. We have garnered a lot of traction and made strides reach the broader church. We do find that the current ACE League in the state that it is in is much better organized than when we first began. This is evidenced by the inscription on **PAGE 312 OF THE ELECTRONIC VERSION OF THE DOCTRINE AND DISCIPLINE OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH – PART XIII, SECTION I, C – DEPARTMENT OF CHURCH GROWTH AND DEVELOPEMMENT. #3 THE ALLEN CHRISTIAN EVANGELICAL LEGUE**

An achievement many years in waiting.

As a side note – we also wish to address some questions that came, but were not put forward to the Progressive Leaders Group prior to this address. Someone asked – “since 3 episcopal bodies are gathering why can we not have elections at the IMBIZO? Elections that would constitute a Connectional Leadership!”

To this our response is. As much as that would have be ideal to have a Connectional Leadership having oversight over the Imbizo. We are realistic in understanding, that there are some key fundamental aspects that we would need to cover before we reach that level. It needs to be noted that in the current state of meeting we are gathering that under an Inter-District Memorandum of Understanding that was verbally agreed to between the Presidents of the 3 districts, and it is not the 3 District that constitute the entire Connectional Church.

To get to an Elective Convention of the ACE League, we still need the buy-in of the Connectional Church. The Council of Bishops, General Officers, and yes indeed the entire a Constituency of the AME Church. So sadly, we must face reality and say – no we are not yet there. But we are quickly getting there.

CONCLUSION

Therefore, with such question in mind, we would love to see the incoming committee carry such burdens on their shoulders; and drive the ACE league forward to a level where an ACEL connectional convention is within reach. In closing we would like to remind everybody that the ACEL as a component of the AMEC is different to other organisations. It is one of its kind. There is no other organisations or commission in the AMEC that have their foundations outside of the borders of the United States of America. We are the only legislated organisation that has begun outside in Africa and that makes us unique. This position gives us a special privilege and an opportunity to be involved in driving the vision of the department of church growth and development. And to be able to influence the culture and the tradition of the AME church.

RECOMMENDATION

Going forward. It is our collective desire, that the 3-Episcopal District continue in the vein of being led by a Co-ordinating Committee. This has been a strategy that all members of the Progressive Leaders Group were able to agree on, and are able to find one another in order to complete the work ahead.

We recommend that;

1. We disband the current Progressive-Leaders Group and the Interim Committee
2. Before the close of 2nd Biennial IMBIZO. All Episcopal District submit 5 names of persons, who will serve in the Co-ordinating Committee.

- a. It is at the discretion of the Each Episcopal District to elect, or appoint their names
 - b. These names will be forwarded to their Episcopal President
3. Episcopal President will make a pronouncement of these members before the close of the IMBIZO
4. The composition of the co-ordinating committee shall be the Episcopal Presidents, together with the 15 members chosen from the 3 districts.
5. Upon the 1st meeting of the Co-ordinating Committee, which will be called by the Presidential Council. The committee will undertake to organise themselves.

Yours in His Vineyard,

The Progressive Group

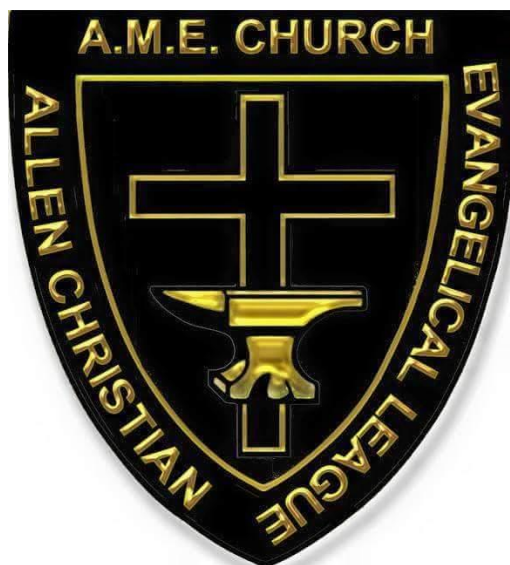
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THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

OF THE

**ALLEN CHRISTIAN
EVANGELICAL LEAGUE**



CONNECTIONAL

ARTICLE 1 - NAME

Section 1 The name of this organisation shall be the **ALLEN CHRISTIAN EVANGELICAL LEAGUE (ACE LEAGUE)** of the **AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**.

