



## Western North Carolina Lay Organization

*“Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink; for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.” ~ Romans 12: 19-21*

Greetings, in the Name of the Most High God:

We the Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization invite you to join us for the 2016 Jack and Jill Extravaganza: *“Lifting Our Voices for the Black Lives Matter Movement”* on April 9, 2016 at St. James A.M.E. Church, Winston-Salem, NC at 12 Noon.

Registration begins at 10:45 am for contestants participating in the competition and churches. All Jack and Jill contestants will need to turn in their funds by 11:45 am to remain eligible to participate.

Jack and Jill *Lifting Our Voices* contestants must be between 3-35 years of age and present within your age appropriate category. The program will conclude with the crowning of Jack and Jill.

Below are ideas for various age groups to present, however we welcome your own expressions of Black Lives Matter Movement:

Ages 3-7 can create a poster or form of art expression to exhibit the current context of the Black Lives Matter Movement: Ages 8-12 can write a poem, do a skit, or oratorical surrounding the effects of police brutality on minors. Ages 13-17 will present on how education at any level can be reformed to aide in progression of reducing police brutality within the minority community or differences in crime sentences as it relates to the Black Lives Matter Movement. Ages 18 -35 can present on a social issue meaningful to them that can potentially arise in the 2016 Presidential Election that affects people of color. There will be a time limit for each category depending upon the number of participants. A scrapbook can be compiled for any age category for judging as well.

Church registration can be mailed prior to the event date, even if your church does not have anyone competing for the Jack and Jill crown or competing within a category. We are asking the support of all churches since this greatly assists with our scholarship awards (Example: **“A” Churches - \$300, “B” Churches - \$200, “C” Churches - \$100**).

The contestants in the Jack and Jill that turn in the highest amount of funds will be crowned Jack and Jill. Please complete the enclosed form and return to Mary Royster Harris by March 16, 2016. The form is also available on [www.wncclay.org](http://www.wncclay.org).

Let us come together as Laity Fulfilling the Great Commission-to uplift our youth and young adults; as well as, Lift Our Voices to not only support the Black Lives Matter Movement, but raise awareness as well!

Yours In Christ and Christian Love,

Mary Royster Harris, Young Adult Representative WNCCLay Organization

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