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WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION

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From  
the desk

Penny S. Oliver, President



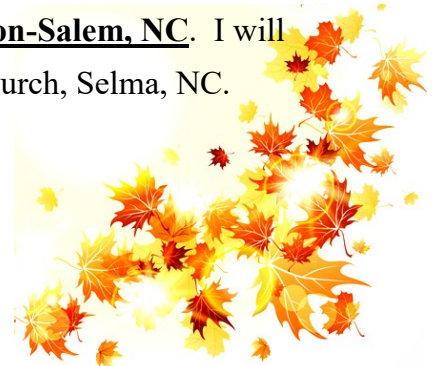
Where has the time gone? The leaves are turning colors, Thanksgiving is just around the corner... and I refuse to think *about that holiday* in December! Take a deep breath... that's it! Let your shoulders relax. Think about all the things that make you smile. Think of your favorite color. Taste. Smell. We don't need those to live, but we have them. Cherish those joys. It's going to be ok. Love Life and Stay Strong!

My cup runneth over with happiness... as I reflect on the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Prayer Breakfast. Thank you, Presiding Elders, Laity, Preachers, Prayer Breakfast Committee, DOLA Jackie Kanipe, Sister Emma White, Rev. Patrice Fields, St. Matthew's AMEC family of Burlington, NC for a job well done! At the breakfast, we paid homage to the past presidents of the WNCCLO that are still with us. It was a joy for us to come together and worship the Lord in song, dance, prayers, and fellowship.

On October 7, 2018, Bishop James L. Davis, our Servant Leader of the 2<sup>nd</sup> District, requested that all churches collect Hurricane Florence Disaster Relief Love Offerings. I ask that we graciously support this effort and bring it closer to home with the laity also collecting cleaning supplies and personal hygiene items for our Sisters and Brothers of the North Carolina Conference. I ask that you bring these items to our **October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting at St. James AME Church, Winston-Salem, NC.** I will deliver the collected items on Lay Witness Sunday to Bethel AME Church, Selma, NC.

***"Laity Walking Humbling with God to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with God." Micah 6:8.***

Thank you for your willingness to serve!





***SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2018***

**Second Episcopal District REQUEST  
for DISASTER RELIEF  
Love Offering**

“We are asking each congregation to lift a generous love offering on the first Sunday, October 7, 2018. Your offerings will be utilized to provide relief for our brothers and sisters in those areas that are hardest hit by Hurricane Florence. Please encourage everyone to be as generous as they possibly can in our collective effort as a District to provide comfort and hope in these times of calamity.

**Thank you in advance for  
demonstrating the love of Christ for our  
brothers and sisters in their time of  
need.”**

***James L. Davis, Servant Bishop  
Arelis B. Davis, WMS Supervisor***

# CONGRATULATIONS!



**Newly elected President of  
the Second Episcopal Dis-  
trict Lay Organization!**

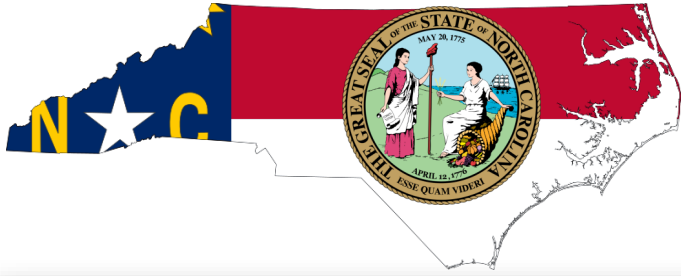
**MATTHEW DOUGLAS**

Matthew Douglas was born in the District of Columbia; He is the Youngest Child of the late Presiding Elder Goodwin Douglas and Mary C. Douglas.

He has been an official member of Reid Temple AMEC since 2001, where he has served on the Prison Ministry, the YPD, Boyz to Men, Fishes and Loaves Ministry and the Angelo's Ministry and is an active member of the James A. Parker Lay Organization. He currently serves as support to the Executive office of the Pastor.

At the 60th Session of the Washington Annual Conference, Matthew was installed as the new and youngest President of the Washington Conference Lay Organization. Under his presidency Matthew continued to find ways to bridge the age gap in the Church arena and strengthen the pulpit to pew relations. He was dedicated to continuously working not as man over man, but working collectively to Edify The Kingdom, Equip the Saints and To Empower our Communities. Under his leadership the Washington Annual Conference Lay Organization was able to undertake numerous initiatives, have meaningful programs and support many projects.

