

**WNCC LAY ORGANIZATION MEETING**  
**St. Joseph AME Church, Durham, NC**  
**August 11, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by President Penny Oliver at 10:00am.

Sister Jesse Cardwell led devotions; we were led in prayer by Bro. Adam Johnston, after which the scripture Psalm 1 was read in its entirety by Bro. Kenneth Woods. Sis. Cardwell then gave a brief lesson on “Pointing the Way” (an excerpt): Zacchaeus made himself available to Jesus. When we come across someone who is lost offer them a roadmap and not a maze.

In the absence of Rev. Owens, the welcome was given by Rev. Valerie McIver and by the local Lay President Sis. Gerald Logan.

Roll Call of Officers was completed by Sis. Joy Grandy.

Sis. Oliver stated that the minutes attached to the agenda were from our April Meeting. She stated that on today we will have an election as we did not have a 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and therefore moved other officers up to fill the position. A motion was made by Bro. Adolphus Kelly to accept the minutes as printed, it was seconded by Sis. Gerald Logan and the motion carried.

Sis. Oliver called for Officers Written Reports and there were none.

Corresponding Secretary Sis. Barbara Smith read a card from Sis. Bobbie Hague and President Oliver asked that we continue to keep Sis. Hague in our prayers.

The Treasurer’s Report was given by Bro. Woodrow Winchester-as of 7/3. Connectional Lay Organization 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Sis. Starr Battle asked if we sold all of our Disciplines. As per our WNCCLO Director of Lay Activities, Sis. Jackie Kanipe all of the Disciplines have been sold and she has some money to turn in today. Sis. Battle asked if we have paid our Membership to the SEDLO. Bro. Winchester stated that we have paid ½ of the membership. Sis. Kanipe stated that she has more pins for sale for anyone who wants one. President Oliver stated that we will take care of our obligations to the District before the convention. Bro. Winchester stated that we will reconcile our books before the District Convention. President Oliver stated that we will accept the Treasurers Report for information.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **2018-2020 Officers Nomination Committee:**

The Nominating Committee-Bro. Kenneth Woods and Sis. Gertrude Upperman (members in attendance) received a Letter of Intent from Sis. Barbara Myers from Gaston Chapel AMEC for the Office of 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President and a Letter of Intent from Sis. Bobbie Hague from Greater Bethel AMEC for the Office of Parliamentarian. Sis. Jackie made a motion that the Report of the Nominating Committee be accepted, it was seconded by Bro. Adolphus Kelly, the motion carried. Bro. Woodrow Winchester made a motion to empower the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot on said names, it was seconded by Sis. Hazeline Brooks, the motion carried. A unanimous ballot was cast by the Assistant Recording Secretary, Sis. Joy Grandy. President Oliver asked that Sis. Grandy call the roll of Officers to include the newly elected Officers.

### **Mirroring Project:**

President Oliver asked how many have begun the project. President Oliver stated

The Project allows us to look at ourselves not the pastors. A report must be made to the Bishop by President Oliver. The deadline is fast approaching. The information that was received at the Summer Summit is in our packet.

The Project was introduced for over a year. We must speak to the pastor and members to help get the project done. President Oliver has to have the information in on 9/1/2018. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Thought in the packet, The Mirroring Project flow Chart which the Bishop will share for best practice. The Bishop will make rounds again to check in on the churches to see if we are putting information into practice.

### **Scholarship Committee:**

Chair-Sis. Sonia Barbre and Committee members-Bro. Adam Johnston, Sis. Betty Parker, Bro. Lamont Upperman and Sis. Audrey McCain reported the following:

Davis-McKinley Scholarship recipients:

Faye Lottee	Mt. Zion AMEC, Greensboro, NC
Lauren Jones	St. Joseph AME, Durham, NC
Destiny Reed	Emmanuel AME, Durham

The Dr. James C .Johnson Scholarship has 4 applications received and the Kittrell-Allen-Adams Scholarship has 6 applications that will be forwarded to Sis. Barbre.

