

RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF A TRIALIST

Please receive here below my submission on the review of the ACE League Constitution and By-Laws.

<u>QUESTION TO BE ADDRESSED</u>	<u>POINT OF REFERENCE</u>	<u>SUGGESTED TEXT FOR BY-LAWS</u>	<u>RATIONALE</u>
Who is a member of the ACE League?	Article 3, Section 1 says: Membership in the Allen Christian Evangelical League (ACE League) shall be open exclusively to Members of the African Methodist Episcopal Church who are in good and regular standing, as confirmed by their respective local churches.	None	
Who is a Trialist?	The current Constitution Draft does not define who is a trialist. However, the long-standing traditions of the ACE League defines a Trialist as: A person who has joined the ACE League, and has not yet been afforded a status of a full member of the League because they are still undergoing a process of nurturing.	A person who has joined the ACE League, and has not yet been afforded a status of a full member of the League because they are still undergoing a process of nurturing. This person must have presented themselves publicly during the Call to Discipleship, as an official act of intention for enrolment.	The trialist period gives the new member time to learn about the organization's beliefs and practices and to decide if it is the right spiritual movement for them. It also allows the League to assess if the applicant is a suitable fit for full membership.

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What are the rights and privileges of the trialist?	The Constitution and By-Laws of the ACE League is silent on the matter. However, it is noted that there is a Tradition within the ACE League, that New Members before being robed, they would be put on a process of nurturing and observation. This process is normally done at the Local Church, and it is monitored by the Local President and the Pastor. The AME Church Discipline says that: All persons (who are Full Members) eighteen (18) years of age or over (all possessing all other qualifications) belonging to any of our societies shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of holding any office in the church (local of general), to vote and be voted for.	A Trialist shall have limited rights and privileges until they have gone through a full process of nurturing and observation, and are deemed to be ready and fully robed. A trialist shall: - Have a right to participate in all Acts of Evangelism, Devotion, and Worship Experience as guided by the Leadership - Have a privilege to participate in any convention discussions, however, shall have NO Right to make a motion or to vote on any motion - Have No Right to vote or to be voted into any position above the Local Level. In the case of a Newly Developed Charge, a Trialist may be allowed to hold an office only in the Local Structure	

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What is included in “The Process of Nurturing and Equipping of Trialists”	None	The Process of Nurturing and Equipping of Trialists should include but not be limited to: i) Reading the Word of God, ii) Learning how to Pray, iii) Witnessing to the Spoken Word iv) Calling people for repentance v) Knowing the Traditions and Culture of ACE League (to be documented) vi) Leadership Training and Development	
What is the recommended Minimum Trial Period?	None	A Reasonable Trial Period be a Minimum of 180 days. <i>This period typically lasts for 6 months, and often shall involve attending classes or special meetings as an when called by the Local President or the Pastor</i>	This would afford the candidate for full membership to experience the District, Conference and Episcopal Conventions and other ACE League activities.

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Who will determine if the Candidate is ready for Full ACE League Membership?	None	The Pastor with a recommendation of the Local President, shall be the one to determine the readiness of the trialist for full membership in the ACE League. A candidate for Full ACE League Membership shall be required to demonstrate a Good Member Conduct as prescribed in Article 5 of the Constitution															
During the Nurturing and Observing Period of a trialist, what uniform will they be required to wear?	None	<table><tr><th>For Males</th><th>For Females</th></tr><tr><td>Black Jacket</td><td>Black Jacket</td></tr><tr><td>Grey Pants</td><td>Grey Skirt</td></tr><tr><td>White Shirt</td><td>White Shirt</td></tr><tr><td>Black Tie</td><td>Black Shoes</td></tr><tr><td>Black Shoes</td><td>Black Beret</td></tr><tr><td>Black Socks</td><td>Black Stockings</td></tr></table> Members are not allowed to Jewellery Accessories, i.e., Earrings, Necklaces, Bracelets, Tie Pins and Cufflinks.	For Males	For Females	Black Jacket	Black Jacket	Grey Pants	Grey Skirt	White Shirt	White Shirt	Black Tie	Black Shoes	Black Shoes	Black Beret	Black Socks	Black Stockings	
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The By-Laws of the ACE League shall take in consideration and make provisions of Local Traditions and Culture.