As we begin a new conference let’s thank the Lord, that His mercies are new every morning. We thank Him for providing for us with all we need for this day. Lord, please remind us to rely on You.

Before this day even began, God knew what we would face, what we would need to get through and He provided for that. Drawing on His assets, His grace, His faithfulness, His gifts for us – we’ll have plenty of strength.

As we trust and praise God this conference year we are able to draw on all His blessings for today and all the days to come.

As a friendly reminder, if you need help in re-organizing or organizing your local Lay Organization, please contact Jackie Kanipe, Director of Lay Activities, 828-433-8424; Betty Duell, Eastern District Coordinator, 919-539-9881; Sonia Barbre, Western District Coordinator 336-768-4822; or myself 336-565-0367. We are here to serve you.

We are so blessed to have, or have had, a Father or a Father figure in our lives. I ran across this poem and the words were soul stirring. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did.

Happy Father’s Day!

—Damian Murphy
The Fifth Episcopal District Lay Organization (California, Desert Mountain, Midwest, Missouri, Pacific Northwest, Southern California) of the African Methodist Episcopal Church hosts the

36th Biennial Session of the
Connectional Lay Organization

June 30 - July 5, 2019

(SEATTLE, WASHINGTON)
Hyatt Regency Bellevue
900 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue, Washington, USA, 98004

5th District Lay Host:
Biennial Session of the AME Lay Connection Opening Reception

Welcome

COS FREE
Monday, July 1st
7PM - 9PM

African Drum Group: Thione Dipp
Seattle's: Dolls and Gents Drill Team

(DJ) Khun Luv

(Theme: Pacific Northwest Street Lights)
July is usually a very HOT month for Seattle-Bellevue.
The 5th District Lay is asking everyone to please wear Summer Royal Navy Blue and White (Linen, Appropriate Shorts and Tops, etc.)
For More Information: Mary Barrett - (233) 468-8157

Reception Location:
Meydenbauer Center
11100 NE 6th St, Bellevue, WA 98004
TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

MONDAY, JULY 8, 2019
Registration
Planning Meeting/Business Session
General Assembly/Orientation General Assembly/Orientation
Basketball Tournament – Virginia Beach, VA Field House
Glory Choir Rehearsal
Service and Witness Day
Debutante- Masters Ceremony Rite of Passage

TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2019
Authentic Kingdom Living Bible Study
Stewards/Trustees Workshops
Ministers' Retreat
Christian Education Directors Training Session
Team Building Activities
Young Adult Town Hall
Keynote Worship Service
K.I.T. (Kickin' It Together)
Basketball Playoffs

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2019
Authentic Kingdom Living Bible Study
Ministers' Retreat
Worship Service (Led by Youth & Young Adults)
Empowerment Workshops (ALL AGES)
Teddy Bear Service Project
Puppet Show
Movie Time

THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2019
Closing Service and Love Feast

VISIT
www.ame2.com/2019-summer-summit
To Register & Access the Complete Schedule for ALL Summer Summit Events

Adult Registration Fee: $150.00
Youth 17/Under Registration Fee: $80.00

All Registrations, Completed Required Forms and Payments Must be Received by the Second Episcopal District by, 5:00 pm EDT, June 15, 2019
Historically the African Methodist Episcopal Church engaged in economic development. Throughout the years, this wealth building, began over two centuries ago by our Founder, Bishop Richard Allen served as stepping stones to revenue streams that allowed the AME Church to establish colleges, seminaries, K-12 schools, affordable housing, outreach centers, houses of worship, shopping centers. Revenues from these institutions advanced social justice, supported ministries to the least of these, built hospitals, and created a better future for congregants and the communities we serve.

This same belief is the driving force behind the vision to create innovative funding streams. An Economic Readiness Team (ERT) led by Rev. Dr. Lee P. Washington, explores several creative options to increase cash flow into the District above and beyond assessments paid by our churches. After deliberation the ERT determined the best way to increase our wealth was through purchasing property because property value appreciate and produce income.

Based upon their review and recommendation, we intend to purchase two properties. Monies generated from these purchases will immediately reduce the assessments for 50 churches and another 50 when the second purchase is completed. Our long-term vision is that all churches in the Second District will have their assessments substantially reduced or paid completely. We are in the process of finalizing the contract for the first property and intend to complete purchase of the second within 8 months.

To achieve this goal, we need to raise $1.5 million.
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Highlights from the 127th Session of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference
More Highlights from the Annual Conference...
The following commandments were developed by the Rev. Ben H. Hill, D.D. and printed in the African Methodist Episcopal Church Lay Organization Handbook, Its History and Its Program by the late Dr. Joseph McKinney. Dr. McKinney served as consultant to the African Methodist Episcopal Church and the Connectional Lay Organization.

