



THE LAY EXPRESS

Second Episcopal District ~ African Methodist Episcopal Church
WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION



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From
the desk
of...

Penny S. Oliver, President



Did you have a rough day today? Sometimes it feels like we have more than our share of things that go wrong. Often we just don't handle those problems the way we wish we would. Then more doubt and concern loom on our horizon.

But this is a new day, full of grace and promise. One day is separated from another by night, and with the morning light comes a renewal of God's grace and strength to carry on. We might use all our human resources – all our grace, our strength, our patience, our ability – in a single day. But we don't worry. The Lord is faithful, and He'll give us a whole new supply of every good thing for the new day.

Before this day even began, God knew what we would face, what we would need to get through and He provided for that. Here we are at the beginning of a new conference year – new assignments – new Presiding Elder. I encourage you to draw on His assets, His grace, His faithfulness, His gifts for all of us and we we'll have plenty of strength.

Sometimes we feel like we have more than our share of things that go wrong but this is a new day, a new beginning, a new horizon, a new conference year and I dare you to trust God and draw on all His blessings for today and all the days to come.

*Pastors and laity give your attention to the mirroring project – a snapshot of how the church meets its current mission (making disciples), whether it is in touch with its community, and its viability in the future. It gives us an opportunity to take a comprehensive look at our church's ministry structures and systems. Let's work together not as man over man but as laity working together in the Body of Christ. **The deadline for written reports for the mirroring project is September 1, 2018. All WNC churches' should email their reports to me, (penny.oliver52@yahoo.com or penny.oliver@bennett.edu) the conference lay president.***

Join us at our next conference lay meeting, August 11, 2018 @ 10 am at Joseph AMEC, Durham, NC and thank you for your willingness to serve!



THE MOTHER
EMANUEL NINE
REMEMBRANCE DAY

Sunday, June 17, 2018

This year in compliance with AME Church law our churches will recognize Emanuel Nine Remembrance Sunday the 3rd Sunday in June. All congregations are asked to conduct brief services in honor of those slain during this tragedy and the survivors, Ms. Felicia Sanders, Polly Sheppard, Jennifer Pinckney, and two minors.



Clementa Pinckney



Depayne Doctor



Cynthia Hurd



Susie Jackson



Ethel Lance



Tywanza Sanders



Daniel Simmons



S. Coleman-Singleton



Myra Thompson





2018 SUMMER SUMMIT

JESUS - "Our Hope for All Seasons"

Tentative Schedule

MONDAY, JULY 16, 2018

Basketball Playoffs Pep Rally

Homecoming Prom (Intergenerational)

TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2018

Relay of Empowerment (Bible Study)

Stewards/Trustees Workshops

Ministers' Retreat

Empowerment Workshops (ALL AGES)

Keynote Worship Service K.I.T. (Kickin' It Together)

Basketball Playoffs



WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 2018

Relay of Empowerment (Bible Study)

Ministers' Retreat

Worship Service (Young Adults)

Empowerment Workshops (ALL AGES)

Worship Service (Youth)

Cook Out and MOVIE K.I.T. (Kickin' It Together)

Basketball Playoffs

THURSDAY, JULY 19, 2018

Closing Meditation



Register NOW at:

ame2.com

James L. Davis, Servant Bishop



Arelis B. Davis, WMS Supervisor

How Does God SEE Your Church?

An aerial night view of a city, likely New York City, with a bokeh effect of colorful lights in the foreground. The city lights are in sharp focus, while the foreground lights are blurred into soft, colorful circles.

**EXAMINE YOUR CHURCH
WITH THE
MIRRORING MINISTRY.**

Get tools to use in the implementation of the mirroring ministry in your local church at wncclay.org.

**Mirroring assessments are due to the
WNCC Lay President, Penny Oliver
before September 1, 2018.**

**For more information contact Penny Oliver
at: penny.oliver52@yahoo.com**

SAVE THE DATE



ANNUAL LAY PRAYER

**ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION
FORTHCOMING**

& BREAKFAST MEMORIAL SERVICE



"Laity walking humbly with God to do justice and to love kindness."

September 8, 2018

**St. Matthew AMEC
1136 Apple Street
Burlington, NC 27217**

**Doors open at 9 AM
Program begins at 10 AM**

Tickets are \$15 per person

**Ms. Penny S. Oliver~
President WNCGL
Ms. Jackie Kanipe~
Chair of Prayer Breakfast
Committee
Ms. Emma White~
Host Church Lay President
Rev. Patrice Fields~
Host Pastor**

"And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, And to walk humbly with your God?"

Micah 6:8

Second Episcopal District

17TH ANNUAL LAY CONVENTION

Newport News, VA
Marriott at Center City
September 27-29, 2018

Please complete the registration form and return with a check or money order to:

*Barbara R. Smith
2060 Cranberry Ct.
Lenoir, NC 28645.*

The Convention Registration deadlines are:

Regular Registration \$150.00 until 6/30/18

\$75.00 Young Adult (18-35) until 6/30/18

\$175.00 Late Registration 7/1/18-8/1/18

\$200.00 On-site Registration 9/27/18.

