

AMEC Connectional Lay Organization Stakeholder Survey

1. Overview

The Connectional Lay Organization Board is engaged in an inclusive planning process as it sets the direction for the organization over the next two years. You are considered a valuable stakeholder and as such, the CLO Board would like your feedback. Based upon your connection with the Lay Organization, please tell us what you think.

2. Tell Us About Yourself

1. To what stakeholder group do you belong? (Check all that apply)

- Current member of local organized laity
- Former member of local organized laity
- Member of local church but not member of local organized laity
- Lay Officer at local church
- Lay Officer at Conference level
- Lay Officer at District level
- Lay Officer at Connectional level

Other (please specify)

2. How would you describe where you live?

- Inner city
- Rural
- Small Town
- Suburban

Other (please specify)

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3. What age group do you represent?

- 18-29 years
- 30-39 years
- 40-49 years
- 50-59 years
- 60-69 years
- 70-79 years
- 80-89 years
- 90-100 years

4. What is your gender?

- Female
- Male

5. What District do you represent?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1st | <input type="checkbox"/> 8th | <input type="checkbox"/> 15th |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd | <input type="checkbox"/> 9th | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3rd | <input type="checkbox"/> 10th | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4th | <input type="checkbox"/> 11th | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5th | <input type="checkbox"/> 12th | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6th | <input type="checkbox"/> 13th | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7th | <input type="checkbox"/> 14th | |

6. How long have you been a member of the organized laity?

- Less than a year
- 1 year- 5 years
- 6 years - 10 years
- 11 years- 15 years
- 16 years - 25 years
- 26 years - 50 years
- more than 50 years

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7. How satisfied are you with your membership?

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Dissatisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
Local level	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Conference level	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
District level	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Connectional level	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn

8. What factors contributed to your satisfaction and/or dissatisfaction?

9. Did you attend the Lay Biennial Convention in Little Rock this past July?

Yes

No

if no, what prevented you from attending?

10. Are you informed about the Connectional Lay Organization's current status?

Yes (I think I am fully informed about what is currently going on at the Connectional level)

Somewhat (While I know some things, I don't think I am fully informed)

No (I don't have any idea about what is currently going on at the Connectional level)

3. Member Focus

11. How do we increase member participation?

	Must Do	Should Do	Could Do in the Future
Increase communication to members	jn	jn	jn
Host web broadcasts with members	jn	jn	jn
Develop local leaders	jn	jn	jn
Increase training opportunities	jn	jn	jn
Identify member skills and spiritual gifts	jn	jn	jn

Other (please specify)

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12. As we expand our educational offerings to members, please rate by priority each of the tools that you would like to see us use.

	Most desirable	Desirable	Least Desirable
CDs and DVDs	jn	jn	jn
Teleconferencing	jn	jn	jn
Audio tapes	jn	jn	jn
Video tapes	jn	jn	jn
Web Broadcasts	jn	jn	jn

13. As we communicate with our members, please rate by priority each of the tools that you would like to see us use.

	Most desirable	Desirable	Least Desirable
Email	jn	jn	jn
Voice Mail	jn	jn	jn
Recorded Messaging	jn	jn	jn
Teleconferencing	jn	jn	jn
Video Conferencing	jn	jn	jn
Web Broadcasts	jn	jn	jn
Text Messaging	jn	jn	jn
Web Sites	jn	jn	jn
Electronic Publications	jn	jn	jn
Blogging	jn	jn	jn

Is there another tool that you would prefer?

14. What is the greatest membership challenge?

- jn Fear of change
- jn Bringing in new members
- jn Retaining current members
- jn Recruiting members 30 and under

Other (please specify)

4. Future Direction

As the CLO moves forward, please share with us your thoughts about where it needs to direct its focus and resources.

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15. How important are these focus areas?

	Most Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important
Increase membership	jn	jn	jn	jn
Train and enable lay leaders	jn	jn	jn	jn
Expand training programs for members	jn	jn	jn	jn
Provide support for new member orientation	jn	jn	jn	jn
Generate student scholarship funds	jn	jn	jn	jn
Community outreach	jn	jn	jn	jn
Web Site Development	jn	jn	jn	jn

Other (please specify)

16. What is the greatest opportunity that the CLO should seize that will facilitate achieving its mission?

	Must Do	Should Do	Might Do in Future
Utilization of internet and new technologies	jn	jn	jn
Development of training programs and products for laity	jn	jn	jn
Marketing of lay activities within and outside the denomination	jn	jn	jn
Leveraging community networks and relationships	jn	jn	jn
Partnering with lay organizations in other denominations	jn	jn	jn

Other (please specify)

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17. How can we improve the Biennial Convention?

	Must Do	Should Do	Could Do in the Future
On-line Registration	jn	jn	jn
Use electronic polling to obtain feedback about important issues	jn	jn	jn
Offer more workshops	jn	jn	jn
Tailor workshops to members' diversity	jn	jn	jn
Provide opportunities for members to mix across Districts	jn	jn	jn
Other (please specify)	<input type="text"/>		

18. How satisfied were you with Biennial activities?

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Dissatisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
Bible Study	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Business Sessions	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Hour of Power Sermons	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Workshops	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Tours	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Black Tie Event	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn

19. What other events and/or activities would you like to see hosted at the Biennial convention?

20. Would you be interested in participating in a post-Biennial event?

Yes

No

If yes, what kind of event would you like to see the Connection host?

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21. Would you participate in a convention and/or Executive Board meeting held outside of the U.S.?

Yes

Maybe

No

If maybe or no, what will we need to do to ensure your participation?

22. Would you like to see joint lifelong learning opportunities provided for clergy and laity?

Yes

No

If yes, please share your suggestions.

23. What is the Connectional Lay Organization doing well that we need to build upon?

24. What would you like to see the Connectional Lay Organization do differently?

25. Are you satisfied with the Connectional Lay Budget?

Yes

Somewhat

No

If somewhat or no, what would you like to see changed in the budget?

5. Additional Comments

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26. What else do we need to know in order to be more effective as we move forward?