# REGISTER, then VOTE on NOVEMBER 6th



ELECTION.....Tuesday, November 6th

REGISTRATION DEADLINE.....Oct. 12th

## ABSENTEE VOTER DEADLINES

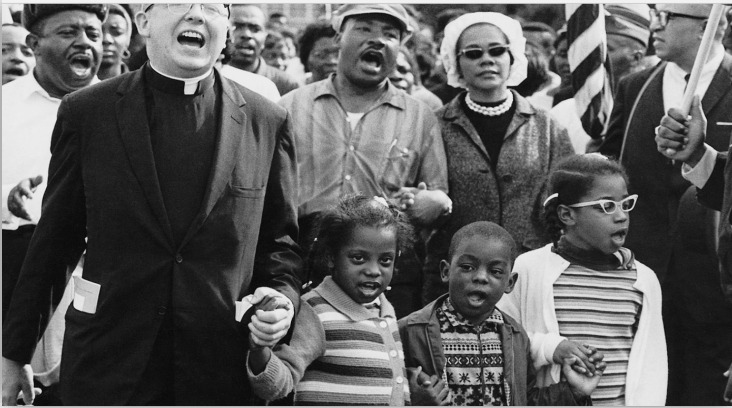
Application by mail.....Oct. 30th

Submission by mail.....Nov. 5th

## EARLY VOTING

Begins.....Oct. 18th

Ends.....Nov. 1st




<http://www.amev-alert.org/>

*Dr. Moore was a prominent leader in his profession, community, and church, St. Joseph's AME Church in Durham, North Carolina. He is the Uncle of Sister Sandra DeGeneste, President of the Lay Organization at Emmanuel AME Church in Durham, NC. For additional information about Dr. Moore, check out the February 2018 edition of [The Lay Express](#).*

<http://www.wncclay.org/minutes.php>

You're Invited  
**OCTOBER 24, 2018**  
to the  
**DONALD T. MOORE, MD**  
**ENDOWED LECTURE**  
Durham Armory (Downtown Durham)  
**5:30 PM**



Duke OB/GYN is proud to present the inaugural Donald T. Moore, MD, Endowed Lecture honoring the legacy of the esteemed physician, educator, community leader, and member of St. Joseph's AMEC.

featured speakers  
**Henry Foster, MD**  
Professor emeritus and former Dean, School of Medicine at Meharry Medical School.

**Louis Sullivan, MD**  
Former Secretary, US Dept. of Health and Human Services (1989-1993).

*Dr. Donald T. Moore*  
May 4, 1933 - July 15, 1991



# WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION



NC CONFERENCE NEEDS OUR  
HELP! PLEASE BRING  
CLEANING SUPPLIES AND  
PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS

*Lay Organization Meeting*

OCTOBER 13, 2018 - 10:00 a.m.

Saint James AME Church  
1501 N. Patterson Avenue  
Winston-Salem, NC

Rev. Shelton T. Miles, Pastor  
Bro. Byron Barbre, Local Lay Pres.



**LAY INSTITUTE  
NOVEMBER 10, 2018**

## TOPICS OF INTEREST:

★ *Dialogue with WNCC  
Presiding Elders:*

Reverend Conrad Pridgen  
Western District

Reverend Anita Thompson  
Eastern District

★ *How To Bridge the Gap  
Between Clergy & Laity*

★ *The Lay Electoral College*

Rev. Henry Davis, Pastor  
Rev. Arnita Davis, Co-Pastor

Brother Woodrow Winchester  
Local Lay President

Mount Zion AME Church  
1452 Huffine Mill Rd - Greensboro, NC



# Lay Witness Sunday

This year, the Connectional Lay Organization will compile a list of the various Lay Organizations who observe Lay Witness Sunday. Officially, the Connectional Lay Witness Day was designated for observance throughout the AME Church on the 2nd Sunday during the month of October, at the Eleventh Biennial Session, in 1969. Lay Witness Sunday provides laypersons with the opportunity to witness about their faith in Jesus Christ and their commitment to fulfilling His mission in the world. This event was established for lay persons to carry out morning worship services at their respective local churches. Traditionally, Lay Witness Sunday recognizes the work and mission of all laity, which takes place within and outside the walls of the AME Church.