Please do not mail registrations after 5/31/18.

For hotel reservations, please call 757-873-9299

Reservation for Lay Organization, A.M.E. Church.

Room rate is \$124.00 plus tax.

Should you have any questions

contact Sister Barbara Smith

phone:828-292-9718

email: smithbarbarar@bellsouth.net.



Have you purchased the Second Episcopal District Lay Organization Lapel Pin? If not, it is not too late.

The pins are \$10.00 each. Checks should be made payable to the WNCC-Lay Organization.

Contact Jackie Kanipe by email, jconleyk@bellsouth.net or telephone call, 828-433-8424.

If you would like to reserve several for members of your organization, please inform Sister Kanipe as soon as possible.



COMMENDATIONS



Penny Oliver

**2018 WNC Layperson of the Year,
Western North Carolina Conference
Lay President**

&

Adam Johnston

**2018 WNC Young Adult Representative
of the Year,
Western North Carolina Conference
2nd Vice President**

President Oliver and Brother Johnston will represent the WNCC at the SED Lay Convention in Hampton, Virginia.

An Excellent Choice



EDNA S. WATSON

**For
Second Episcopal District Lay
PRESIDENT**

A Proven Servant Leader

Congratulations Sister Renee White



**Join us as we recognize Sister White who
was honored as the City of Asheville's
Volunteer of the Year.**

**Read more on Sister White's service to the
Asheville community at:**

**[http://coablog.ashevillenc.gov/2018/05/
renee-white-named-asheville-volunteer-
of-the-year/](http://coablog.ashevillenc.gov/2018/05/renee-white-named-asheville-volunteer-of-the-year/)**



Congratulations

2018-2020

**Western North Carolina
Lay Organization Officers**

President	Penny Oliver
First Vice-President	Betty Parker
Second Vice-President	Adam Johnston
Third Vice-President	Vacant**
Recording Secretary	Diane Foy
Assistant Recording Secretary	Joy Grandy
Corresponding Secretary	Barbara Smith
Treasurer	Woodrow Winchester
Financial Secretary	Mozell Weston
Parliamentarian	Vacant**
Chaplain	Jessie Cardwell
Historiographer	Melissa Roberts
Director of Lay Activities	Jacqueline C. Kanipe
Young Adult Representative	Mary R. Harris
Eastern District Coordinator	Bettie Duell
Western District Coordinator	Sonia P. Barbre
Director of Public Relations	Angela Elam

**Positions that are vacant will be filled during special election held, August 11, 2018

Congratulations

**WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA
CONFERENCE**

Western District

Presiding Elder Conrad K. Pridgen

Eastern District

Newly Appointed

Presiding Elder Anita Thompson**

Local Pastors

Newly Ordained Elders

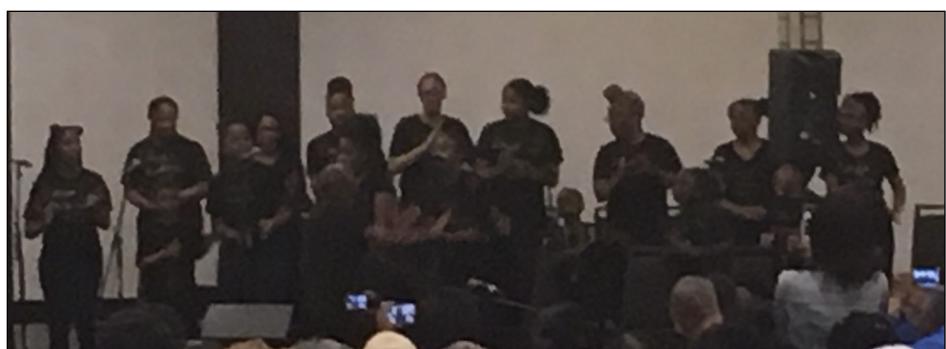
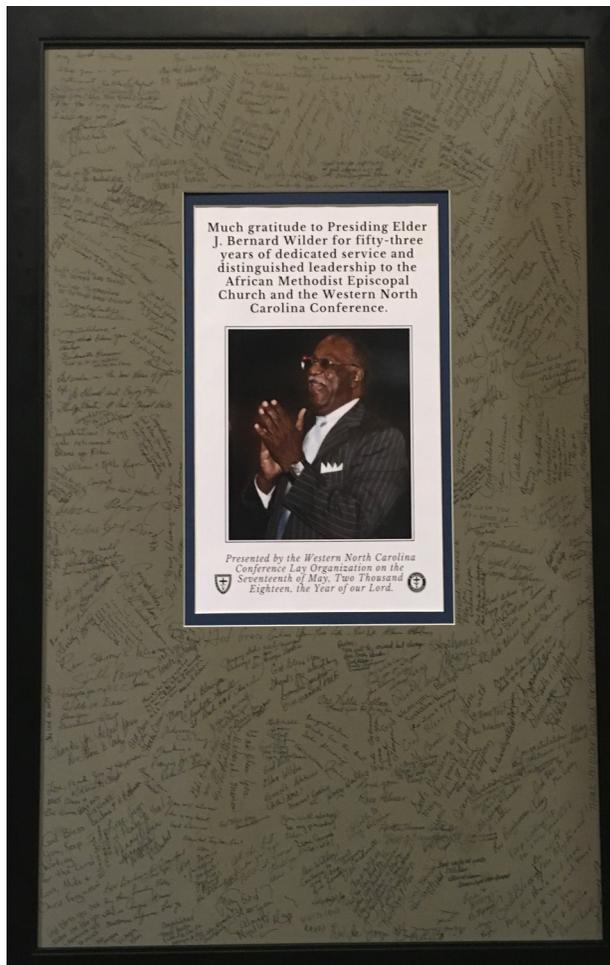
Newly Ordained Deacons

