



WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION

November 29, 2016

I greet you in the Mighty and Matchless name of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ!

The Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization 2017 membership drive has begun! Membership dues are \$6.00 for adults. Membership dues must be current for voting and election privileges.

The membership roster and dues must be submitted and received by Credential/Membership Chair, Sister Niki Allen, on or before February 16, 2017 for election and voting privileges for lay delegates to the 35th Lay Biennial. Her address is as follows: **Credential/Membership Chair, Sister Niki Allen, 2913 Ashwell Court, Raleigh, NC 27603.**

As President of the Lay Organization, I am calling on you as members of African Methodist Episcopal Church to join hands with me to continue embracing and up-holding the purpose and mission of the Lay Organization:

1. To proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ;
2. To advance the present ministry of Jesus Christ, particularly as it is embodied by the mission of the African Methodist Episcopal;
3. To encourage Bible study and to uphold the Bible as our only source for faith and doctrine;
4. To promote an understanding of The Doctrine and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church 2012 as an organized source of our laws, government, and belief statements;
5. To teach good stewardship and respect for constituted authority; and
6. To engage the laity in social action ministry, reaching beyond the walls of the Church to champion goodwill toward all

I am persuaded that if we unite our hearts and minds together in one band of Christian love and allow ourselves to be led and empowered by the Holy Spirit to serve not only this great church of Allen, but all of humankind, we will see Him add a new agenda, with new ideas, to include the new ideas of this 21st century in an effort to lead the church from membership to Discipleship.

Thus, I implore YOU to join the WNCCLLO, let us put on the Mantle of Unity and use all of our God-given gifts of the Spirit. Let us work together to allow God to be lifted up and glorified in the mission and purpose of our Lay Organization. Thank you for your willingness to serve!

The Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization
Sister Penny Oliver, President

Penny S. Oliver, President

Wilbert Hooker, Jr., 1st Vice President

Diane Foy, Recording Secretary