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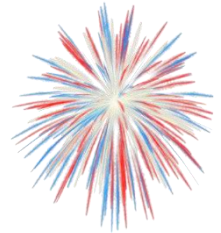
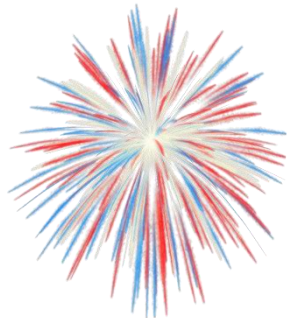


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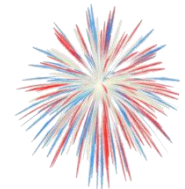
## Every VOTE Counts!



**33 SEATS**  
IN THE SENATE

**435 SEATS**  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**14 STATE**  
GOVERNORSHIPS



WILL BE UP FOR  
RE-ELECTION.

*Voters under 26 have cast 36% more ballots (50,455) at Early Voting sites so far this cycle than during the entire 2014 Early Voting period (37,222).*

*State Board of Elections and Ethics  
Enforcement tally ~ Oct. 30, 2018*

*Voter Hotline: 1-888-OUR-VOTE (888-687-8683)*





\*\* You don't have to wait until NOVEMBER 6<sup>th</sup> to vote. Last day to VOTE EARLY is SATURDAY, [NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>](#).

\*\* You can find out the [hours and places to vote early](#) in your county. Most poll sites are open during the weekday until 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday.

<https://s3.amazonaws.com/dl.ncsbe.gov/Elections/2018/OneStopSiteList.pdf>

\*\* You can learn about [what you'll need to register and vote on the same day](#) during the 18-day Early Voting period. <https://www.ncvoter.org/registering-to-vote/#two>

\*\* You can [Look up your ballot](#) <https://www.ncvoter.org/your-ballot-and-precinct/> plus the [address of your Election Day polling place](#). <https://vt.ncsbe.gov/RegLkup/>

\*\* You can learn more about who's on your ballot by downloading a [non-partisan voter guide](#). <https://www.ncvoter.org/voter-guides/>

\*\* On November 6<sup>th</sup>, if you curbside vote, everyone in the vehicle can vote.

\*\* You should NOT vote straight ticket. Please make your selection for each office/position individually.



*from the desk of the President...*

Every day is a day of thanksgiving. God's been so good to us, Everyday He's blessings us!

Oh, Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, Bless His holy name! A special thanks to the churches of the Western North Carolina Conference that supported the Florence Disaster Relief. You blessed my soul and blessed the Florence victims. It does not appear what God can do for each of us when we reach out to one another and share the goodness of the Lord.

Thanksgiving is the perfect time to show your gratitude to your loved ones as well as thank God for the divine blessings he has showered upon you. Celebrate this festive occasion by giving thanks to everyone who's been there for you and express your gratitude to the almighty with Thanksgiving prayers. Thanksgiving is also the perfect time to share the love that you have received with others that may not be as fortunate as you.

I look forward to learning with you at the Lay and Clergy Institute on November 10 at Mt. Zion, Greensboro, NC (look for more information in this newsletter).

*Let us remember that, as much has been given us, much will be expected from us, and that true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lips and shows itself in deeds. -Theodore Roosevelt*

Thank you for your willingness to serve!

*Sister Penny S. Oliver*  
WNCC Lay Organization



## **REPORT OF THE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE OF THE SECOND EPISCOPAL DISTRICT LAY ORGANIZATION**

*It is with the joy and love of our Savior Jesus the Christ that we, the Legislation Committee, make this report to the members of the Second Episcopal District Lay Organization (SEDLO). The Legislation Committee (the committee) met twice during the summer of 2018 to discuss the SEDLO's legislation vetting process. What follows are the committee's recommendations.*

- SEDLO Members will send all proposed legislation by November 15, 2018 to their Conference Legislation Committee representative.
- The committee will meet to determine if the proposed legislation will benefit the Connectional African Methodist Episcopal Church.

### *SEDLO LEG Committee 2*

- The committee will send the recommended proposed legislation to the SEDLO Executive Board for review on or before December 15, 2018.
- The SEDLO President will notify the committee's chair by January 5, 2019 which proposed legislation should be sent to the Connectional Legislation Committee.
- On or before January 20, 2019 the committee will send all proposed legislation to the Connectional Legislation Committee.

