

The Central Conference Lay Organization PRESIDENTS Past - Present

THE FIRST PRESIDENT

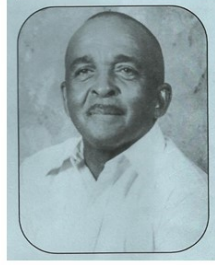


Mrs. Cora Campbell Black
(Wateree District)

Mrs. Cora Campbell Black, daughter of the late Rev. R. S. Campbell and Mrs. Pauline Campbell, was born in Winnboro, South Carolina. She attended the Fairfield County Public Schools and Claflin University, Orangeburg, South Carolina. Mrs. Black was an active member of St. Peter AME Church in Cameron and served as the First President of the Central Conference Lay Organization. Mrs. Black passed away in January of 1970.

The Cora Black Humanitarian Award is named in her each year by the Central Conference Lay Organization.

THE SECOND PRESIDENT

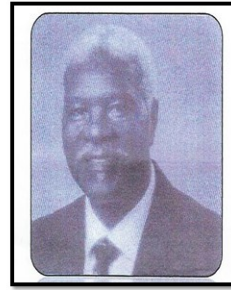


Mr. Thomas Edward Haigler, Sr.
(Wateree District)

Mr. Thomas Edward Haigler, Sr. was born in Calhoun County, South Carolina, the son of the late Robert Haigler and Mrs. Lessie Green Haigler. He passed away on Saturday, February 6, 1993 at the Regional Medical Center, Orangeburg, South Carolina. Mr. Haigler attended the public schools of Calhoun and Orangeburg Counties. At an early age he joined St. Peter AME Church, Cameron, South Carolina, and served faithfully as Church Secretary, Class Leader, and Steward. Through dedication, commitment and outstanding leadership, he was honored as Steward Emeritus. He was President of the Central Conference Lay Organization for twenty-five years and delegate to the General Conference.

The Thomas E. Haigler Banquet and Pageant is named in honor of and in appreciation for his years of loyal service.

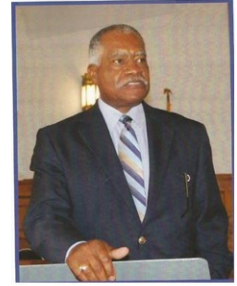
THE THIRD PRESIDENT 1985-1993



Bro. Roosevelt Mckendily Mitchell
(Manning District)

Brother Mitchell is a life-long member of Historic Liberty Hill AME Church in Summerton, SC, where he has served in many positions of leadership. He was born in Clarendon County in St. Paul Community. His service to the African Methodist Episcopal Church and the Community has taken him down many paths. He has served as Lay President on Local, District and Seventh Episcopal District levels. He has also served as Chaplain for the Connectional Lay Organization. In the Community he has been President the NAACP. He has served on the Board of Trustees of Allen University, Board of SC Christian Action Council and served twenty-three years in the US Army and retired with rank of Master Sergeant. He was a Master Cub Scout Leader and was in Little League Baseball. Mr. Mitchell is a leader that knows how to lead and has led and taught others to respect the Doctrine and Discipline of the AME Church. Mr. Mitchell was married to the late Mrs. Elese D. Jenkins Mitchell. He is the proud parent of four children. He currently lives in Summerton on his farm.

THE FOURTH PRESIDENT 1993-2001



Mr. Roger Cleckley
(Orangeburg District)

Mr. Cleckley is a member of Good Hope AME Church in Cope, SC. At his church he is a Class Leader and a member of the Steward Board. In the Lay Organization he has served as the Orangeburg District Lay President. He has held positions on the Conference and SED levels prior to being elected the SED Lay President in June 2011. In the community, he serves as Auditor of Orangeburg County. His election was historical as he became the first African American elected to this position in the state of South Carolina. He is married to Mrs. Bessie B. Cleckley. They have three children - Roger, Adrian, and Kendrick.

THE FIFTH PRESIDENT 2001-2009



Mr. Leon N. Richburg, Sr.
(Manning District)

Mr. Richburg was born in Clarendon County in Summerton, SC. He is a member of Friendship AME Church in Silver, SC. He serves on the Steward Board and has served in many other positions of his church. Mr. Richburg has served the Lay Organization as SED Lay Treasurer, Manning District Lay President and the Local Lay President of his church. He is active in many Local Community Organizations. He is the Veteran Affairs Officer for Clarendon County. He is married to Mrs. Virginia Bennett Richburg and they have four children - Lawinza, Ledray, Jocelyn, and Leon, Jr. who is deceased.

THE SIXTH PRESIDENT 2009-2013



Mr. Roosevelt Jackson
(Wateree District)

Mr. Jackson was born in Calhoun County in St. Matthews, SC. He is a member of Providence AME Church, St. Matthews, South Carolina, where he serves as Adult Sunday School Teacher, Senior Choir Member, Church Treasurer and Member of the Steward Board.

Mr. Jackson has served the Lay Organization as Wateree District Lay President and has been a Conference and District Officer in other positions. He is married to Mrs. Mary M. B. Jackson and they have four children - Portia, Andra, Darius, and Lovotus.

THE SEVENTH PRESIDENT 2013 - present



Mr. James Z. Howell
(Wateree District)

Mr. Howell was born in _____ County in _____ South Carolina. He is a member of Mt. Moriah AME Church, Sandy Run, South Carolina, where he serves on the Steward Board, the Brothermen Club, Several Choirs, and both the Sons of Allen and Lay Organization. Mr. Howell has served the Lay Organization as Wateree District Lay President, Local Lay President, and Conference Lay Officer. Mr. Howell is single and he is a foster parent and work with youth through the Boys and Girls Club of the Midlands.

Note: You may write your own biography this was written by my uncle and please proofread the others. Leroy handwriting is terrible.