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Connectional Young People's and Children's Division *Transformation: Transcending in 3G*

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Greetings, Aspirants for Connectional YPD Office,

The Connectional Young People's and Children's Division will convene at the 21st Quadrennial Session, July 7-9, 2027, in Dallas, Texas. We look forward to conducting the business of the YPD, including the election of the 2027-2031 Connectional YPD Officers.

The call for nominations will begin on October 7, 2026, and close on January 7, 2027. Our 2026 Connectional YPD LTI will serve as the initial space for young people to share their aspirations to serve on the Connectional YPD Board. This is prior to the Nominating Committee's official notification.

As you prepare, please adhere to the following guidelines:

- Meet the qualifications to run for office. (See the Constitution and Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 5, page 51; and Article IX, Sections 1 - 13, pages 52 - 54.)
- Aspirants are required to speak with their Episcopal District Supervisor and Episcopal District YPD Director prior to distributing materials, posting, etc., at LTI.
- Use the title "**Aspirant**" and not "**Candidate**" until the official certification of candidacy by the Nominating Committee.
- Campaign materials may be distributed and/or posted beginning **Friday, July 17, 2026, at 9:00 AM CST.**
- Aspirants may **not** distribute materials, make presentations, or campaign during worship services, official events, Visionary Labs, meetings, or other scheduled program activities.
- Materials may **not** be posted on hotel walls, doors, elevators, or other hotel property.
- All food items must be **individually packaged and nut-free.**
- The above guidelines apply to social media/digital campaigning until the official certification of candidacy.

As you prayerfully discern this next step, we pray that God will continue to lead, guide, and strengthen you, as you seek to give of yourself in service to the Kingdom, the AME Church, and the Young People's and Children's Division.

If you have any questions, please email connectionalypd23@gmail.com. May God bless you and keep you in this season.

Sincerely,

Thabiso Mdluli, Connectional YPD Nominating Chair
Joyce Johnson, Connectional YPD President
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