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**ARTICLE 2 PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES**

**Section 1 THE PURPOSE** of this organisation shall be to lead men, women, and young people to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and to encourage ACE League members to become witnesses for Christ in their daily occupation.

**Section 2 OBJECTIVES** - To accomplish this purpose, the following objectives are adopted:

- a) To engage in street, media campaign ministries, and revival sessions in the communities with the main aim being to involve the constituents of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in Christian fellowship and mobilize members into social action.
  - b) To equip and develop ACE League members in the skill of prayer, evangelism, Christian stewardship, Christian values, spiritual and social services.
  - c) To teach the members of the ACE League, the history, aims, values, traditions, and beliefs of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.
  - d) To enlist and develop men and women and leaders and role models for the young people of the church, especially in areas of Christian worship, bible and song.
  - e) To engage in preaching, spiritual feeding of hungry souls and mission work throughout the Connection for the purpose of securing and erecting suitable houses of worship and creating new African Methodist Episcopal Church congregations and thus encouraging church growth.
  - f) To encourage and promote inter-church, inter-faith and Connectional activities without any boundaries amongst the AME Church members and creating a sense of Christian community and ecumenism.
  - g) To encourage and create conscious loyalty and support of the members to the total program of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.
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## ARTICLE 3 MEMBERSHIP

### Section 1 Membership Eligibility

Membership in the Allen Christian Evangelical League (ACE League) shall be open exclusively to Members (Men, Women and Young People) of the African Methodist Episcopal Church who are in good and regular standing, as confirmed by their respective local churches.

### Section 2 Enrolment Procedure

Individuals seeking membership in the auxiliary shall be required to present themselves publicly during the Call to Discipleship, which shall constitute the official act of enrolment.

### Section 3 The **ALLEN CHRISTIAN EVANGELICAL LEAGUE (ACE LEAGUE)** shall be established and organized at the Connectional, Episcopal District, Annual Conference, Presiding Elder's District and Local Church.

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ARTICLE 4 THE PLEDGE

Relying upon Jesus Christ who is the source of all strength, I will earnestly seek for myself, the highest New Testament Standard of Christian living experience and will do what I can, to help others attain to the same.

- a) I pledge to read the Bible, study the word and pray daily.
- b) I pledge to abstain from all forms of worldly amusements, forbidden by the Bible and the Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.
- c) I will endeavour to:
 - i. abide by the constitution of the ACE League.
 - ii. attending all meetings of the ACE League and church.
 - iii. Positively participate in all its progressive activities.
 - iv. And to play a part in its mission of evangelism to all nations.
- d) So, help me God.

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## ARTICLE 5 STRUCTURE AND SUB-BODIES

### Section 1 **The Connectional ACE League**

The Connectional ACE League shall be composed of:

- a) All Connectional Elected Officers
- b) All presidents of Episcopal District ACE Leagues
- c) All Conference Presidents or a duly elected representative of each Conference ACE League of the Episcopal District

**Section 2      The Episcopal District ACE League**

The Episcopal District ACE League shall be composed of:

- a) All Episcopal Elected Officers
- b) All Presidents of Conference ACE Leagues
- c) All Presiding Elder District Presidents or a duly elected representative of each Presiding Elder District ACE League of the Annual Conference.

**Section 3      The Annual Conference ACE League -**

The conference ACE League shall be composed of:

- a) All Conference Elected Officers
- b) All Presiding Elder District Presidents.
- c) The Officers of the Conference ACE League shall be those specified in Article 7, Section 1 of this constitution.

**Section 4      Presiding Elder District ACE League of the Annual Conference**

The District ACE League shall be composed of:

- a) All Elected Officers of the Presiding Elder District ACE league.
- b) Presidents from each Station or Circuit where there is organized ACE League.
- c) The officers of the Presiding Elder District ACE League shall be those specified in Article 7, Section 1 of this constitution

**Section 5      Station or Circuit ACE League**

The station or Circuit ACE League shall be composed of:

All members of the said station or circuit who desire to enrol. The officers of the League shall be elected from those enrolled. The President of the League or a duly elected representative of the Local Church shall become a member of the Official board by virtue of office. The officers of the Station or Circuit ACE League shall be those specified in Article 7 of this constitution.

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ARTICLE 6 CONDUCT OF MEMBERS

A member of the ACE League shall abide by the Doctrine and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church (as amended from time to time) and the Constitution and By-Laws of the ACE League.

