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COMMENTARY-A Legislation Adopted – Now What??

50 th Quadrennial Session of the General Conference Adopted Legislation	Location in the the <u>2012</u> <u>Book of</u> <u>Discipline</u> ¶s, Sub ¶s	Location in the <u>2016</u> <u>Book of Discipline</u> Pages/¶s & Sub-¶s	Now What? Comments/Notes
<i>Board of Christian Education</i> Acolyte Ministry GC50-R01	¶ 542, Sub ¶ # 6	220/¶528 221/#6	Dept. develop a ministry description and process of implementation; track progress via CED reports to Connectional Council
<i>Commission on Pan-Methodist Cooperation</i> Reparations Motion GC50-R08	¶ 627, Sub ¶ #5	307/¶608 308/#5	Track progress of Social Justice & Economic Development Committee regarding evaluation of recommendation via deliberate placement of the report on the list of reports to the Connectional Council
<i>Board of Christian Education</i> Men's Ministry GC50-R0-9, R-35	¶ 525, Sub ¶ #6	208/¶510 209/#6	GC50-R39 - combined with Resolution 27 (duplicate resolutions)
<i>Clergy in Specialized Ministry</i> Specialized Ministry in the A.M.E. Zion Church, Expansion of GC50-R12	Modify ¶ 258 (see Book of Discipline 2012, Part VII, Chap. 1, par. 375, #15-25).	94-97/¶240	Track usefulness via Annual Conference referrals.
<i>Board of Records, Research and Archives</i> Resolutions, Book of GC50-R13	¶ 375, add #26	145/¶402 146/#14	The Book of Resolutions includes all adopted resolutions beginning with the 2008 General Conference; Track via GSA reports to Connectional Council

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<i>The Board of Lay Activities: CLC Bylaws</i> Connectional Lay Council Bylaws in the Book of Discipline GC50-R23	¶ 626	288-303/¶607 Not Listed	Present and adopt legislation at 11 th Quadrennial Lay Convention to establish separate Bylaws booklet for ratification by the General Conference in 2020.
<i>Connectional Council</i> Administrative Board, Equal Representation GC50-25 Restructuring Commission Recommendation	Par.140 Par. 141	43/¶134 43-44/¶135 #4-#7	
<i>The Board of Lay Activities</i> Continuing Education Units for Clergy GC50-R27,39	¶ 620 Sub ¶ 3	287/¶601 287/#3-Not Listed	Language is not noted on page 287/¶601#3.
<i>Board of Records, Research and Archives</i> Administrative Boards, Handbook of Duties and Functions GC50-R33	¶ 375, add Sub ¶ #27	147/#15	Track via report to July 2017 Connectional Council & GSA Website. (The responsibilities of Standing Committees are noted on pages 305- 307.)
<i>Board of Records, Research and Archives</i> Walls Advisory Board, Expansion of GC50- R40	¶ 614, add Sub ¶ IV. item 3. e. (*)	149/¶405 155/IV-d	(*) Historic Shrines and Landmarks, item 3. e.
<i>The Connectional Budget Department-V Educational Institutions</i> Heritage Hall, Funding of the Budgetary Need of GC50-R41	¶ 397, Sub ¶ 3e	168/¶440 169/#3-Not Listed	Adopted, however, line item for funds was not written into the Quadrennial Budget by the Budget Committee. Tag for General Conference of 2020
<i>Zion Benefits Services, Inc. -1999 Retirement Benevolence Fund</i> Pastor's Retirement Benefit GC50-R42	¶ 477 add Sub ¶ 1	198-199/¶495	Pending the action of the 2017 Connectional Council , to take effect in 2028.
<i>Zion Benefits Services, Inc.</i> Zion Benefits Services, Inc. Amend and Restate Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of	¶ 474, add Sub ¶ 7	189-202	

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Restructuring Commission Report Adopted Recommendations

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<i>Restructuring Commission Report</i> <i>Adopted Recommendation #2</i> Election of Officers & Operational Flow Chart	¶ 129	38-39/¶122 Operational Flow Chart Page 69	
<i>Restructuring Commission Report</i> <i>Adopted Recommendation #3</i> Episcopal Assignments	Page 252	313-314	

Ratification of CLC Bylaws

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<i>The Board of Lay Activities – CLC Bylaws</i> Revision of the Connectional Lay Council (CLC) Bylaws Resolution: GC50-R55	Page 245 ¶ 626	Page 288/ ¶¶607	Not included in 2016 Book of Discipline

Resolution: GC50-R55 - Revision of the Connectional Lay Council (CLC) Bylaws

Recommendation: The Revisions Committee concurs with ratifying the Connectional Lay Council Bylaws, 10th Quadrennial convention. 2012 AMEZ Church Book of Discipline, Page 245, ¶ 626, delete “and District”, and replace with “, Presiding Elder District”. In Article III, Membership, Section 1 Eligibility, after eligible add the wording “and encouraged”.

Moved for Adoption.

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Language: ¶ 626,

The 50th Quadrennial Session of the General Conference directs that

The legislation ratified by the 10th Quadrennial Convention of the Connectional Lay Council be included in the 2016 edition of The Book of Discipline of the A.M.E. Zion Church.

In ¶ 626, delete “and District”, and replace with “, Presiding Elder District”. In Article III, Membership, Section 1 Eligibility, after eligible add the wording “and encouraged”.

The 50th Quadrennial Session of the General Conference directs the following modification in the AMEZ Church Book of Discipline Page 246, Article III, Section 2 Categories, Subsection A. Dues. Add the following:

Memberships	Connectional	Regional	Conference	District	Local
Sustaining Life-\$10.00	\$2.50	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$0.50	\$5.00

COMMENTARY-B Legislative Challenges Facing 2020 General Conference

Topics	Comments	Validation
<u>Book of Discipline</u> Indigenous Bishops – Past & Future	Indigenous Episcopal Leadership “Steps” provided by the Board of Bishop to accomplish the law adopted at the 49 th General Conference. Goal: To structure and adopt a resolution embracing a mechanism that is attainable and sustainable to facilitate the election of indigenous Bishops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restructuring Commission Reports July 18-24 2012 -49th GC July 25 2013 -Connectional Council • GC Minutes 49th • The <u>Star of Zion</u>, September 2015
Connectional Council Minutes	Request GSA to issue minutes from CC Meetings via online portal for GC Delegates or GSA website	
Judicial Council	No Election of Judges in 2016. Develop resolution to specify process.	GC Minutes 49 th & 50 th

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Unfinished Business: Report of the Commission on Discipline Codification to the 49 th Quadrennial Session of the GC	-District Conference: Listing report of District Lay Council President -Deacons: Conference Studies requirements for students enrolled in approved theological seminary -Bishops: deletion re official periodicals subscriptions -Benevolences and Support of the Ministry: paid vacation	Report of Commission 2016 BOD
Unfinished Business: Report of the Revisions Committee to the 49 th Session of the GC	-Laity: Inquire Condition of Lay Council	Revision Committee Report 2016 BOD The District Conference 58/¶160 between 7 & 8
Other: Request GSA to document responsibilities of General Conference Committees	Include online in GC portal for delegates	