** Presiding Elder Thompson's appointment marks
a historic moment in the life of our Zion.

Whereas, Presiding Elder Thompson is the first Woman
to serve in this position within the
Western North Carolina Conference.

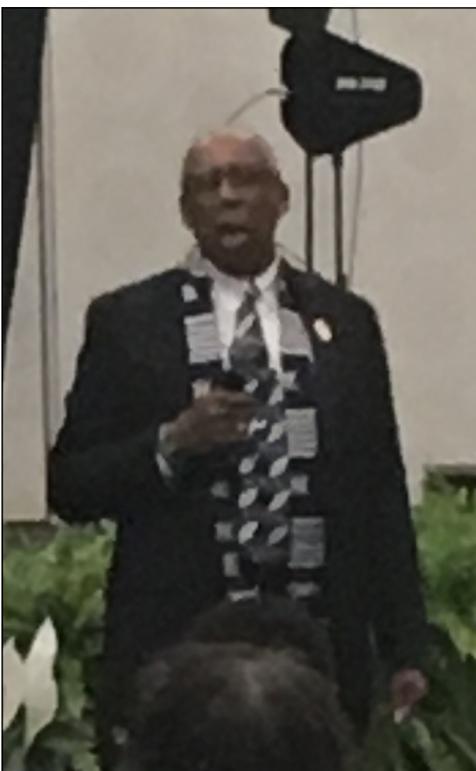


126th Session of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference





LAY WITNESS NIGHT 2018



*You
Meant
So
Much...*



**You Meant So Much to all of us
You were special and that's no lie
You brightened up the darkest day
And the cloudiest sky**

**Your smile alone warmed hearts
Your laugh was like music to hear
We would give absolutely anything
To have you well and standing here**

**Not a second passes
When you're not on our minds
Your love we will never forget
The hurt will ease in time**

**Many tears we have seen and cried
They have all poured out like rain
We know that you are happy now
And no longer in any pain**

By Cassie Mitchell

This poem was read at Annual Conference in memorial of
Brother Hooker. The poem can be found at: [http://
www.funeralhelper.org/remembrance-you-meant-so-much-
cassie-mitchell.html](http://www.funeralhelper.org/remembrance-you-meant-so-much-cassie-mitchell.html)

This was read during Youth Night at the WNC Annual Conference.
Sister Meredyth Jenkins attends Gaines Chapel, Efland, NC,
and is the daughter of Portia Holman , a member of the Lay Organization.
She is a student at Bennett College, Greensboro, NC.



WE ARE AWAKE!

By Meredyth Jenkins

“Let no man despise thy youth, but be thou an example of the believers, in the word, in charity, in spirit, in faith, and in purity” 1 TIMOTHY 4:12
Being young is a time where everyone in our lives has already lived our age before. The decisions that are made are questionable to our mothers, father, and especially grandparents. We once believed that it is because their time is their time, and our time is our time. We, as young people have not seen this day and age before and some of us just do not listen, and we do not get it. There is good news though, and that is sooner or later the term “our time is our time” will disappear. I am in my twenties, and I love to do my own thing. I do not like to listen to anyone, but myself, because I know me, but I also know that is a problem. I know personally that in your twenties that when you start finding yourself and realize what you believed was acceptable is no longer acceptable; but we as young people, try to make it alright. Even when after it is constantly stated that this will not end the way we think; we still continue to do it anyway, because we are willing to put that much energy into nonsense. Real life begins to rear its head from behind that couch, and in absolute horror; we underestimate the problem as it becomes larger and larger. That is this generation’s problem “millennial and generation X”, who are known to have more positive thinking, but we do not take action until we look up and the monster is still silently gazing or the problem still exists. We wait for it to change, by thinking it will go away, but the problem still stands until we decide to do something to solve it. We finally make a choice to step in and take control of our own lives, and once you deal with that one thing; you look around and realize “I” am not the only one that is still not getting it.