Section 1 Spiritual and Ethical Standards:

All members of the Allen Christian Evangelical League (ACE League) shall conduct themselves in a manner that reflects the values, teachings, and discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Section 2 **Standing in the Church:**

Members are expected to remain in good and regular standing with their respective local churches. This standing shall be verified periodically by local church leadership and is essential for continued participation in the activities and leadership of the auxiliary.

Section 3 **Accountability and Discipline:**

Any member found to be in violation of the standards outlined above may be subject to pastoral guidance, suspension, or removal from the auxiliary, in accordance with the procedures set forth by the local church and relevant governing bodies.

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**ARTICLE 7   OFFICERS**

**Section 1**      The elected Officers of the Connectional ACE League and its Divisions (as reflected in Article 5, of this Constitution), shall be:

- a) President
- b) Vice President
- c) Recording Secretary
- d) Assistant Recording Secretary
- e) Treasurer
- f) Financial Secretary
- g) Chaplain
- h) Parliamentarian
- i) Historiographer
- j) Programme Coordinator
- k) Public Relations Officer
- l) Music Director

**NOTE:**      All Episcopal Presidents shall be members of the Executive Board of the Connectional Allen Christian Evangelical League.

All Conference Presidents shall be members of the Executive Board of the Episcopal Allen Christian Evangelical League.

All District Presidents shall be members of the Executive Board of the Conference Allen Christian Evangelical League.

All Local Presidents shall be members of the Executive Board of the District Allen Christian Evangelical League.

**Section 2**      **Terms of Office**

All officers shall be elected for

- a) 4 years at Connectional level,
- b) 4 years at Episcopal level,
- c) 2 years at Conference Level,
- d) 2 years at Presiding Elder's District level and
- e) 1 year for the Local level.

**Section 3**      The elected officers shall serve no more than eight (8) consecutive years in the same position, except if the officer completes a term vacated by

an incumbent or other conditions acknowledged by the Executive Committee. The newly elected officer shall assume duty of the office upon installation.

**NOTE:** In an event of not having an established ACE League Executive at all Connectional, Episcopal, Annual Conference, Presiding Elder's District, Local levels, a Steering Committee may be established to facilitate the activities of the ACE League.

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ARTICLE 8 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1 All election of officers shall be by ballot and the majority vote shall elect. Any other method of election other than the ballot shall be at the Discretion of the Adopted Rules of Elections at that particular Electoral College.

Section 2 Connectional officers shall be elected to a four-year term at the Biennial meeting following closest after the regular session of the General Conference.

Section 3 The Act of Officiating Elections at various levels of the ACE League should be as follows:

- a) At Local Level or at the Circuit Level, the local president on agreement with the Pastor should announce the election date. The Pastor or his/her Designee shall officiate the elections
- b) At Presiding Elder's District, the incumbent President on agreement with the Presiding Elder and District Executive Board, they will broadcast the date of elections. The Presiding Elder or his/her Designee to officiate the District elections or may invite the Conference President to officiate when necessary.
- c) At the Conference Level the President and Executive Board will prepare and confirm the date of elections. On agreement Conference President will invite the Episcopal President or his/her Designee to conduct and officiate elections.
- d) At Episcopal Level, the President and Executive Board will prepare and confirm the date of elections, and when such is confirmed, the President shall request the Most Senior Church Officer present, either an Episcopal President from another District or Presiding Elder or from another Organization / Auxiliary can officiate the elections

NOTE: It is the responsibility of the President to ensure that whoever is designated to conduct the elections, the official is empowered and capacitated to conduct elections fairly.

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## **ARTICLE 9 QUALIFICATION OF OFFICERS**

*Section 1* **Prerequisites for holding an office.**

Any person seeking to hold an office must:

- a) Demonstrate a Christian Commitment
- b) Demonstrate a High Level of Spiritual Maturity
- c) Must be sensitive to the tradition and culture of the AME Church

- d) Must have attended at least two (2) Annual Conventions in a four (4) year period.
- e) Must be willing to serve
- f) Must be dedicated to the AME Church
- g) Be 18 years of age and older to vote and to be voted into office at the District Level and above.

*Section 2* All officers and members of the Connectional Allen Christian Evangelical League and its divisions shall be members in good and regular standing in their Station or Circuit Leagues. The President of the Connectional Allen Christian Evangelical League shall possess such qualifications and fitness as shall entitle and qualify the president to sit as member of the General Conference as the representative of the Connectional Allen Christian Evangelical League.

*Section 3* The Connectional ACE League shall have the right at all times to pass upon the qualifications of its own members and may reject or accept the membership of any person.

