

THE CONNECTOR

CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Connectional Lay Council: Department of Lay Ministry Clifford Harris, General Secretary

Barbara Campbell, Connectional Lay Council President, Bishop Teresa Snorton, Chair

Laying All Weights Aside: Let's Go to Work



**Barbara C. Campbell,
Connectional Lay Council
President**



Connectional Lay Day October 9, 2011 Newly elected local officers shall be presented to the local church and with the pastor's consent, the Lay Ceremony can be a part of the program. Plan a program and send a contribution to the Dept. of Lay Ministry. Local Lay member cards should be renewed by or on Connectional Laity Day and these cards are available from the General Secretary of Lay Ministry's web site. October 16, 2011 The Dedication for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial in Washington, DC

Lay Workshop, presenter, Barbara Campbell
Topic: Politics or Political Action.

Why Politics Exist in the Church: Churches have to make decisions and this can create politics. Politics is the science of good sense, applied to public affairs, and as those are forever changing, what is wisdom today might be ruin tomorrow. Politics is also demonstrated under this definition: "To deal with people in opportunistic, manipulative, or devious ways for control often reflected in appointments or job advancements."

Group Activity: Share evidence of this in our church, our government or general community.

What should the Church say about the execution of Troy Davis?

Reference: Theological Perspective in the Discipline:

"For the Church to be silent in the face of need, injustice, and exploitation is to deny the Lord of the Church."

Politics or Political Action:

"Sexual harassment and/or sexual misconduct by any person in the CME Church is a prohibited form of personal behavior"

"We recommend that the Social Creed be presented to our congregations orally or in printed form at least once each year and that frequent references be made to it."

(page 38 of the Discipline)

Congressional Black Caucus,

More than a Political Event:

Braintrusts included the following

Topics: "Ensuring African American

Students Get the Education They Deserve,

"Legal Crime: How Powerful People Break

"Record Expungent: What are your state requirements"

Lay Reception hosted by President Barbara Campbell on Monday, September 26, 2011 was an evening of bonding and building relationships across the Connection. Attorney Meleda Johnson, wife of Congressman Hank Johnson was the special guest. She is the President of the Congressional Black Caucus Spouses and her presentation focused on scholarships and other benefits offered by the CBCS. The menu included:

Seafood Gumbo, Crab legs, Turkey/dressing/Collard Greens, Macaroni/Cheese, Fried Egg Plant, Barbecue Ribs/Chicken/Cheese Cake/assorted desserts!

Support the Connectional Days and Observances to include:

December 16, 2011 141st Anniversary of the CME Church. Have a session where you re-

view the history of the CME Church.

Student Recognition Day, 4th Sunday in December, promote the W.L. Graham -Webb Scholarship and the SOS Scholarship given by the

Missionary Dept.

Scout Sunday, 1st Sunday in February.

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