

**DEPARTMENT OF LAY MINISTRY**  
**CEREMONY FOR PRESENTATION OF CHARTER**

**The Regional or District Lay Leader, Pastor or Presiding Elder may make the presentation at a special meeting of the Local Lay Ministry Council or at a regular Church Service. The Local Lay Leader will receive the Charter for the group.**

**Leader:** To become a chartered unit of the connectional Lay Council affirms that you and the members of the organization earnestly aspire to a fuller dedication of your God-given time, talent, influence, and worldly goods in the promotion of the kingdom of God through the agency of the Church. If you as Lay Leader will endeavor to order your life according to the implications of the Charter and by precept and example do all in your power to constrain every member to do likewise, you will answer.

**Lay Leader:** By the help of God, I will endeavor so to do.

**Leader:** Will you strive always to keep yourself and the organization loyal in spirit and work to this Local Church, which is the source of its existence and status?

**Lay Leader:** I will by the grace of God.

**Leader:** On behalf of the Department of Lay Ministry I present to you this Charter and declare that the organization is duly registered and officially recognized as a chartered unit of the Department of Lay Ministry of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church:

**Leader:** Let us pray --- Our gracious Heavenly Father, we are grateful for all persons who are conscious of their stewardship under Thee, and pray that Thou wilt give them grace sufficient to receive Thy "Well Don." Most especially we pray for the laity of this Church who have answered the call to a larger service. Grant that through their faithfulness the whole Church may experience the blessed assurance that thou dost renew Thyself in the midst of the years. May every member of the Church through their leadership "come into the unity of faith and the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a mature person, and unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.