At the close of the 17th Session of the SEDLO Convention each Conference Lay Organization President will receive electronic copies of the CLO proposed legislation guidelines, form, and an example proposed legislation format.

### *Legislation Committee Second Episcopal District Lay Organization:*

Selerya Moore, Chair  
Ronald Flamer, Baltimore Conference  
Darwin Curry, Washington Conference  
John R. Hall, Virginia Conference  
Paulette Smith Bryant, North Carolina Conference  
Bettie Duell, Western North Carolina Conference

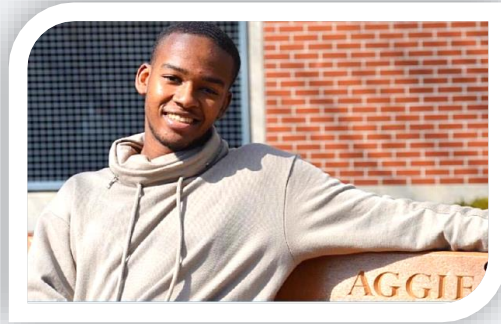
# Congratulations!



**Brother  
Kenneth  
Woods**

During the Second Episcopal District's 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Lay Convention, in Newport News VA on September 27-29, 2018, Brother Woods was appointed *Chaplain* of the Second Episcopal District Lay Organization.

Brother Woods is a member of White Cross AME Church in Efland, NC where Rev. Myraette McGibbony is the Pastor.



**LETTER SENT TO SISTER SONIA  
BARBRE, WNCC LAY  
ORGANIZATION CHAIR, FROM ONE  
OF THE DR. JAMES C. JOHNSON  
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

October 12, 2018

Good Morning Ms. Barbre,

I just finished paying off my bill for the rest of the semester, and I thought of you all. Because of you and your team, I am able to acquire knowledge in my classes that I need to thrive in this world. I just wanted to thank you and the James C. Johnson scholarship committee for blessing me with such an award. May God continue to look down over you and please keep me in your prayers as I continue my journey. Thanks again!

Warmest Regards,  
Robert Wilson



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**Second Episcopal District  
2019 Mid-Winter Gathering  
Hotel Block of Special Rate Rooms Now Open!**

*Event Dates: February 21-23, 2019*

**Must Book by January 18, 2019  
Rooms are Limited, So Book Now!**

**Special 2nd Episcopal District Group Rate  
119.00 USD/NIGHT**



## WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION



November 1, 2018

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

The Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization 2019 membership drive has begun! Membership dues are \$6.00 for adults. Membership dues must be current for voting and election privileges.

Please send your membership dues to the Credential/Membership Chair, **Sister Shontea Smith, 309 Cherry Grove Street, Durham, NC 27703.**

Our country is in a very dark place now. Gregory Bush, killed two Blacks at a Kroger in Louisville, Kentucky after he went to First Baptist Church in Jeffersontown, a Black congregation, with the intention of shooting those in the church. Fortunately, the doors were locked, and a member in their car in the parking lot called the police. Closer to home a school in Matthew, NC was placed on lock-down because of a shooting. Pipe bombs were sent to two of our former presidents, a former vice-president, former secretary of state, two former national intelligence officials, two US Senators, a Congresswoman, and other citizens. Eleven people were killed and a number of people, including four police officers, were killed by a gunman who went on a shooting spree at a Jewish synagogue in Pittsburgh, PA

Let us be in fervent prayer for our nation and its people, as we pray for the world in which we live. Thus, I implore YOU, to join the WNCCLLO, let us put on the Mantle of Unity and use all of our God-given gifts of the Spirit. Let us work together to allow God to be lifted up, and glorified the mission and purpose of our Lay Organization.

I thank you for your willingness to serve!

Sister Penny Oliver, President  
Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization



## WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION

October 16, 2018

Dear Pastors and Laity

The Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization is sponsoring a Lay Institute for Clergy and Laity, Saturday, November 10, 2018, 10:00 a.m. at Mount Zion A.M.E. Church, 1420 Huffine Mill Road, Greensboro, North Carolina.