1. I shall make it my bounded duty to be punctual and on time as a sign of love and respect for God.

2. I shall enter the Lord’s house with reverence and avoid all loud and unbecoming conversation as I approach the sanctuary.

3. I shall not loiter in the lobby of the church, reminding myself that this is the house of God—not a hotel.

4. I shall take a seat near the Altar and as I take my place I shall breathe a prayer of thanksgiving for my blessing and one of repentance for my sins.

5. I shall not disturb the meditation of my fellow worshipper by forcing conversation upon him because I know his communion with God is far more valuable than any I can give.

6. I shall share in every part of the Worship Service by breathing a prayer while others pray—reading the Scripture when the Scripture is read, joining in singing where I can and giving my undivided attention to all times.

7. I shall prepare my offering before I come to service and be ready to share whenever the offering is called for. I know I owe a portion of my substance and it is a part of my religion to deal fairly with God in the matter.

8. I shall pray as the word of God is preached, that my Minister shall have the guidance of the Holy Spirit as he preaches the word and that I might have a receptive heart to receive the world in my soul’s health.

9. I shall pray for the unchurched when the invitation is extended, by my life and personal witness, seek to constrain them to accept Christ.

10. I shall wait for the Benediction as the seal of God’s approval. I shall not leave before then except some dire emergency makes it mandatory. For to leave earlier would be to dismiss God and discount His Benediction.

11. And when I leave I shall guard against unnecessary hilarity, making an effort to think soberly on God’s message to me this day, and how I might use it in the days ahead. These commandments I shall strive to keep, God being my helper.
2019 Western North Carolina Conference

LAY ORGANIZATION Prayer Breakfast

SATURDAY
9 | 14 | 19
10 AM

Macedonia AME Church
4164 Yarboroughs Mill Road
Milton, NC 27305

Rev. Kelvin Royster, Pastor
Sis. Joan Brandon, Local Lay President
Tickets $20/ person
Available Soon
Mt. Zion AME Church
1422 Huffine Mill Rd.
Greensboro, NC 27406
Rev. Henry R. Davis, Host Pastor

Contact Sister Beverly Hester-Stephens
to Register at:
hesterb57@gmail.com

St. James AME Church
44 Hildebrand St.
Asheville, NC 28801
Rev. Brent Edwards, Host Pastor
HOST CHURCH:
SHILOH AME CHURCH — 1323 N POWERHOUSE RD
MORGANTON, NC 28655 — (828) 584–3962

PLEASE VISIT THE EASTERN DISTRICTS WEBSITE SITE FOR THE LATEST INFO ON WHAT IS HAPPENING AT:
EASTERNWNCC2NDAMEC.ORG

Send Event Information for the Eastern District to Webmasters:
Rev. Tamara Kersey at: tamarakersey4@gmail.com
&
Sister Angela Elam at: allendur@aol.com
When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place. ...They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

Acts 1:1
IN THEATERS
JUNE 17 & 19, 2019

EMANUEL
THE UNTOLD STORY OF THE VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS
OF THE CHARLESTON CHURCH SHOOTING

More Information Available
www.emanuelmovie.com
SATURDAY
6 | 15 | 19
STARTING AT 9 AM

5800 HWY 86 NORTH
HILLSBOROUGH, NC 27278

LIBATION CEREMONY, WRAPPING THE MAYPOLE,
HISTORY & OTHER ACTIVITIES
FOOD. FUN. FELLOWSHIP
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DIGITAL EVANGELISM WORKSHOP

DOES YOUR CHURCH NEED TO REACH MORE PEOPLE?

CONNECT WITH YOUR COMMUNITY.
IMPACT MORE LIVES.
EXPAND YOUR REACH.

JULY 20, 2019 • 9:00 AM
SPRINGDALE A.M.E. CHURCH
5554 S NC HWY-62, BURLINGTON, NC 27215

This workshop will guide you and your church team into how to develop and maximize an online web and social media presence, use technology to enlarge your territory, and the right way to harness the power of the internet to get your mission, message and ministry heard!

Get practical step-by-step instructions, complete how-to workbooks, and easy to implement strategies to engage the congregation in an effective digital evangelism campaign.

WE WILL EXPLORE:

How to develop an online presence and harness the power of social media

How to get your church noticed online in the midst of all the online clutter

How to use simple online tools to create a visitor follow up system

AND SO MUCH MORE

SMALL GROUP FOR ONE-ON-ONE ATTENTION

DIGITAL EVANGELISM WORKSHOP

REGISTRATION:
WWW.SPRINGDALEAME.ORG/EVENTS/DEWORKSHOP
EMAIL: REVBGLOSTERsGMAIL.COM
The History of St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church, 3001 Tryon Road, Raleigh, NC is a testament to the dedication and commitment of its members throughout its one hundred-thirty-four years in existence.