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It's universal. Our decisions no longer are "I", but there is now a "We and Us". Yes, young people as a whole must learn we are more of a unit or a team, than individuals. We must help each other to elevate and to encourage; but we are very selfish. We are entirely distrusting, and we can be extremely rude for no reason at all and we think we are going to be this great individual. I get that too, because we have to constantly grow and learn in order to improve. We should be more open, observant, and attentive to what's going on around us. My generation thinks about now, and what happens now; instead of preparing for the near future; which indicates that "Ignorance is indeed bliss", until you wake up and realize your phone bill is due and now you have nothing to help you connect with the world. This also shows that we are disconnected from reality. The fact that we try to escape also shows that there is some concern shown, but not enough past hashtags and comments. Recently, something has awakened us and made us more aware. On February 14th, 2018, 17 students and teachers were killed, and this kid was not thinking about color, size, or gender. He was thinking about just a life, and he took it like it was just a "life". That woke us up, and those kids marched and protested for gun violence. Thankfully this experience led to a march that finally mattered because it was not about race this time. We are waking up! We are no longer being just young people waiting for the adults to stand alone and fight. We are joining in and standing up for the injustices in the world. Our country's leadership is in question and our future seems to be in danger. This happened because we did not come together to help prevent the outcome. It is the younger generation's time to join the battle. We would rather not vote, because we "believe" either way, our vote will not matter. In believing this lie and doing the absolute minimum or nothing at all has landed us where we are today. If we do not get it together within, I would say the next 3 years; but NO. We need to get it together today, to be ready for the next 3 years; otherwise we could be in trouble. All of us could be in trouble! 1 Timothy Chapter 4, verse 12 "Let no man despise our youth"... We must walk in wisdom, and know that what we do should have overall, the most effective impact for us, and not just thinking about being on the come-up because our "come up" will be nothing without the reinforcement of the foundation that we will be standing on; which is the shoulders of Our Elders. They need our help! So now that we are awake. IT IS OUR TIME! What are we going to do?

12 Things

You Might Not Know About

JUNETEENTH

BY STACY CONRADT

This article was originally published, June 19, 2017, at: <http://mentalfloss.com/article/501680/12-things-you-might-not-know-about-juneteenth>



There's more than one Independence Day in the U.S. On June 19, 1865, General Gordon Granger rode into Galveston, Texas, and announced that slaves were now free. Since then, June 19 has been celebrated as Juneteenth across the nation. Here's what you need to know about the historic event and celebration.

1. SLAVES HAD ALREADY BEEN EMANCIPATED—THEY JUST DIDN'T KNOW IT.

The June 19 announcement came more than two and a half years after Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, so technically, from the Union's perspective, the 250,000 slaves in Texas were already free—but none of them were aware of it, and no one was in a rush to inform them.

2. THERE ARE MANY THEORIES AS TO WHY THE LAW WASN'T ENFORCED IN TEXAS.

News traveled slowly back in those days—it took Confederate soldiers in western Texas more than two months to hear that Robert E. Lee had surrendered at Appomattox. Still, some have struggled to explain the 30-month gap between the proclamation and freedom, leading some to suspect that Texan slave owners purposely suppressed the announcement. Other theories include that the original messenger was murdered to prevent the information from being relayed or that the Federal government purposely delayed the announcement to Texas in order to get one more cotton harvest out of the slaves. But the real reason is probably that Lincoln's proclamation simply wasn't enforceable in the rebel states before the end of the war.

3. THE ANNOUNCEMENT ACTUALLY URGED FREED SLAVES TO STAY WITH THEIR FORMER OWNERS.

General Order No. 3, as read by General Granger, said:

"The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and hired labor. The freedmen are advised to remain quietly at their present homes and work for wages. They are informed that they will not be allowed to collect at military posts and that they will not be supported in idleness either there or elsewhere."

4. WHAT FOLLOWED WAS KNOWN AS "THE SCATTER."

Obviously, most former slaves weren't terribly interested in staying with the people who had enslaved them, even if pay was involved. In fact, some were leaving before Granger had finished making the announcement. What followed was called "the scatter," when droves of former slaves left the state to find family members or more welcoming accommodations in northern regions.