*Section 4* All members seeking an office in the Connectional ACE League must be registered and must have attended at least two (2) Biennial sessions within the eight (8) years preceding the election year.

*Section 5* All persons seeking an elected office in the Connectional ACE League shall submit a Letter of Intent "LOI" with qualifications signed by the Episcopal District President with the approval of the Executive Committee. This letter must be submitted before the determined deadline. All qualifications will be subject to verification.

*Section 6* All candidates seeking an office must have demonstrated active participation at Local Level, and on the level of the Presiding Elder district of the Annual Conference, the Annual Conference, and Episcopal District level within the eight (8) year period preceding the election year.

*Section 7* Any candidate aspiring for the office of Recording Secretary and Assistant Recording Secretary, must be literate in basic computer technology.

*Section 8* Any candidate seeking the office of Treasurer or Financial Secretary must have experience in financial management.

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ARTICLE 10 - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1 **PRESIDENT**

The President of the Allen Christian Evangelical League shall preside over sessions during all meetings and shall be the Chairperson of the Executive Committee. The President shall be the active Head of the organization and shall see to it that the by-laws of this organization as well as the orders and policies of the Executive Committee are carried out. The President, in conjunction with the Executive Board, shall prepare a report to the Department of Church Growth, Development and

Evangelism of the General Board of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. The president shall represent the ACE League at the General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church during its Quadrennial session.

Section 2 **VICE PRESIDENT**

The Vice President shall assume all the duties of the President during an absence of the President, or when determined by the Bishop that the President can no longer perform his/her duties. The Vice President shall support the President in their duties and may represent the presidency in various capacities, he/she shall contribute to the overall strategic planning, ensuring alignment with the organization's mission and goals. The Vice President shall oversee the work of Standing Committees and shall be the Chairperson of the Programme Planning Committee.

The Vice President shall perform such duties as will be assigned by the President.

Section 3 **RECORDING SECRETARY**

The Recording Secretary shall be responsible for the recording of attendance and accurate minutes of all business transacted during meetings and shall read the minutes of any previous meetings, when called upon by the President. In the absence of the President and the Vice President, the Recording Secretary shall preside until a chairperson "pro term" is elected. The Recording Secretary shall prepare a statement of unfinished business to come before the meeting. The secretary shall keep accurate records of all the business of the Allen Christian Evangelical League, under the direction of the President. The Secretary shall submit the minutes of the meeting held by this organisation to the President and the Executive within two weeks after the meeting has taken place.

Section 4 **ASSISTANT RECORDING SECRETARY**

The Assistant Recording Secretary shall assist the Recording Secretary in keeping accurate record of all the business of the ACE League. In the absence of the Secretary, the corresponding secretary shall perform the duties of the Secretary.

Section 5 **TREASURER**

The Treasurer in cooperation with the Financial Secretary shall keep an accurate financial record of all funds raised by the organization, depositing the same in the appropriate banking institution within 1 week of receipt. The Treasurer shall give full financial report to each executive

meeting and shall account for all the expenditures and disbursements of the organisation's account.

Section 6 **FINANCIAL SECRETARY**

The Financial Secretary shall assist the Treasurer and be responsible for recording all financial transactions.

Section 7 **CHAPLAIN**

The Chaplain shall open all meetings with devotional services and be responsible for all other devotional programmes as directed by the President and the organization.

Section 8 **PARLIAMENTARIAN**

The Parliamentarian shall advise the President or presiding officer, when necessary, concerning questions of parliamentary procedure. The Parliamentarian shall follow the AME Church Book of Doctrine and Discipline and Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised at all meetings. The Parliamentarian shall be the recognised authority on this Constitution and its by-laws. The parliamentarian shall be responsible for the planning and training program and course of study in accordance with the purpose and objectives of the ACE League.

Section 9 **HISTORIOGRAPHER**

The Historiographer shall Archive Historical Records – Maintain official documents, leadership transitions, meeting minutes, and declarations for reference and accountability. Documenting Spiritual Encounters, Record prophetic revelations, testimonies, and divine movements that shape the League's faith and mission. Preserving Cultural Traditions, Safeguard hymns, AME Church customs, and other spiritual expressions central to the League's identity. Educating Members, Develop materials, historical summaries, and teaching resources to deepen members' understanding of the League's origins and spiritual heritage. Curating Exhibits & Reports, Organize historical displays, publish reports, and contribute to newsletters and official communications. Advising Leadership, Provide historical context and insights to guide decisions, ensuring alignment with the League's foundational values. Maintaining Ethical Standards, Uphold integrity, accuracy, and confidentiality in all historical documentation, ensuring faithful representation of the League's mission.