The Quadrennial theme approved by Connectional Lay Organization (2017-2021) is: **“Laity Walking Humbly with God to Do Justice and to Love Kindness.”**

The scripture reference is *“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 (NASB)**

*Starr L. Battle*  
3rd VP, Connectional Lay Organization

## **OCTOBER 14th — 11:00 a.m.**

Macedonia AME Church  
4164 Yarborough Mill Rd, Milton, NC  
Rev. Kelvin Royster, Pastor  
Sis. Earnestine Hamlett, Speaker

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## **OCTOBER 14th — 10:00 a.m.**

Emmanuel AME Church  
2018 Riddle Road, Durham, NC  
Rev. John D. Burton, Pastor  
Bro. Dwyane Elam, Speaker

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## **OCTOBER 14th — 11:00 a.m.**

Lincolnvillle AME Church  
6400 Chapel Hill Rd, Raleigh, NC  
Rev. Dr. Wayne E. Beatty, Pastor

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## **OCTOBER 14th — 11:00 a.m.**

Mt. Zion AME Church  
Hwy 86 North, Hillsborough, NC  
Rev. Dr. Steven L. Lyons, Pastor

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## **OCTOBER 14th — 11:00 a.m.**

Johnson Chapel AME Church  
431 Woodlawn Road, Mebane, NC  
Rev. Timothy Boone, Pastor  
Ms. Frances McCallum, Speaker

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## **OCTOBER 14th — 11:00 a.m.**

Hunter’s Chapel AME Church  
201 Buckhorn Road, Mebane, NC  
Rev. Vernon P. Burns, Pastor

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## **OCTOBER 14th ~ 11:00 a.m.**

St. Paul AME Church  
443 Finley Avenue, Lenoir, NC  
Rev. Byron Grayson, Pastor  
Sis. Sonia Barbre, Speaker

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## **NOVEMBER 4th — 11:00 a.m.**

St. Matthew’s AME Church  
1136 Apple St, Burlington, NC  
Rev. Dr. Patrice Fields, Pastor

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## **OCTOBER 28th — 11:00 a.m.**

Springdale AME Church  
5554 NC 62 Hwy S., Burlington, NC  
Rev. Bridgette Gloster, Pastor  
Sis. Penny Oliver, Speaker

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## **OCTOBER 14th — 11:00 a.m.**

St. Paul AME Church  
101 N. Merritt Mill Rd , Chapel Hill  
Rev. Michael Cousin

# UPCOMING *Mark Your Calendars* EVENTS



<b>100 Women in Red Masquerade</b>	<b>Willow Tree AME Church</b> Rev. W. L. Howell, Pastor 2500 Willow Tree Church Avenue Morganton, NC	<b>October 6, 2018, 7:pm</b> <b>12 noon</b> // Afternoon Delight Smorgasbord <b>2pm</b> //Worship Service \$15.00 Seed Offering For more information call: 828.301.3771
<b>Fall Revival</b>	<b>Macedonia AME Church</b> Rev. Kelvin Royster Pastor 4164 Yarborough Mill Road Milton, NC	<b>October 8-10, 2018</b> <b>7pm nightly</b> For more information call: 336.234.8731
<b>Gospel Choir Anniversary</b>	<b>Macedonia AME Church</b>	<b>October 20, 2018 ~ 4pm</b>
<b>98th Church Anniversary Celebration</b> Rev. David P. Lowe, Guest Preacher Gaines Chapel AME Church, Efland, NC	<b>Johnson Chapel AME Church</b> Rev. Timothy Boone, Pastor 431 Woodlawn Road Mebane, NC	<b>October 21, 2018 ~ 3pm</b> For more information call: 919.304.2457
<b>Annual Steward Day</b> Rev. Michael Bowden, Guest Preacher Turner Chapel AME Church, High Point NC	<b>Maxwell Chapel AME Church</b> Rev. Tamara Kersey. Pastor 835 Moores Chapel Cemetery Rd Graham, NC	<b>October 21, 2018 ~ 2:30pm</b> For more information contact: call: 336.376.6362
<b>Family and Friends Day</b> Rev. Leon Parker, Guest Preacher First Baptist Church, Raleigh NC	<b>Emmanuel AME Church</b> Rev. John D. Burton Pastor 2018 Riddle Road Durham, NC	<b>October 28, 2018 ~ 10am</b> For more information 919.596-8896
<b>3-Day Revival</b> <b>Rev. Dr. Cornelius E. Battle Sr.</b> Ebenezer Miss Baptist Church, Durham NC <b>Rev. Dr. Steven L. Lyons Pastor</b> Mt. Zion AME Church, Hillsborough, NC <b>Rev. Solomon D. Missouri</b> Kyles Temple AMEZ Church, Durham, NC	<b>Emmanuel AME Church</b>	<b>October 29-31, 2018</b> <b>7pm nightly</b>



