

**REPORT OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMISSION
ON LEGISLATIVE PROCESS
A.M.E. ZION CHURCH
CONNECTIONAL COUNCIL**

July 22, 2011

Pursuant to Part I, Section II Paragraph 19 Article VII (5) of the *Constitution of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church* and Part II, Chapter I paragraph 121 of the *Book of Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church* (2004 edition), the 48th Quadrennial Session of the General Conference directs that their shall be established The General Conference Commission on Legislative Process comprised of equal representation of ministers and laity of the 12 Episcopal Districts, the Chairperson of the General Conference Planning Commission and the General Secretary-Auditor of the A. M. E. Zion Church.

The Commission is authorized by the General Conference and shall have authority to review, refine and revise the current General Conference Legislative Process as set forth in the 2004 Discipline.

After the review, the Commission shall submit its findings and revised General Conference Legislative Process for review and approval by majority vote of the 2010 Connectional Council.

The Legislative Commission makes the following recommendations in an attempt to streamline the process of receiving Resolutions for the General Conference.

1. Recommend an Annual conference Resolution Committee be formed, appointed by the Bishop of the respective Conference, to receive Resolutions in that conference area and determine whether the submitted Resolutions has merit or non-merit.
2. Recommend the following change in the Legislative Flowchart as shown on page 337 of the 2008 Book of Discipline:

General Secretary	Gen. Conf. Res. Cmte.	Due Notice to Delegates	General Conference	Various Interface Committees	Revisions Committee	General Conference Floor
AC Resolutions Committee	Resolutions					

Schematic:

1. Resolution dispatched to the Annual Conference Resolution Committee
2. Review by Annual Conference Committee for merit or non-merit.
(If Resolution receives non-merit designation, an appeal can be made to the Respective Annual Conference or Check-up Meeting.)
3. Resolutions submitted to the General Secretary.
4. General Secretary submits Resolutions to General Conference Resolution Committee. (This committee shall be formed by the Bishops at least 90 days prior to the convening of the General Conference.)
5. General Conference Resolutions Committee will determine merit or non-merit.
6. General Secretary will distribute Resolutions to the Delegates as processed by the General Conference Resolutions Committee.
7. Interface Committees will forward Resolutions to Revisions Committee with recommended actions.

Respectfully submitted,

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