In 1968, God inspired a few of His servants to join together to form a fellowship of worshipers. The first place of worship was bush harbor, located in a small community called Rhakmatte, about a mile from the current structure known as St. John A.M.E Church. A school was built at the corner of what now Sadie Hopkins Street called the St. John Community School of Rhakmatte.

The first worship structure was completed in August 1884, under the leadership of Reverend A.J Mitchell. In 1990, the church known as St. John became affiliated with the African Methodist Episcopal Church and assigned Reverend J.R Perkins to assume the pastorate during its first conference year.

In 1961, under the pastorate of Reverend E.E. Worthy, a second structure was erected. During Reverend Worthy’s twenty-seven year tenure two choirs were formed, and services were held on first and third Sundays of each month. Following damage from a snowstorm, a new structure was built in 1962. Reverend Worthy served from 1947 until 1974.

In 1974, Reverend Bennie L. Hemby succeeded Reverend Worthy and served until 1979. Under Reverend Hemby’s leadership a gospel was organized, and services were increased to three Sunday’s a month. The kitchen and baths were remodeled, new pews were purchased, and new entrance was added to the fellowship hall.

In 1979, Reverend David L. Morrison Sr. became the pastor and led the church to a major remodeling project. The sanctuary was beautified with new carpet, chandeliers and stained glass windows. Chairs and tables were purchased for the fellowship hall and the vestibule was enclosed. Under his administration St. John become a station church and began holding services every Sunday of the month. Reverend Morrison pastorate at St. John ended in 1985.

Rev Eddie Hughes was assigned to serve as pastor from 1985 until 1990. During this time the fellowship hall was paneled and carpeted and a staircase was constructed to allow entrance to the fellowship hall from the sanctuary. A new heating and air conditioning system was also installed and a $10,000 mortgage paid off.

In 1990, Rev. Allen D Terrell was assigned to serve a pastor following Reverend Hughes. Under his administration God lifted the church to greater heights both spiritually and financially. The Church was able to purchase a church van, additional properties, start a program to feed the homeless, take week long educational trips with the members, provided youth tutorial sessions, and form a spiritual growth committee. A scholarship fund was instituted to help our college bound youth and assist those who were already enrolled. During his tenure, we were graced to have congresswomen Eva Clayton speak at the church, and would renowned gospel singer Wintley Phipps perform a concert at St. John. Under Reverend Terrell’s leadership, he was given the vision to build a new sanctuary. In 2001 plans were put in place by the membership to build a new structure. The current structure was completed in 2005. Reverend Terrell remained the pastor of St. John until 2006.

In 2006, St John welcomed our current pastor, Reverend Allen E. Warren and First Lady Linda Warren. Under Reverend Warren leadership there has been a renowned commitment at St. John to reach “beyond the church walls” to serve not only the spiritual and physical needs of the congregation, but also the growing needs of the community, through expanded outreach ministries and new forms of media.
CONGRATS
YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS
WE WANT TO CELEBRATE
YOU
IN OUR JULY NEWSLETTER

PLEASE SEND YOUR INFORMATION TO
allendur@aol.com
As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

Psalm 103:13
APPLICATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR THE FOLLOWING SCHOLARSHIPS AT:

www.wncclay.org

DAVIS-MCKINNEY LAY SCHOLARSHIP
DR. JAMES C. JOHNSON LAY SCHOLARSHIP
KITTRELL-ALLEN-ADAMS SCHOLARSHIP
African Methodist Episcopal Church
2nd District Lay Organization
Davis/McKinney Scholarship
2019-2020

The Maude Davis/Joseph C. McKinney Scholarship was established by the Lay Organization of the 2nd Episcopal District for the purpose of assisting worthy young women and men, of the Christian faith, in the African Methodist Episcopal Church in obtaining a college education. The 2nd Episcopal District Lay Organization will administer the funds for this scholarship, with contributions from all five Conferences in the District: Baltimore, Washington, Virginia, North Carolina and Western North Carolina, as well as the Davis/McKinney Scholarship Foundation. The mission of the Davis/McKinney Foundation is to generate and award financial resources in support of the Davis/McKinney Scholarship Program.

Eligibility Requirements:
- Member of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.
- Evidence of financial need.
- Must be entering college/university/training institution from high school in the Fall of 2019 and/or first year college and submit official notification.
- Must pursue courses leading to an undergraduate degree or certification.
- Should meet the definition of young adult (ages 17-30).

