

"From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. ~"Ephesians 4:16

Greetings In the Name of the Most High God:

We the Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization invite ALL Pastors, Laity, Family and Friends to join us for "Empowering Our Young: Turning Passion Into Action! On April 8, 2017 at St. James A.M.E. Church Winston—Salem, NC.

Registration will begin at 9:00 am and our day will begin with a workshop entitled: "Engage, Retain and Grow". The workshop is centered around our 18-35 age group and how to not only involve them, but grow and keep them within our churches. We will have a presenter from the Laity and one from the Clergy.

We will then proceed to kick start our annual Jack and Jill with a baby contest for infant up to 5 years old. Next, we will crown Jack and Jill where participants can be 5-35 years old and present a talent of his/her choice; scrap booking, power point presentation, oratorical, singing, dancing and, mime the categories are endless! Baby Contest and Jack and Jill participants will need to arrive no later than 10:30 am to ensure accurate and timely reporting of funds raised. Please complete the form attached with this letter to confirm participation. Lunch will be provided to persons attending and we look forward to seeing you there!

Church registration can be mailed in prior to the event day even if your church does not have anyone participating in the baby contest or competing for the Jack and Jill crown. This program is fundamental in the awarding of scholarships. We are requesting the support of every church in the Western North Carolina Conference (Example: A Churches - \$300, B Churches-\$200, C Churches-\$100).

We will conclude our afternoon with a soul-stirring Empowerment Message to Recharge, Refuel and Recommit ourselves as Laity Fulfilling the Great Commission.

Yours In Christ and Christian Love,

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