



## **WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION**

January 2020

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

The Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization 2020 membership drive has begun! Membership dues are \$6.00 for adults. Membership dues must be current for voting and election privileges. **The election of offices for the Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization of the African Methodist Episcopal Church is scheduled for April 11, 2020 at 10 am at St. James AMEC, 1501 North Patterson Street, Winston Salem, North Carolina 27105.**

**Membership dues must be received on or before March 20, 2020 or post marked no later than March 18, 2020 for election and voting privileges. Please send your membership dues and names to the Credential/Membership Chair, Sister Shontea Smith, 1808 Chapel Hill Road, Apt A9, Durham, NC 27707.**

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:

1. To proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ (Mark 16:15);
2. To advance the present ministry of Jesus Christ, particularly as it is embodied by the mission of the African Methodist Episcopal Church (2 Corinthians 5:14-20; see mission, vision, and purposes at <http://www.ame-church.com/about-us/mission.php>);
3. To encourage Bible study and to uphold the Bible as our only source for faith and doctrine (2 Timothy 3:16-17; see article of faith #5 at <http://www.ame-church.com/about-us/beliefs.php>);
4. To promote an understanding of The Doctrine and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church 2012 as an organized source of our laws, government, and belief statements (1 Corinthians 12:4-6; <http://www.ame-church.com/about-us/structure.php>);
5. To teach good stewardship and respect for constituted authority (Matthew 25:14-30; 1 Timothy 2:1-7);
6. To engage the laity in social action ministry, reaching beyond the walls of the Church to champion goodwill toward all (Galatians 6:9-10).

Join us as we come together on January 11, 2020 at Persimmon Grove, Greensboro, NC at 10 am to discuss and implement the business of the church. I thank you for your willingness to serve!

The Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization  
Sister Penny Oliver, President

*Penny S. Oliver, President*

*Betty Parker, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President*

*Diane Foy, Recording Secretary*