The Selection Process:
Recipients will be selected by a selection committee, composed of members from each of the five conferences. The committee will evaluate eligible students' profiles, academic record, financial need, letters of recommendation, biographical statement and career goals, leadership qualities, extracurricular activities and accomplishments, employment status, family history, participation in the local church, and the professional quality of the application. All applications should be thoroughly prepared and neat in appearance. The application should be typed. Applicants may fill out the initial application in draft form and finalize the application using word processing software or type written. No hand written application will be processed. Application is available on-line from vsfo@verizon.net.

Scholarship Amounts:
All conference committees have the prerogative to disseminate their allocation based upon appropriate distribution, and to select one or more students to receive the scholarship. The 2nd District Lay Organization determines the budget for this scholarship annually. Scholarships should be distributed during the first semester of each academic year. In the event the student recipient(s) is/are unable to attend the college, university, or training institution in the Fall of 2019, the award will be returned to the scholarship fund.

Application Requirements:
Qualified applicants must submit the following documents:
- The completed application form, using word processed or typed text.
- A current official High School transcript of grades and SAT scores.
- 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.
- A one page biographical statement including career goals, and 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.

** Pastors should not submit letters of recommendation for applicants who are their children.

Deadline: Tuesday, June 11, 2019
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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION GUIDELINES
(continued)

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: June 30, 2019
Completed application must be received by deadline.
Application with missing components will not be considered.
Fax 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

2019 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 22, 2019
Return all materials to:
Gail P. Radcliff
9285 Berry Road
Waldorf, MD 20603
The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting thousands of people across the country to assist with the 2020 Census count. Earn extra income while helping your community.

How the 2020 Census will invite everyone to respond

Every household will have the option of responding online, by mail, or by phone.

Nearly every household will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census from either a postal worker or a census worker.

95% of households will receive their census invitation in the mail.

Almost 5% of households will receive their census invitation when a census taker drops it off. In these areas, the majority of households may not receive mail at their home's physical location (like households that use PO boxes or areas recently affected by natural disasters).

Less than 1% of households will be counted in person by a census taker, instead of being invited to respond on their own. We do this in very remote areas like parts of northern Maine, remote Alaska, and in select American Indian areas that ask to be counted in person.

APPLICATION AVAILABLE AT:
Mark Your Calendars
For These
Upcoming Events
Around
the Connection

June 8, 2019 …………………………………………………………………………….. CDMC Dedication Ceremony
Bethel—Greensboro, NC—Rev. Dr. Clay Barrow, Pastor
Sis. Terri McLeod, Commissioner

June 9, 2019 …………………………………………………………………………….. 2019 Holy Pentecost

June 9, 2019 …………………………………………………………………………….. Annual Children’s Day

June 14-15, 2019 …………………………… Springdale Bus Trip visiting Washington, D.C.’s
National Museum of African American History & Culture
Rev. Dr. Bridgette Gloster, Pastor
For more information contact: Penny Oliver — (336) 565-0367

June 16, 2019 …………………………… 11 AM ……………………… Men Day/Fathers Day Program
White Cross—Rev. Myra McGibbonney, Pastor

June 16, 2019 …………………………………………………………………………….. The Mother Emanuel Nine Remembrance Day

June 29, 2019 …………………………… Addie G. Stroud WMS Brunch @10AM (doors open @9:30AM)
St. Paul—Raleigh, NC—Rev. Robert L. Hodges, Pastor
Raleigh Convention Center, Raleigh, NC
Speaker: N.C. Supreme Court Chief Justice Cheri Beasley
Tickets $40/person—bit.ly/EmpoweringWomenBrunch2019 — (919) 832-2709 (groups)

June 30, 2019 - July 4, 2019 ………………………………………………………… CLO Biennial 2019
Seattle, WA

July 20, 2019 …………………………… 9 AM ……………………… Digital Evangelism Workshop
Springdale—Rev. Dr. Bridgette Gloster, Pastor

Columbus, OH

July 27, 2019 - August 1, 2019 ………………… WMS Quadrennial Convention 2019
Columbus, OH

September 14, 2019 ……………………………………………… WNCC-LO Annual Prayer Breakfast @10AM
Macedonia—Milton, NC—Rev. Kelvin Royster, Pastor
Sis. Joan Brandon, Local Lay President
Tickets $20/person—Available Soon

July 8-20, 2020 ……………………………………………………………… AMEC 51st Quadrennial Session
Orlando, FL
- Register for the upcoming Summer Summit
- Open an account at a Black Bank.

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