Section 10 **PROGRAMME COORDINATOR**

Implement, Monitor and Evaluate Strategic Plans for League Growth, Formulate specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-bound goals to enhance the impact of the league's programs and ensure sustainable expansion. Monitor, Analyze, and Report Growth Indicators. Track membership trends, engagement levels, and program

effectiveness through structured data collection, providing insights for continuous development. Liaise with the Department of Church Growth, Development and Evangelism. Strengthen collaboration on recruitment, discipleship, and retention strategies, ensuring alignment between church and league membership goals. Coordinate Strategic Expansion Initiatives. Oversee structured evangelistic programs, discipleship frameworks, and outreach events that contribute to membership growth and spiritual transformation. Advise and Support the President on Growth Metrics. Provide regular reports, recommendations, and structured evaluations to guide decision-making on league development, program efficiency, and expansion strategies.

Section 11 PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

The reporter shall be responsible to bring harmony between the church and the public using appropriate and the public media and the public through channelling information.

Section 12 MUSIC DIRECTOR

The Music Director shall Lead and Command Worship Atmospheres – Direct all music ministries, ensuring that bells, cushions, drum bits, and AME hymns create spiritually charged worship experiences aligned with the league’s mission. Preserve and Integrate Traditional Worship Practices. Uphold the league’s sacred musical traditions while skilfully blending them with hymn-based worship to maintain doctrinal integrity and cultural reverence. Train and Develop Worship Teams. Equip musicians, vocalists, and instrumentalists in the spiritual and technical mastery of traditional instruments, fostering excellence in worship expression. In conjunction with the Chaplain, Organize and Oversee Worship Music. Plan and execute structured hymn nights, revival worship services, and evangelistic outreach events where music serves as a conduit for deep spiritual engagement. Compose, Arrange, and Direct Sacred Music. Create new compositions, adapt AME hymns, and establish structured musical frameworks for congregational singing, ensuring balance, harmony, and spiritual authority in worship

ARTICLE 11 STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1 - Budget and Finance Committee

The committee shall study the financial needs of the A.C.E. League and recommend ways and means of generating income. This committee shall work with the Treasurer on all financial matters and shall prepare a budget for submission to the Executive.

Section 2 - Programme Planning

The committee shall be responsible for planning and implementing the total programme of the A.C.E. League. It shall provide creative opportunity on all levels for members whereby they experience the awareness of God's presence in their midst and responds to that presence with devotions and commitment. It shall organise and plan Connectional services, meetings, conferences, conventions, and other events.

Section 3 - Constitution and Bylaws Committee

The committee shall receive, study, analyse and interpret proposed Amendments to the constitution. It shall write and review the constitution and Bylaws of the A.C.E. League.

Section 4 - Membership Outreach, Recruitment and Welfare Committee

- a) The committee shall suggest plans and develop strategies for maintaining a growing A.C.E. League by recruiting members.
- b) Prepare/foster programs to link the church and the community needs.
- c) Follow and care for the elderly members and visit the sickly.
- d) Get closer to the backsliders and give advice on how best to help the needy and poor.
- e) Prepare/foster programs to link the church and the community needs.
- f) Plan and supervise forums on vital subjects pertaining to family life.
- g) They will be responsible for evangelistic crusaders.

Section 5 Education Committee

They will direct a course of study for the A.C.E. League. The committee shall develop educational training programmes. They will be responsible for educational workshops throughout the Connectional.

Section 6 - Music Development

The elected Music Director shall be the chairperson of this committee

- i) Shall develop/improve music
- ii) Shall be responsible for preparing songs for specific events of the fellowship.
- iii) Shall regulate the establishment of Evangelical League Choirs.