5. NOT ALL SLAVES WERE FREED INSTANTLY.

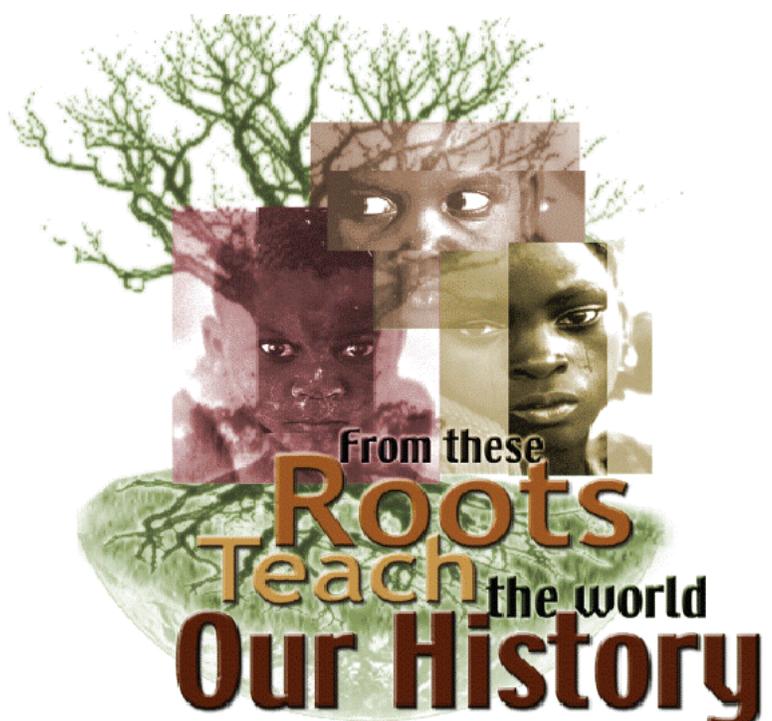
Texas is a large state, and General Granger's order (and troops to enforce it) were slow to spread. According to historian James Smallwood, many enslavers deliberately suppressed the information until after the harvest, and some beyond that. In July 1867 there were two separate reports of slaves being freed, and one report of a Texas horse thief named Alex Simpson whose slaves were only freed after his hanging in 1868.

6. FREEDOM CREATED OTHER PROBLEMS.

Despite the announcement, Texas slave owners weren't too eager to part with what they felt was their property. When legally freed slaves tried to leave, many of them were beaten, lynched, or murdered. "They would catch [freed slaves] swimming across [the] Sabine River and shoot them," a former slave named Susan Merritt recalled.

7. THERE WERE LIMITED OPTIONS FOR CELEBRATING.

When freed slaves tried to celebrate the first anniversary of the announcement a year later, they were faced with a problem: Segregation laws were expanding rapidly, and there were no public places or parks they were permitted to use. So, in the 1870s, former slaves pooled together \$800 and purchased 10 acres of land, which they deemed "Emancipation Park." It was the only public park and swimming pool in the Houston area that was open to African Americans until the 1950s.



8. JUNETEENTH CELEBRATIONS WANED FOR SEVERAL DECADES.

It wasn't because people no longer wanted to celebrate freedom—but, as Slate so eloquently put it, "it's difficult to celebrate freedom when your life is defined by oppression on all sides." Juneteenth celebrations waned during the era of Jim Crow laws until the civil rights movement of the 1960s, when the Poor Peoples March planned by Martin Luther King Jr. was purposely scheduled to coincide with the date. The march brought Juneteenth back to the forefront, and when march participants took the celebrations back to their home states, the holiday was reborn.

9. TEXAS WAS THE FIRST STATE TO DECLARE JUNETEENTH A STATE HOLIDAY.

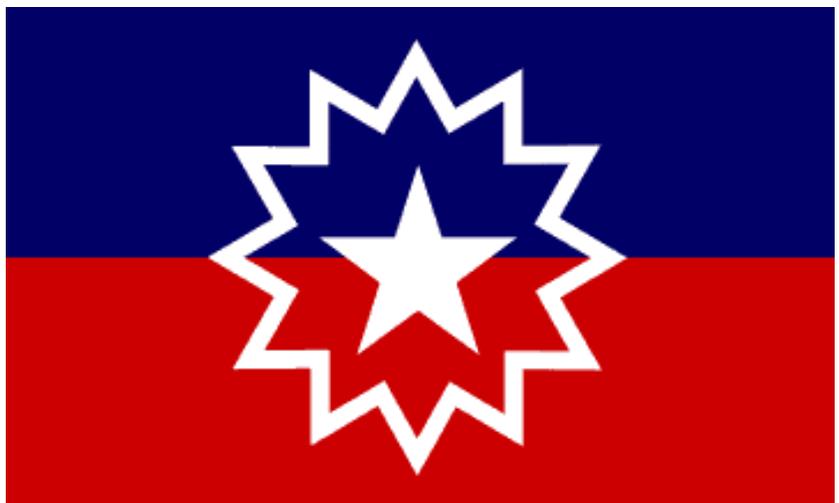
Texas deemed the holiday worthy of statewide recognition in 1980, the first state to do so.

10. JUNETEENTH IS STILL NOT A FEDERAL HOLIDAY.

Though most states now officially recognize Juneteenth, it's still not a national holiday. As a senator, Barack Obama co-sponsored legislation to make Juneteenth a national holiday, though it didn't pass then or while he was president. One supporter of the idea is 91-year-old Opal Lee—since 2016, Lee has been walking from state to state to draw attention to the cause and plans to make the steps of the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., her last stop.

