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Dear District Presidents,

The 2023 Connectional Lay Organization Biennial Convention is scheduled for June 26 - 30, 2023 at the Hilton Chicago Hotel, 720 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60605. The worship service will be on Monday, June 26 at 7:00 p.m. The business session will open on Tuesday, June 27, at 8:00 a.m. The convention is scheduled to end Friday, June 30, at approximately 12:00 p.m.

To assist with planning in the election of convention delegates, the registration costs are listed below. Early registration is encouraged to provide cost savings to your district, to encourage greater participation, and to greatly assist the CLO in planning for the meeting. Information on the registration system will be provided when available.

Delegate Registration Districts 1-13

\$275^{USD} Early Registration through February 28, 2023

\$325^{USD} Regular Registration March 1–April 30, 2023

\$350^{USD} Late and Onsite Registration May 1 – onsite*

\$225^{USD} Observer Registration*

Delegate Registration Districts 14-20

\$200^{USD} Early Registration through February 28, 2023

\$225^{USD} Regular Registration March 1–April 30, 2023

\$250^{USD} Late and Onsite Registration May 1 – onsite*

\$225^{USD} Observer Registration*

**PLEASE NOTE: Persons who register after April 30 are not guaranteed full kit contents.*

Registration Includes:

- Worship Service
- Access to Education Sessions and Meetings
- First-Timers Meeting
- Plenary Sessions
- Awards Presentation Dinner
- General Church Candidates Forum
- Officers, Chairpersons and District Presidents Presentations
- President's Message
- Lay Organization Vendor Marketplace
- Convention Kits
- Digital Program and Reports

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- Opportunities for fellowship
- One free evening to visit Chicago sites (self-guided)

Some presidents have expressed interest in a hybrid meeting. Information is currently not available to determine the feasibility of providing this option or the associated costs. As bids are requested for audio visual services, costs for a hybrid meeting will be explored.

Hotel rooms will cost approximately \$159.00 plus 17.5% tax, \$27.83, for a total of \$186.83. The room and tax rates are estimates to assist with planning.

We are at the very beginning stages of planning the convention. As more information is available it will be provided. Please gather your questions to be addressed by the biennial planning team at the Executive Board meeting scheduled for July 16, 2022.

In His Service,

Matikane Abednego Makiti

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President

cc: Officers and Chairpersons