ARTICLE 12 - COLOURS AND THE UNIFORM

The Official attire for the League shall be worn as determined by this constitution and shall consist of the following:

Section 1 MALE MEMBERS

OPTION A

- i. Leopard-print Badge with a blue base and gold seam strings,
- ii. Black Blazer
- iii. Grey Flannel Trousers,

- iv. White Shirt,
- v. Black and Gold Neckties,
- vi. Knitted Black and Gold Waistcoat with 5 buttons,
- vii. Black Shoes,
- viii. Black Socks (plain),
- ix. ACE League Pin

OPTION B

- i. Leopard-print Badge with a blue base and gold seam strings,
- ii. Black Blazer
- iii. Grey Flannel Trousers,
- iv. White Shirt,
- v. Black Neckties (plain),
- vi. Leopard-print Waistcoat with 5 buttons,
- vii. Black Shoes,
- viii. Black Socks (plain),
- ix. ACE League Pin

OPTION C *(Only Applicable at Connectional Sessions)*

- i. Leopard-print badge with a blue base and gold seam strings
- ii. Black Blazer,
- iii. Black Tie,
- iv. Grey Flannel,
- v. White Shirt
- vi. Black Shoes
- vii. Black Socks
- viii. ACE League Pin

Section 2

FEMALE MEMBERS

OPTION A

- i. Leopard-print badge with a blue base and gold seam strings,
- ii. Black Blazer
- iii. Grey Flannel Skirt,
- iv. White Shirt,
- v. Black Beret
- vi. Black and Gold Neckties,
- vii. Knitted Black and Gold waistcoat with 5 buttons,
- viii. Black Shoes,
- ix. Black Stocking / Pantyhose (plain),
- x. ACE League Pin

OPTION B

- i. Leopard-print Badge with a blue base and gold seam strings,
- ii. Black Blazer
- iii. Grey Flannel Skirt,
- iv. White Shirt,
- v. Black Beret
- vi. Black Neckties (plain),
- vii. Leopard- print waistcoat with 5 buttons,
- viii. Black shoes,

- ix. Black Stockings / Pantyhose (plain),
- x. ACE League Pin

OPTION C (Only Applicable at Connectional Sessions)

- i. Leopard-print badge with a blue base and gold seam strings,
- ii. Black Blazer,
- iii. Black Tie,
- iv. Grey Flannel Skirt,
- v. White Shirt
- vi. Black Shoes and
- vii. Black Stockings / Pantyhose (plain),
- viii. Black beret
- ix. ACE League Pin

Note: The ACE League uniform shall be worn at all regular meetings of the ACE League, on all church events, and on special days i.e. Good Friday and Easter; at a funeral of a member of the League and other official occasions or when directed by the Pastor or responsible officers of the ACE League and the Church.

- **(NO JEWELLERY-** Necklaces, Earrings, Bangles, Tie Pins and Cufflinks).
- Clerical Shirts or any other Ministerial Garments are not part of the Uniform.

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### **ARTICLE 13 - ACT OF ROBING**

The Act of Robing will be done by a Pastor at their Local Church. Where agreed upon with the Pastors within the District / Conference and their Executives, the robing may be done at District or Conference Levels.

- a) Robing shall take place during a robing service as determined by Pastor where the Member belongs. Where agreed upon, it may be done at the Presiding Elder's District ACE League Convention of the Station/ Circuit ACE League Convention.
- b) The robed member should have gone through the probation period of no less than 180 days. Having completed the course/ activities as determined by the Pastor and the Local President, as guided by ACE League Constitution and By-Laws, the Trialist should be fully prepared for the robing with all the prescribed uniform as per Option A and B for both Males and Females.
- c) No member shall be robed without a full uniform. It is the duty of the president at the local level to make sure that the member to be robed has the necessary attire and are in good-and-regular standing.
- d) Only an Ordained Minister shall bless the robing uniform, and the Pastor may hand over the uniform to the president to do the actual robing

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ARTICLE 14 - AMENDMENTS

Section 1 Amendments to the constitution and by-laws of the Allen Christian Evangelical League may be made by filing a copy of the proposed amendment with the President and Secretary of the League whose individual membership they are amenable to, at least 60 days prior to the meeting of that League. The secretary shall send a copy of the amendments to all the Presidents of the body with the relevant amenability. Two-thirds vote shall be required to effect an amendment. The following shall constitute by-laws of the ACE League:

Sub-Section 1 The order of business shall be:

- a) Devotion
- b) Bible study
- c) Roll call of officers
- d) Registration of Delegates
- e) Reading of Reports
- f) President's Message
- g) Reports of Officers
- h) Unfinished business
- i) New Business
- j) Adjournment

Section 2 The order of business outlined before may be changed by a majority vote of the members present.

Section 3 The quorum for the transaction of business shall be formed if the majority of members present in the meeting who have registered for the meeting.

Section 4 Any provision or condition not expressly covered in either the Constitution or the bylaws of the ACE League shall be interpreted and construed in keeping with the long-established policy, customs, tenets, and traditions of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, The Book of Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised