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Dear Connectional Members and Friends,

Last week, our 14th Quadrennial Connectional Lay Institute convened in St. Louis, Missouri. We had a very successful and well attended meeting and celebration! The open forum, worship services, Meet the Candidates forums, and deliberative sessions were outstanding and used the latest technology! I write to thank you for your support. Additionally, I am providing you with information on how to purchase media of the taped events, updates on the resolutions submitted to the Lay Institute, the Lay Council officers for the quadrennium, and the upcoming Connectional Lay Day on Sunday, October 11.

Let me take this opportunity to thank you for your support of the Lay Institute and the Department of Lay Ministry during the past quadrennium. Special thanks are extended to Bishop Thomas L. Hoyt, Jr., our Chair of the Department of Lay Ministry for his leadership and wisdom, and to Mr. Cliff Harris, for his leadership over the past four years and for presiding graciously over the Lay Institute. We thank Mrs. Faye McGhee and Mrs. Maxine McClury for their outstanding service during the past quadrennium. A warm thank you is extended to the other officers of the Lay Council, local host committees and all the persons who assisted with the coordination of the Lay Institute, and the CME TV Ministry for their support. Finally, I wish to thank my wife, Wanda, for her love and support to me and the Department!

Congratulations to the newly elected officers of the Lay Council:

- President: Mrs. Barbara Campbell, President (Sixth Episcopal District);
- Secretary: Mrs. Joyce Crowder, (Eighth Episcopal District)
- Assistant Secretary: Ms. Toni Jackson-Williams (Ninth Episcopal District);

- Treasurer: Mr. Otis Bennett (Ninth Episcopal District)
- Steward President: Mr. Charles Taylor (Third Episcopal District)
- Stewardess President: Mrs. Jolinda Dugger (First Episcopal District)
- Usher President: Ms. Diana Winton (Ninth Episcopal District)

Information/Memorabilia from the Connectional Lay Institute

- You may purchase media (CDs and DVDs) at: <http://www.cmelayministry.org/ecommerce>
- The Lay Address, "*Season of Change*" is available at: <http://www.cmelayministry.org/ecommerce>
- View the journal, reports, and status of resolutions at: http://www.c-m-e.org/convocation/Journal_Conn_Lay_Inst_091009.pdf
- Photos from the Connectional Lay Institute are available :<http://www.c-m-e.org/layinstitute2009photos.htm>

Connectional Lay Day

Our Connectional Lay Day will be held on **Sunday, October 11**. This day is set aside to emphasize the participation of lay persons in the total program of the Church and encourage the increase of such participation. I encourage all local churches, lay leaders and members to celebrate and participate in our Connectional Lay Day.

Again, thank you for your continued support of the Department of Lay Ministry. May God continue to bless you!

In His Service,

Dr. Victor Taylor