**MEDASSIST**  
**Mobile Free Pharmacy Events**  
**Over the Counter Medicine Giveaway**

<https://medassist.org/otc-give-away-day/>

**Forsyth County**

Friday, November 2, 2018

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Location TBD

*Event made possible by Novant Health*

**Rowan County**

Friday, November 9, 2018

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Location TBD

*Event made possible by Hunter & Everage Law Firm PLLC*

**Burke County**

Friday, November 16, 2018

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Location TBD

*Event made possible by Partners Behavioral Health*

**Johnston County**

Saturday, November 17, 2018

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Location TBD

*Event made possible by Event made possible by Alpha Kappa Alpha, New Generation, Delta Sigma Theta.; Dr. Gettys Cohen; Johnston Medical Supply; Kappa Alpha Psi*

**Mecklenburg County**

Friday, November 30, 2018

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Camino Community Center  
201 Stetson Drive, Charlotte, NC 28262  
*Event made possible by Atrium Health*

**Yancey County**

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Burnsville Town Center  
6 South Main Street, Burnsville, NC 28714  
*Event made possible by Yancey County Dept of Social Services. Prescription paid by Pharmacy of Burnsville, Mtn Comm Health Partnership*

**Alamance County**

Friday, October 5, 2018

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Trinity Worship Center

3157 S Church St, Burlington, NC 27215

*Event made possible by Trinity Worship*

**Macon County**

Thursday, October 11, 2018

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Macon County Community Facilities Bldg

1288 Georgia Road, Franklin, NC, 28734

*Event made possible by Carolina Complete Health*

**Caswell County**

Friday, October 12, 2018

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Caswell County Parks and Recreation

228 Cty Park Rd, Yanceyville, NC 27379

*Event made possible by Cardinal Innovations Healthcare*

**Gaston County**

Saturday, October 20, 2018

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Erwin Community Center

913 Pryor Street, Gastonia, NC 28052

*Event made possible by Atrium Health*

**Cleveland County**

Friday, October 26, 2018

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Shiloh Baptist Church

914 Frederick Street, Shelby, NC 28150

*Event made possible by Atrium Health*



# WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION PRAYER BREAKFAST— September 8, 2018



The WNCCLLO prayer breakfast was held at St. Matthew's AME Church in Burlington, NC where Rev. Dr. Patrice Fields is the Pastor and Sis. Emma White is the local Lay President. The Lay Breakfast was a success! To God be the Glory! There were over 200 people in attendance. Two extra tables were added to accommodate guests. There were several



out of town guests and the Presiding Elders of the WNCC, Rev. Anita Thompson and Rev. Conrad Pridgen, were also present. The food was awesome and the mime dancers, Anointed Vessels 2nd Generation of Poplar Grove AMEC, danced to the glory of God! The legacy of the WNCCLLO is still standing strong with salutes to our past and present presidents: Gertrude Upperman, Woodrow Winchester, Dr. James W. Hill, Mary Dasher-McAdams, Ward Miller, Dwight Patterson, and Penny Oliver who were all present. Special "THANKS" to



ALL who participated, in whatever capacity, in the planning and production of this Lay Prayer Breakfast. WHAT A MIGHTY GOD WE SERVE!





# WNCC LAY ORGANIZATION

## 2018 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES

### Congratulations!

#### Dr. James C. Johnson Scholarships Awardees

##### Robert Lee Wilson, Jr

Attending: NC A & T State University  
Major: Civil Engineering  
Church: Lincolnville AME, Raleigh, NC  
Pastor: Reverend Dr. Wayne E. Beatty

##### Rodney Boykin

Attending: NC A & T State University  
Major: Civil Engineering  
Church: Poplar Springs AME, Sanford, NC  
Pastor: Reverend Dr. Saundra Bullock-Hunter

##### Rita Alexandra Furbert

Attending: Louisburg College  
Major: Pre-Occupational Therapy  
Church: St. Joseph AME, Durham, NC  
Pastor: Reverend Dr. Ronald L. Owens

