



**WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION**  
**OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

*“But the time is coming- indeed it’s here now-when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way. For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.” John 4: 23-34 NLT*

January 8, 2018

Greetings, in the Name of the Most High God:

**It’s that time of the year, again, when we can showcase the Youth and Young Adults of the Western North Carolina Conference!**

We invite you to join us for the YAR Event *“Gospel Explosion- For Your Glory”* on April 21, 2018 at Turner’s Chapel A.M.E. Church in High Point, NC. Registration begins at 9:00 am and promptly at 9:30 am an hour long workshop entitled *“My Praise Is For Real”* by Rev. Anthony Radcliffe . This workshop will explore worship from the Young Adult’s perspective and how to be more effective with Young Adult’s through worship at your local church.

At 10:30 am we will transition into our Gospel Explosion. We are excited to have a **“Battle of Choirs”** between the Eastern and Western Districts of the Western North Carolina Conference. We will have two categories of choirs: **Youth Choirs** and **Youth and Young Adult Choirs**. Please refer to the enclosure for criteria regarding the Gospel Explosion. We will have judges for the choirs; however, the judges will not be affiliated with the WNCC Lay Organization to ensure fairness.

We will crown both a Mr. and Miss Gospel Explosion 2018. Our prayer is to have a boy and girl from each district participate so the conference is well represented. Church registration and submittal of monies for Mr. and Miss Gospel Explosion will need to take place prior to 10:30 am. We encourage all churches to participate in this event to support scholarships for our youth and young adults. Church registration can be mailed prior to the event date and it is as follows:

- **“A” Churches - \$300 • “B” Churches - \$200 • “C” Churches - \$100**

Please complete the enclosed form for participation in the Battle of the Choirs and Mr. and Miss Gospel Explosion and return to Mary Royster Harris by March 18, 2018. The form is also available on [www.wncclay.org](http://www.wncclay.org).

We look forward to seeing you there! Where we will have an awesome time praising God through song and worship!

Yours In Christ and Christian Love,

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