Update of the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Convention was given by Sis. Barbara Smith. The WNCCLO has 30 people registered. The deadline has passed but a new deadline was give as 9/1/2018. Registration is \$175.00; On-Site is \$200.00 and One Day is \$100.00. You must be registered as a delegate to vote. We have tickets for the Reception (\$25.00) and for the Luncheon (\$50.00). The ticket for both the Reception and the Luncheon are included in your regular registration. These prices were for individual tickets to these events.

President Oliver explained that the Church delegation consists of: the Lay President and 6 members one of which must be a young adult. President Oliver stated that we have an opportunity at the local level to participate at the District Convention. If we want to make a difference we have to go and vote. SEDLO President Bro. Dwight Patterson encouraged everyone to come. He stated that we will have the Election of Officers and a lot of good information. There is an outline of the Convention in our packet. He stated that there are 2 Offices contested. Those being the 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President and the President. President Oliver introduced a candidate for the Office of SEDLO President Sis. Edna Watson the current NCCLO President. Sis. Watson gave her credentials and her vision for the future of the SEDLO. President Oliver stated that it's not too late to register.

#### Outstanding Lay Person/YAR:

President Oliver stated that each conference was given the task of choosing an Outstanding Lay Person and YAR. She announced that the WNCCLO chose President Penny Oliver and YAR-Bro. Adam Johnston. The information sent to the District is in our packet and was not written by Sis. Oliver or Bro. Johnston.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

President Oliver asked to vote on meeting locations. Bro. Kenneth Woods stated that he would like to move around and Sis. Betty Parker stated that she would like for the meetings to be centralized. Sis. Betty Parker made a motion to have all of the meetings in a centralized location, seconded by Sis. Jesse Cardwell. There was an un-readiness-the question- Do we have one church that will host? President Oliver stated not just one church will host but several in the Greensboro Area since that is the central point of the conference. A vote was taken: 47 in favor of

centralized meetings and 8 in favor of moving around. We will have centralized meetings.

#### Annual Prayer Breakfast update:

Sis. Jackie Kanipe-the Prayer Breakfast will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in September at St. Matthew in Burlington where the local President is Sis. Emma White. The Program is as follows: Prayer-Si. Jesse Cardwell; Scripture-Sis. Betty Duell; Welcome-Rev. Patrice Fields & Sis. Emma White; Entertainment-Poplar Grove Mime Group & Music Dept. at St. Matthew; SEDLO President Dwight Patterson acknowledge the Lay Person and YAR of the Year; Prayers are for : the Church, the Family, Children & Youth, the Community & the Laity; Memorial By Sis. Mary Harris. The Committee and Officers will serve as Host & Hostesses for the breakfast. Tickets are available if needed. We will be honoring our former WNCCLO Presidents. We plan on sharing the History of the WNCCLO at this time. President Oliver asked if the history will be ready for the program and Sis. Barbre stated it would be possible.

#### Lay Institute:

Director of Lay Activities, Sis. Jackie Kanipe stated that the Lay Institute will be held at Mt. Zion AMEC in Greensboro, local President Bro. Woodrow Winchester and Pastor Rev. Davis. The Institute will be a Dialouge with the Presiding Elders. It will be held Saturday, November 10, 2018. Registration is at 9:00AM and the program will begin at 10:00AM. Sis Kanipe asked if anyone wants to serve on the panel for the Lay Institute. President Oliver stated that we have issues we need to look at, if you have anything you need us to discuss please send to Sis, Kanipe or President Oliver because we want to make good use of this Institute. Adolphus Kelly, Dorothy McCain and Dr. Theresa Watson volunteered to be panelists. Possible topic: How to Bridge the Gap between Clergy and Laity. President Oliver stated that this will not be a clergy bashing session, we will do this in a Godly manner. She stated that anyone serving on the panel must know something about the topics being discussed. She also restated that the Pastor shall be the Official head of all boards and committees.

#### Ways & Means Committee:

Bro. Woodrow Winchester and Committee-there is one common thread- we need to have a venue where we can gather in a common place. After discussion Connectional 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Sis. Starr Battle asked that the committee meet

again and prepare a written report to be presented to the body to vote on. President Oliver asked that a written report be brought to the October Meeting for a vote. Bro. Winchester stated that we need to raise \$5,000.00. President Oliver stated that we need to raise money for the 2019 Biennial in Seattle,, Washington. President Oliver stated that we may need to do an additional fundraiser.