11. THE JUNETEENTH FLAG IS FULL OF SYMBOLISM.

Juneteenth flag designer L.J. Graf packed lots of meaning into her design. The colors red, white, and blue echo the American flag to symbolize that the slaves and their descendants were Americans. The star in the middle pays homage to Texas, while the bursting "new star" on the "horizon" of the red and blue fields represents a new freedom and a new people.



12. JUNETEENTH TRADITIONS VARY ACROSS THE U.S.

As the tradition of Juneteenth spread across the U.S., different localities put different spins on celebrations. In southern states, the holiday is traditionally celebrated with oral histories and readings, "red soda water" or strawberry soda, and barbecues. Some states serve up Marcus Garvey salad with red, green, and black beans, in honor of the black nationalist. Rodeos have become part of the tradition in the southwest, while contests, concerts, and parades are a common theme across the country.

365 DAYS OF BLACK HISTORY

The June Edition

June 1, 1968

Henry Lewis becomes first Black musical director of an American symphony orchestra - the New Jersey Symphony

June 2, 1971

Samuel L. Gravely, Jr. becomes first African American admiral in U.S. Navy.

June 3, 1890

L.H. Jones patents corn harvester.

June 4, 1972

Angela Davis acquitted of all murder and conspiracy charges.



Dr. Mae Jemison

June 5, 1987

Dr. Mae C. Jemison becomes first Black woman astronaut.

June 6, 1831

First annual "People of Color" convention held in Philadelphia.

June 7, 1917

Poetess Gwendolyn Brooks, first African American to win the Pulitzer Prize (Poetry 1950), born.

June 8, 1953

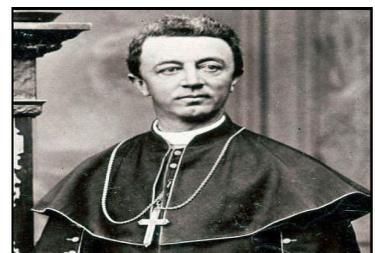
Supreme Court ruling bans discrimination in Washington, D.C. restaurants.

June 9, 1995

Lincoln J. Ragsdale, pioneer fighter pilot of World War II, dies.

June 10, 1854

James Augustine Healy, first African American Roman Catholic bishop is ordained.



Bishop James Augustine Healy

June 11, 1912

Joseph H. Dickson patents player piano.

June 12, 1963

Medgar W. Evers, civil rights leader, is assassinated in Jackson, Miss.

June 13, 1967

Thurgood Marshall nominated to the U.S. Supreme Court by President Lyndon Johnson.

June 14, 1864

Congress rules that African American soldiers must receive equal pay.

June 15, 1913

Dr. Effie O'Neal, first Black woman to hold an executive position in the American Medical Association, born.

June 16, 1970

Kenneth A. Gibson elected mayor of Newark, N.J., first African American mayor of a major eastern U.S. city.

June 17, 1775

Minuteman Peter Salem fights in the Battle of Bunker Hill.

June 18, 1863

The 54th Massachusetts Colored Infantry attacks Fort Wagner, S.C.

June 19, 1865

Black in Texas are notified of Emancipation Proclamation, issued in 1863. "Juneteenth," marks the event.

June 20, 1953

Albert W. Dent of Dillard University elected president of the National Health Council.

June 21, 1945

Col. Benjamin O. Davis Jr. becomes first African American to command a U.S. Army Air Corps base.

June 22, 1897

William Barry patents the postmarking and canceling.

June 23, 1940

Sprinter Wilma Rudolph, winner of three gold medals at the 1960 Summer Olympics, born.

June 24, 1964

Carl T. Rowan appointed the Director of the United States Information Agency.



Justice Thurgood Marshall



Ms. Wilma Rudolph

June 25, 1941

Franklin D. Roosevelt issues executive order establishing Fair Employment Practice Commission.

June 26, 1975

Samuel Blanton Rosser becomes first African American certified in pediatric surgery.

June 27, 1991

Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall announces his retirement.

June 28, 1864

Fugitive slave laws repealed by Congress.

June 29, 1886

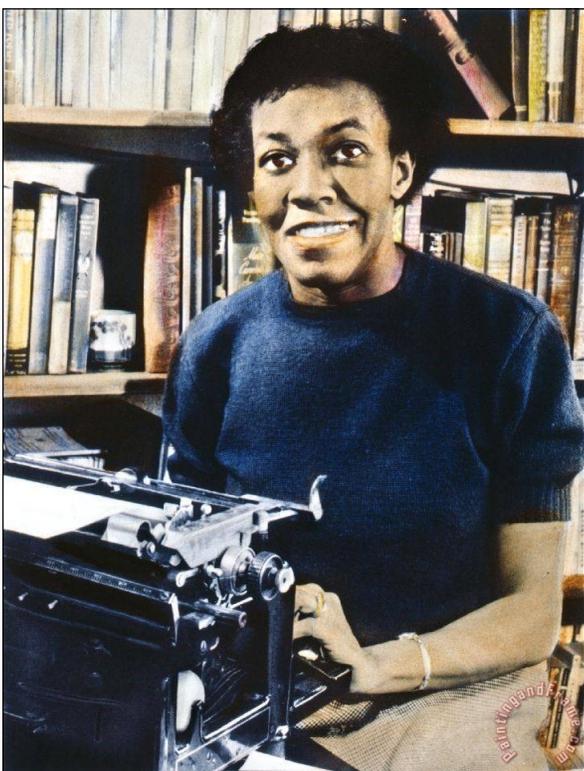
Photographer James Van Der Zee born.