The following topics will be discussed:

- Dialogue with the Presiding Elders: Rev. Dr. Conrad K. Pridgen, Western District and Rev. Anita Thompson, Eastern District. Should you have questions to ask the Presiding Elders, please complete the attached form and return to President Penny Oliver by November 1. You may email to: [penny.oliver52@yahoo.com](mailto:penny.oliver52@yahoo.com).
- The Lay Electoral College workshop will be presented by Sister Flo Avery, former WNCC-LO Director of Lay Activities and member of St. Paul A.M.E. Church, Raleigh.
- Panel discussion: "How do we Bridge the Gap Between Clergy and Laity?" Panelists will include pastors and laity.
- Question/Answer session

We do ask pastors; itinerant elders, deacons; local elders/deacons; and laity to register with your respective church. The enclosed registration form should be completed and sent to Financial Secretary, Sister Mozell Weston, 12 Spring Chapel Ct., Greensboro, NC 27455. **Registration is due by November 1, 2018.**

Should you have any questions and/or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Jackie Kanipe, 828-433-8424 or myself, 336-565-0367.

Thank you for your willingness to serve.

Penny Oliver, President  
Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization

*Penny Oliver, President*  
*Jacqueline C. Kanipe, Director of Lay Activities*  
*Mary R. Harris, Young Adult Representative*





**WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION**

Registration for the Lay Institute 2018

Clergy and Laity

\$10.00 Pre-registration will be accepted until November 1, 2018

\$15.00 on-site

**NAME OF CHURCH:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PASTOR:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
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**Total # of Registrants: Clergy** \_\_\_\_\_ **Laity** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 each **Total Amount:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_



*A truckload of cleaning supplies*

Western North Carolina Conference, IT! Due to the devastation September 2018, some people in the Carolina were left without homes, You name it! Some were left to others, there were no there were many a helping hand to our in need.



by the Grace of God, YOU DID left by Hurricane Florence in Eastern region of North food, clothing, loved ones. pick up the pieces and for pieces to pick up. Thank God organizations lending Sisters and Brothers

The WNCC Lay Organization the mission by helping those Churches in the conference were supplies to the October 13<sup>th</sup> WNCC Lay Organization meeting held at St. James AME Church in Winston-Salem, NC. Thank you so much for your generosity!

desired to be a part of stricken by this tragedy. asked to bring cleaning



*A truckload of help loading the supplies*



*WNCCLO joined the NC Lay Organization (NCLO) in delivering supplies to the collection site, McCormick Chapel AME Church in Lumberton, NC.*

## Annual Lay Witness Service

On Sunday, October 21, 2018 Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church observed its Annual Lay Witness Service.

The guest speaker was Sister Penny Oliver, WNCC Lay Organization President.

Program participants included members of the YPD. The Lay Octogenarian members (between the ages of 80-89) and the Lay Nonagenarian members (between the ages of 90-99) were presented a

quilted throw and a certificate signed by the Mayor, Merilyn P. Newell. There were 22 members honored.

The service was also highlighted with a skit **“If These Walls Could Talk”** by Fred & Alice Mitchell portraying the life and legacy of Bishop Richard and Sarah Allen.

Music was rendered by The Sons of Allen.

“May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in faith so that we overflow with hope into the world around us by the power of the Holy Spirit.”



**Penny Oliver**  
WNCC Lay  
Organization President



Eleanya John Eleanya, an 11th grade honor student at Cedar Ridge High School in Hillsborough, NC is no ordinary sixteen year old. Eleanya enjoys singing, anything related to music and technology, and is currently teaching himself how to play the piano.

In September Eleanya auditioned for the Meredith College Honors Choir in Raleigh, NC. He was one of 100 students from the Piedmont Region of NC and one of six from his high school to audition. Each student was sectioned off by vocal range. Eleanya, a bass had to memorize sections of music and do site singing, which is the ability to read and sing music at first sight. He said he felt confident going into the auditions. Unfortunately, audition results have been delayed due to Hurricane Florence, but are expected within the next few weeks.

Eleanya plans to major in medicine and minor in music. He has already visited Pennsylvania College of Technology in Williamsburg, PA. He may have inherited some of his singing talents from his late grandfather, Benjamin “Bo” Thompson, and his grandmother, Presiding Elder Anita M. Thompson. Eleanya is the son of Akaosa and Tamesha Thompson Eleanya.