#### Laity Teaching Moment:

President Oliver asked: if I am in a church with 40 members and I've served my 8 years as President on the Lay and no one wants to take the Presidency, what do you do? Sis. Starr Battle stated we teach and train our leaders, the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President needs to be trained and ready to step forward into the Presidency. Bro. Winchester asked, What if no one steps up? Sis. Battle stated that we cannot wait until the 28<sup>th</sup> of 30 days to ask someone to run or an office. We have to work with people that we identify with leadership ability to come join the Lay Organization and teach them to become leaders. Some of us are not willing to move out of the way. We have to get people who are able to step in and takeover when you are sick and need healing or need to take care of your business. Sis. Battle further stated that we need to have shadowing of these positions so someone can step in when there is a need. Sis. Betty Duell stated that we must motivate and train someone and let them do the job before they actually take over the position and to be there for them when they need you. Bro. Adolphus Kelly stated that we need to look for candidates before the end of the conference year. President Oliver stated that we have to encourage each other and help one another.

#### Teaching Moment:

Handouts from the 2016-2020 Discipline were distributed and information given as follows:

District Conference Delegate should be a Steward; Presiding Elder presides over the District Conference or the Bishop, if in attendance, or someone appointed by the Presiding Elder.

#### District Conferences dates:

Western District-St. Paul Lenoir-September 13-15, 2018

Eastern District-Mt. Zion Hillsborough-September 20-22, 2018

A delegate is to be elected to the Annual Conference; Delegates and a Young Adult are to be elected to the General Conference; Electoral College Delegate is to be elected from the local church, this person will be seated at

the Annual Conference-this does not mean this person will be on the ballot for Delegate to the General Conference. The Electoral College Election must be done at Church Conference with 2 week notice given. President Oliver noted that a Delegate cannot be appointed by the pastor, there must be an election. If there was no election and a delegate is presented please ask “when was the election held?”

Sis. Kanipe stated that a quick reference booklet was received at the Summer Summit that outlines the changes in the Doctrine and Discipline for the 2016 General Conference. If anyone wants this booklet it can be ordered for a cost of \$5.00 and maybe more to add shipping costs. Sis. Shontea Smith informed the group that there is an electronic version of the Discipline available for \$20.00.

#### Conference Meeting Attendance:

Sis. Shontea Smith reported 64 in attendance for this meeting and a receipt of \$295.00. Sis. Smith thanked President Oliver for allowing her to serve.

#### Announcements:

Sis. Bobbi Hague announced a project by the Kellogg Company-Kellogg’s is working with Scholastic books, if you purchase Kellogg’s products simply take a picture of your receipt and send it in to Kellogg’s you can receive up to 10 books. Go to [www.feedingreading.com](http://www.feedingreading.com) for more information.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in September is Lay Day at Lincolnton AMEC-6400 Chapel hill Rd, Raleigh.

Sis. Gerald Logan thanked Ruth Clark & Gerald Hather for fixing the meals provided for today’s meeting and President Oliver thanked St. Joseph AME for hosting the meeting. Sis. Barbre thanked Bro. Lamont and Sis. Gertrude Upperman for all of the information provided about the history of the WNCCLO. President Oliver stated that we are trying to get all of the history in one place so we can all see it and pass it on.

#### Praise Reports:

President Oliver stated that her father is doing fine, his pacemaker is working well and she thanked everyone for their prayers. She stated that Bro. Lamont Upperman and Bro. Dwight Patterson are here and all gave a hand clap of praise. She

informed us that Presiding Elder Wilder is alert and talking and all gave a hand clap of praise.

President Oliver stated that Sis. Angela Elam will be working on the Newsletter and that Sis. Shontea Smith will be our Membership Coordinator. The meeting was adjourned, closing Prayer was given by Bro. Lamont Upperman and Sis. Sonia Barbre led us in the Layman's Hymn.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy P. Grandy  
WNCCLO Assistant Recording Secretary