#### DAVIS/MCKINNEY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES

##### Faith Latta

Attending: NC A & T State University  
Major: Social Work/Psychology  
Church: Mt. Zion AME, Greensboro, NC  
Pastor: Reverend Henry Davis

#### KITTRELL-ALLEN-ADAMS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES

##### Christian Rich

Attending: Morehouse College  
Major: Finance  
Church: St. Joseph AME, Durham, NC  
Pastor: Reverend Dr. Ronald L. Owens

##### Ellecia Donnell

Attending: University of NC at Charlotte  
Major: Biology  
Church: St. Matthew AME, Burlington, NC  
Pastor: Reverend Dr. Patrice Fields

##### Nia Rae Mebane

Attending: Wingate University  
Major: N/A  
Church: Gaines Chapel AME, Efland, NC  
Pastor: Reverend David P. Lowe

##### Ajalía Marshe Corpening

Attending: NC A&T State University  
Major: Political Science  
Church: St. Paul AME, Lenoir, NC  
Pastor: Reverend Dr. Byron J. Grayson

##### Destiny Reyes

Attending: University of NC at Greensboro  
Major: Psychology  
Church: Emmanuel AME, Durham, NC  
Pastor: Reverend John D. Burton

##### Lauran Jones

Attending: University of NC at Wilmington  
Major: Creative Writing/Math Education  
Church: St. Joseph AME, Durham, NC  
Pastor: Reverend Dr. Ronald L. Owens

Second Episcopal District  
**17<sup>TH</sup>** ANNUAL **LAY**  
**CONVENTION**  
 Newport News, VA  
 Marriott at Center City  
 September 27-29, 2018

Reverend William Lamar, Pastor of Metropolitan AME Church Washington, DC, brought the Word for the Morning Meditation session.

“The Church That God Can’t Stand”  
 Amos 5:21-24 ~ *The Message*



congratulations!

ADAM



PENNY



Sister Starr Battle, 3rd Vice President, Connectional Lay Organization, delivered the luncheon speech. “Have you accepted the Call?” Go back to your local churches and grow your Lay Organization.





## *Maxwell Chapel A.M.E Church History*

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Although no official written history has been kept, the historical sketch of Maxwell Chapel A.M.E Church has been based on the recollection of some of the oldest surviving members as well as current active members. The recollections give the following account:

The people in this area were without a place to worship. They chose to attend a meeting place located on the Supthin Mill Road known as Bowden Meeting House. They congregated there until a Mr. Thompson sought to give those meeting in this space (African Americans) a place to worship. This site was given to a Mr. Alvis Alston to use as long as it remained a church site. Sometime thereafter, a Brush Arbor was built for a place to have service.

The first service was conducted without a pastor. It consisted of Sunday School and a Prayer Meeting. As time expanded, a very noble and gifted gentleman by the name of Mr. Judd Camel moved to this area with the ability to teach and helped the members advance the ministry and a place to hold church services was built.

Mr. Camel organized this small group of people and started building with the men from the Alston family and other men in the community. The foundation for the frame church was soon erected. The building was constructed, a well for water was dug, a wood heater for heat and an outside restroom completed the project. According to the first corner stone, the original structure was named "Maxton Chapel". Eventually, a split occurred within the church and a majority of the Bowdens moved to Burnett's Chapel Christian Church. Maxton Chapel and what is now Wood's Chapel A.M.E Church were together until Wayman's Chapel A.M.E and Woods Chapel A.M.E became a circuit. In 1931, both Maxton Chapel and Morrow's Grove were missions. The names changed from Maxton to Maxwell Chapel and Morrow's Grove to St. Matthew A.M.E Church. These two churches formed the Saxapahaw Circuit.

In the early 1940's, Rev. T.W. White was the pastor. Under his leadership, the members and officials of this church decided they wanted a better and more modern place to worship. The old building was demolished and a block building erected. A cornerstone ceremony was held with the Mason of the Prince Hall Chapter from Burlington, NC. Rev. T.W. White remained the pastor for eight years.

Rev. Stroud served as the minister for one year, Rev. Hunter for one year, Rev. Treadwell for three years after which Rev. CR Malloy served his second term as pastor. He passed away within four months of returning and Maxwell Chapel was without a pastor.

