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Greetings:

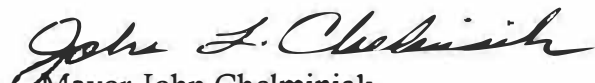
As Mayor of the City of Bellevue, it is my honor to welcome the Fifth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and Connectional Lay Organization to our city for your CLO Biennial 2019! I hope Bellevue inspires you and provides a inclusive venue for your thousands of members, laities and visiting clergy from around the world to address important topics to the AME Church and the communities in which they serve.

I am delighted that you have chosen our vibrant, growing city for your first ever CLO Biennial in the Pacific Northwest. I highly encourage you to enjoy Bellevue's urban offerings, distinctive shopping, dining, nightlife and cultural attractions – all within walking distance.

For a place to enjoy the views of our skyline and sounds of a waterfall, walk over to Bellevue's Downtown Park, in the heart of the city, to relax after your busy day. Or if you're looking for breathtaking views of Lake Washington, check out Meydenbauer Bay Park which overlooks some of the most spectacular homes on the waterfront. I also recommend indulging in an exceptional dining experience in our award-winning restaurants.

On behalf of the City of Bellevue, I wish you a productive and enjoyable CLO Biennial 2019, and hope you have a chance to sample Bellevue's hospitality and explore the beautiful Puget Sound region. Congratulations to all the individuals who helped make this meeting a success, and best wishes for all your future endeavors.

Sincerely,


Mayor John Chelminiak