June 30, 1921

Charles S. Gilpin awarded Springarm Medal for his performance in Eugene O'Neill Emperor Jones.



Mr. James Van Der Zee



“When you use the term minority or minorities in reference to people, you are telling them they are less than somebody else.”

~Gwendolyn Brooks

APPLICATIONS
ARE NOW
AVAILABLE



FOR THE FOLLOWING
SCHOLARSHIPS AT:



www.wncclay.org

DAVIS/McKINNEY SCHOLARSHIP

DR. JAMES C. JOHNSON LAY SCHOLARSHIP

KITTRELL-ALLEN-ADAMS SCHOLARSHIP



AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

2ND EPISCOPAL DISTRICT LAY ORGANIZATION



DAVIS/M^CKINNEY SCHOLARSHIP

2018–2019 ACADEMIC YEAR

DEADLINE: TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2018

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Qualified applicants must submit the following documents:

1. The completed application form, using word processed or typed text.
2. A current official High School transcript of grades and SAT scores.
3. A minimum of (3) letters of recommendation (Pastor or Youth Pastor, responsible adult from his/her local church, and a responsible adult, non-relative outside of church.
4. A one page biographical statement including career goals, and
5. Evidence of financial need must be submitted.

Completed applications **MUST BE** received by stated deadline. Applications with missing components will not be considered in the final evaluation.

CONTACT: Dr. V. Susie Oliphant

Ph. (301) 559-9488

vsfo@verizon.net

DR. JAMES C. JOHNSON LAY SCHOLARSHIP
Second Episcopal District
Western North Carolina Conference

1. A signed application
2. **Applicant's Bio**
3. Copy of letter of acceptance from intended college
4. **A current official High School transcript of grades**
College applicants applying must submit college transcript and college status
1st___ 2nd___ 3rd___ 4th___
5. **Letters of recommendation from the pastor or church official and an individual unrelated to the applicant**

DEADLINE DATE: July 29, 2018

Completed application must be received by
deadline. Application with missing components will not be considered.
Faxed or by e-mail will not be accepted.

Return to:
Mrs. Sonia P. Barbre, Chairperson
2526 Griffith Meadows Drive
Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27103
Phone: 336.768.4822

2018 KITTRELL-ALLEN-ADAMS SCHOLARSHIP
Second Episcopal District A.M.E. Church

1. This scholarship is limited to students who are current members of an African Methodist Episcopal Church in the 2nd Episcopal District.
2. **Signed Application with all of Part 1 completed (including income information)**
3. Biographical Essay as required in Part 2
4. **Official Copy of high school or college transcript in sealed envelopes**
5. Two current letters of recommendations from nonrelatives
One of your recommendations must be your pastor or a church official. Your second reference can be any nonrelative who can speak to your character and your involvement in church, community, or school.

The Scholarship Committee must receive a completed application packet by:
July 31, 2018.

Return all materials to:
Gail P. Radcliff
9285 Berry Road
Waldorf, MD 20603
301.870.8492



WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION



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

It is Election Year for the WNCCLO!

The Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization election will take place Saturday August 11, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. **for the office of Third Vice President and Parliamentarian**

Host Church: St. Joseph A.M.E.

2521 Fayetteville St.

Durham, NC 27707

If you are seeking an office in the WNCCLO complete the *Letter of Intent*. The *Letter of Intent* a copy of *Article VI NOMINATION and ELECTION PROCEDURES, sections 1- 8 and Article IV Membership* are on the website <http://www.wncclay.org/>.

Mail the *Letter of Intent* with the signature of the Local Church President to the nominating committee chair. The certified letter must be postmarked or received by the chair of the Nominating Committee no later than July 11, 2018 (1 month) prior to the convening of the Conference Meeting, August 11, 2018.

2018 Nominating Committee:

Sis. Gertrude Upperman

Sis. Audrey McCain

Sis. Connie Jefferson

Bro. Dale Wragg

Bro. Kenneth Woods, Chairperson, 1017 Frazier Road Mebane, NC 27302 email: kwoods6@centurytel.net

Thank you for your willingness to serve!