# *SAVE THE DATES!*

**November 10, 2018**

Mt. Zion, Greensboro, NC  
WNCC Lay Institute

**January 12, 2019**

Persimmon Grove, Greensboro, NC  
WNCC-LO Meeting

**March 9, 2019**

Poplar Grove, Greensboro, NC  
WNCC-LO Meeting

**April 13, 2019**

Turner's Chapel, High Point, NC  
WNCC-LO Meeting



Penny Oliver, President | Betty Parker, 1st Vice-President | Diane Foy, Recording Secretary

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars



<p><b>Stewards Annual Program</b> <i>Repass after morning service</i></p>	<p><b>Hunter's Chapel AME Church</b> Rev. Vernon P. Burns, Pastor 201 Buckhorn Road, Mebane, NC</p>	<p><b>November 4, 2018, 2:30pm</b></p>
<p><b>Family &amp; Friends Day</b> <i>Tim Richmond of Church of Reconciliation in Burlington will be the guest speaker. Lunch will be served immediately after morning service.</i></p>	<p><b>Stoney Creek AME Church</b> Rev. Jonathan Richardson, Pastor Stoney Mountain Road Burlington, NC</p>	<p><b>November 11, 2018, 1:30pm</b></p>
<p><b>Veterans Day Breakfast</b> <i>Free of charge – Veterans and their friends and family. Please come out and enjoy the fellowship.</i></p>	<p><b>Bethel AME Church</b> Rev. Alphonso McGlen, Pastor 200 Regan Street Greensboro, NC</p>	<p><b>November 12, 2018 9am-11am</b></p>
<p><b>Carrie McAdoo Lay Organization Annual Lay Institute</b> <b>FACILITATORS:</b> <i>Betty Duell, Eastern Dist. Coordinator Sonia Barbre, Western Dist. Coordinator Woodrow Winchester, Treasurer</i> <b>TOPICS:</b> <i>Official Board, Budgets, Electoral College, and the Laity and Lay Members</i></p>	<p><b>White Cross AME Church</b> Rev. Myraette McGibbony, Pastor 4604 Lebanon Road Efland, NC</p>	<p><b>November 17, 2018, 10am</b></p>
<p><b>Hat and Pew Rally</b></p>	<p><b>Hunter's Chapel AME Church</b> Rev. Vernon P. Burns, Pastor 201 Buckhorn Road, Mebane, NC</p>	<p><b>November 17, 2018, 4pm</b></p>
<p><b>Women's Missionary Society Annual Day</b> Guest Speaker: Mrs. Nikki Lyons, Pres. WNCC Branch WMS</p>	<p><b>Johnson Chapel AME Church</b> Rev. Timothy Boone, Pastor 431 Woodlawn Road Mebane, NC</p>	<p><b>November 18, 2018, 3pm</b></p>
<p><b>Kerri Arlena Rigsbee will be preaching her initial sermon</b></p>	<p><b>Queen's Chapel AME Church</b> Rev. Kerry Rigsbee, Pastor 331 Flushing Street Burlington, NC</p>	<p><b>November 25, 2018, 3pm</b></p>

# IMPORTANT REMINDERS

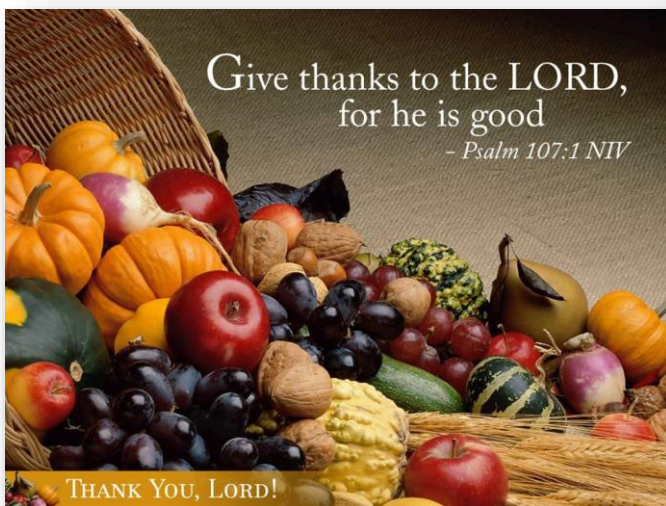


**Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>  
2:00 a.m.**



**Sunday, November 11th**

Please submit church history,  
hidden figures, and/or local  
church  
announcements by  
**NOVEMBER 26th**



**Thursday, November 22nd**

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