Presiding Elder Dr. J.D. Davis assigned to the Saxapahaw Circuit, a divine and most capable pastor by the name of Rev. Larnie G. Horton. He was more than a preacher; he was a great teacher with a lot of understanding and love. He set up bible school and kids won Sunday School Banners. His leadership will never be forgotten among the young and old. May God forever bless Rev. Horton and may he rest in eternal peace.

Then Rev. C.W. Parker served Maxwell Chapel for five or more years. Rev. George Turner served the church for several years. Under the leadership of Rev. Turner, the church was remodeled; new windows were installed, the outer building was bricked and indoor remodeling completed. We also had the honor of having a great man of God and wisdom leading us to higher heights. Joining with the officials and members of the church and building a new fellowship hall and adding the walkways and shrubs, Rev. R. C. Funderburk joined us in ministry efforts for eight years.

Rev. George Cheek was assigned to Maxwell Chapel and worked very hard and faithfully in our church for two years. He was then assigned to our sister church, St. Matthew which had become a full station church. In 1991, Maxwell Chapel changed from a mission church (two Sundays a month) to a full station charge also.

In 1991, Rev. Lonnie McClain was assigned to Maxwell Chapel AME Church. He led the congregation spiritually and brought Maxwell Chapel closer together in unity.

Currently, Maxwell Chapel has continued to serve and worship God in love, spirit and in truth.

Presiding Elders	Pastors	Surviving Pastors
Dr. K.C. Holt	Rev. Nunn	Esther Johnson
Dr. A. W. Avery	Lee Pompey	Kerry Rigsbee
David Williamson	R. C. Crutchfield	Jas Hemby
B.H. Lucas	A. L. White	Leroy Mitchell
J. D. Davis	C. L. Steele	Dr. Linda Norflett
C. C. Scott	T. P. Moore	Tamara O. Kersey
G. W. Larkin	J. A. Hunter	
J. N. Shears	T. M. Chrismond	
Nathaniel Gaylord	James Thompson	
Tyson L. Coble	S. Reddick	
Dr. Larnie Horton	C. A. Stroud	
Dr. Conrad K. Pridgen	J. D. Treadwell	
	J.D.E Smith	
	Dr. Larnie Horton	
	C.W. Parker	
	George Turner	
	R. C. Funderburk	
	George Cheek	
	Lonnie McClain	
	Esther Johnson	
	Kerry Rigsbee	
	Jas Hemby	
	Leroy Mitchell	
	Dr. Linda Norflett	
	Tamara O. Kersey	



# In the Spotlight

## Hidden Figure



Mrs. Faye Bryant Mayo is a member of Mt. Zion AME Church, Hillsborough, North Carolina, where the Reverend Dr. Steven L. Lyons is the Pastor. Mrs. Mayo is a native of Wilson, North Carolina and came to Durham to attend North Carolina College, now known as North Carolina Central University where she ascended to the forefront of the Civil Rights Movement in Durham.

In the 1960s, some ordinary people chose to do some extraordinary things which changed the face of our history. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. came to Durham, North Carolina and his poignant speech aroused Mrs. Mayo to become deeply involved in the movement. The students marched and protested the local Sears, Kress, Woolworth and Howard Johnson's who refused to offer service to Blacks. Mrs. Mayo played a prominent role in the student demonstration at the Carolina Theatre when Blacks were forced to climb ninety-seven steps to reach the balcony after having entered through a side door. She participated in the 1963 March on Washington, as well as protests in Mississippi. Mrs. Mayo was even arrested for her part in the

protests. In an interview, she noted that through the protest she discovered what singing does to uplift your soul when you are tired, hot, hungry, or in jail. Mrs. Mayo worked many years in the Durham Public School system as a guidance counselor. During her tenure, Mrs. Mayo planned programs and activities for the students regarding civil rights issues. Mt. Zion AME, Hillsborough salutes our "Hidden Figure" Mrs. Faye Bryant Mayo.

*Mrs. Mayo being refused a ticket during protest at Carolina Theatre in Durham, North Carolina*





**Sunday, November 4, 2018 @ 12:00 a.m.**

For additional information on conference events visit the:

*Second Episcopal District website*

<https://www.ame2.com/>

*WNCC Lay Organization website*

<http://www.wncclay.org/>



**WE NEED YOUR “CHURCH HISTORY”,  
“HIDDEN FIGURES”, & “CHURCH EVENTS”  
FOR PUBLICATION.**

**By OCTOBER 26th**

Please email your information to [Angela Elam ~ allendur@aol.com](mailto:AngelaElam~allendur@aol.com)