Sister Penny Oliver,

President WNCCLO

Brother Kenneth Woods,

Chairperson of 2018 Nominating Committee

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND THE CONNECTION



- July 16-19, 2018.....Summer Summit 2018**
 See SED website for room rates and other information on overflow lodging.
<http://www.ame2.com>
- August 11, 2018WNCC Lay Organization Meeting**
 St. Joseph A.M.E. Church, Durham, NC
 Rev. Dr. Ronald L. Owens, Pastor/ Sis. Gerald Logan, Lay President
- September 8, 2018.....WNCC Lay Organization Prayer Breakfast**
 St. Matthew A.M.E. Church, Burlington, NC
 Rev. Patrice Fields, Pastor / Sis. Emma White, Lay President
- September 27-29, 2018.....SED Lay Organization Convention**
 Newport News Marriott at City Center, Newport News, Virginia
 Sis. Barbara Smith, WNCC Registrar
- November 10, 2018.....WNCC-LO Lay Institute**
 Mt. Zion A.M.E Church, Greensboro, NC
 Rev. Henry Davis, Pastor / Bro. Woodrow Winchester, Lay President
- May 1-4, 2019..... 127th Session of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference**
 Location Forthcoming
- June 9, 2019..... 2019 Pentecost**
 Location and Time Forthcoming

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JUNETEENTH
CELEBRATE FREEDOM

- Honor Emanuel 9 Remembrance Day, June 17, 2018.
- Register for the upcoming SED Lay Convention Newport News, VA. Registration
- Those who wish to declare their candidacy for 3rd Vice President or Parliamentarian for the WNC-CLO must do so by July 11, 2018. You can access the Letter of Intent on pgs. 29-30.
- Open an account at a Black Bank.

For additional information on
scholarships & conference events,

Please visit the Second Episcopal District website, www.ame2.com,
and/or the website of the WNCC Lay Organization, www.wncclay.org.

WE NEED YOUR “CHURCH HISTORY”,
“HIDDEN FIGURES”,
& “CHURCH EVENTS”
BY JUNE 26TH

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17th Lay Convention
Second Episcopal District Lay Organization
September 27-29, 2018
Newport News Marriott at City Center
740 Town Center Drive, Newport News VA 23606 (757) 873-9299

REGISTRATION FORM (Please Print Clearly)

Full Name: _____

Street Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Ph. # _____ Work Ph # _____

Cell Ph # _____ E-mail: _____

Conference: _____ Home Church: _____

Level: Local Presiding Elder Conference Episcopal District Connectional

Elected Office: _____ First Time Attendee: _____

*YA Only: College/University _____ Year _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

CONVENTION FEES: (25% cancellation cost)
Registration fee includes convention registration packet, and (1) Awards Banquet ticket.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION TYPES	FEE	TOTAL
ADULT LAY (\$150.00/\$200 on site)		
YOUNG ADULTS (18-35) (\$75.00)		
CLERGY (\$150.00/\$200 on site)		
SED Polo Shirt* (\$25.00) (M or F) men S-6x; ladies S- 3x.		
SEDLO Kente Stole (\$25.00)		
SEDLO Lapel Pins (\$10.00)		
Additional Banquet Tickets (\$50.00)		
SUBTOTAL:		
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:		\$

Regular Registration \$150.00 deadline, June 30, 2018. Onsite registration \$200.00

Form must be sent to: **Barbara R. Smith** Check made payable to: WNC Conference Lay Organization

To be Used by _____ Conference Lay Organization Staff
 Received by _____ Date Received _____
 Fee Enclosed _____ Check # _____ Control # _____



WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION



2018 Election Year

LETTER OF INTENT

NAME: _____

I am a paid member in good and regular standing at: (see Article IV – Membership)

Name of Church: _____

I have attended at least (4) four Conference meetings of WNCCLay Organization in the past (2) years: **Yes**____ **NO**____

1. ____ I am presently serving as the _____ of the WNCCLO.

2. ____ I plan to seek the same office in the upcoming election in April 2016. I have served in this position for ____ years beginning in _____. According to the Constitution and By-Laws, I cannot serve more than (8) eight Years.

3. ____ I do not plan to seek re-election to the position I have held.

4. ____ I wish to have my name placed in nomination for the position of:

Please complete the following information if you plan to seek an elective office.

Listed below are my qualifications for this position that responds to the requirements in the WNCCLO Constitution and By-Laws. (see the Constitution and By-Laws @ www.wncclay.org that list the requirements and qualifications for your elected office). Feel free to attach another sheet of paper, if needed, for more space.

Nominee Signature

Date

Print Nominee Name

Local Church President Signature

Date

Penny S. Oliver, President

Betty Parker, 1st Vice President

Diane Foy, Recording Secretary



WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION



Mail Letter of Intent to:

**Kenneth Woods
1017 Frazier Road
Mebane, NC 27302**

Or

Email to:

Kwoods6@centurytel.net

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Bro. Kenneth Woods, Chair

Sis. Gertrude Upperman

Sis. Connie Jefferson

Sis. Audrey McCain

Bro. Dale Wragg

Deadline for submission: July 11, 2018