



# THE LAY EXPRESS



Second Episcopal District ~ African Methodist Episcopal Church  
WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION

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

“Laity walking humbly with God to do justice and to love kindness”

Micah 6:8 (ESV)

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From  
*the desk*  
of

*Penny S. Oliver, President*

It’s easy to lose faith when pain is plaguing your mind, body, and soul. But it’s never too late to begin bettering yourself and pushing past this pain. For many, that means healing — from hardships, personal problems, or even just a rough month. The word of God says in 3 John 1:2 “Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well”. **The Good News** is a pure soul is one that not only wishes wellness on himself, but on others. We have lost

two pillars of the AMEC, President Valerie Bell and Sister Shirley Sheares. Let us come together and pray for one another:

*I'm coming to you today as your child, longing to hear from you and asking for your divine healing. There's so much I don't understand about life. But I do know that with one touch, one word, you can make me whole. Please forgive me of my sins, cleanse me of my unrighteousness, and begin your healing from the inside out.*

*I don't always know what your will is Lord, especially in times like now, when I desperately seek your face. I offer you no promises, no bargains, no deals to exchange for my health. I simply bow my heart before you to tell you the desire of my heart: that I want to spend as many years as I can loving you here, loving others, and wanting to become more like you. However you choose to accomplish that is up to you—and okay with me. If you use doctors to provide healing, give them wisdom to know what to do. Regardless of how you accomplish it, the healing you give is always miraculous. And you deserve all the praise.*

*I absolutely believe you have the power to heal. You demonstrated that on earth, and you still heal in miraculous ways today. Even when my faith is weak, you say it is enough, and my love for you is strong. And I know you already hold my heart and life in your hands. It's up to you. If I can bring you more glory through healing, then that's what I ask for. That's what I desire.*

*But if your answer is no, or not now, I know that your grace is sufficient for me. Ultimately, I want your will to be my will. I look forward to spending an eternity with you. But Lord, if you have planned still more for me to do here on this earth, I not only need and want your physical healing, Lord, but a thorough, deep-down cleansing and strengthening—a whole-hearted renewal of all that I am. Because all that I am is yours. Use this trial to strengthen me from a "what-if" faith to a "no-matter-what" faith. And no matter what, I choose to honor you and give you glory. In Jesus's name, Amen. -Written by [Rebecca Barlow Jordan](#)*

2 Chronicles 7:14 NIV reads “if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.” Join us on March 14, 2020 at, Bethel, AMEC, 200 North Regan St., Greensboro, at 10 am for our bi-monthly lay meeting, where we strive to humble ourselves, pray, and work together not as man over man but as lay persons working with God. Thank you for your willingness to serve!

# Sister Valerie Gary Bell

*Connectional Lay Organization President*

## We Salute You!

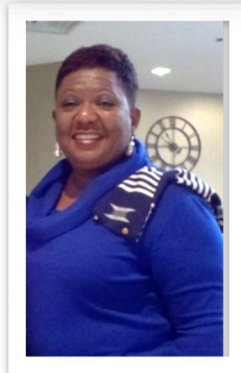


The Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization salutes President Valerie Gary Bell as a woman who loved the Lord, her family, the AME Church as a whole and served as a Prayer Warrior, a dedicated Teacher, a compassionate Leader and a friend to all. She gave her full support on all levels and encouraged ALL to work to their full potential and strive for excellence inside and outside of the church. She encouraged others to read, teach and live the Word of God, while also standing for truth and righteousness.



The Lay Organization of the Western North Carolina Conference will remember President Bell for her selfless work to make the church of Allen a more excellent and Spirit-filled place to worship. We thank God for gracing us with a loving and outstanding leader. Thank you President Bell for answering God's call to be a witness and leader for the A.M.E. Church Lay Organization.

*Rest In Peace, President Bell!*



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



## “Know Your Church”

### A Political and Social Activist Moment for the AME Church

Bishop James Lavert Davis had a number of electrifying and enlightening workshops, panel discussions and presentations at our recent Second District Founders Day - Mid-Year Meeting held in Greensboro, NC. One such panel discussion, presented by the Political and Social Action Committee, was lead by the Rev. Kendal McBroom, a young and newly appointed Pastor of Turner Chapel AME Church in High Point, NC. Rev. McBroom’s opening remarks were so profound that as Director of Public Relations for the Washington Conference Lay Organization, I felt compelled to share this important and vital information with you. It is hoped that you too will find the information so on point that you will share it with others to support the get out the **Vote** campaign and participate in the upcoming **2020 Census**.

The Rev. McBroom shared the following statement before introducing the two panelists for the Political and Social Action discussion:

*The 2016 election opened many of our eyes and minds to the deep division and danger in the midst of our communities and country. The election of Donald John Trump revealed that although we had come a significant way in the election of Barack Hussein Obama, the first self-identifying African-American President, those achievements were now under threat. Gerrymandering, the roll back of civil rights legislation, and other actions by this administration over the past four years have revealed that these fears were and are legitimate. And, lest we place emphasis on the symptom of a deeper issue, many state legislatures throughout this country have people in political leadership whose ideologies and policies are contrary to the uplift of our congregants and congregations. According to a study carried out by the National Conference on State Legislatures in 2015, while African-Americans comprise 13% of the national population, they only represent 9% within state legislatures, nationally.*

*Statistically and otherwise, the vote of our communities and congregations matter. When we vote, we upend decades and sometimes century long ways of doing business as usual. When we vote, we change the tone of the political conversation. When we vote, our neighborhoods see the changes and investments necessary. When we vote, the overall health of our communities becomes better. When we vote, our congregants are closer to living that life, and life more abundantly that Jesus discusses in the gospel of Matthew. Likewise, when we participate in the Census, resources—funding, housing, initiatives—are invested into our communities. When we participate in the Census, our concerns as well as our strengths are documented. When we participate in the Census, we are accounted for in the national conversation and registry.*

*This is why it is vital in the year 2020 for us to do two things that will have an impact beyond Donald Trump’s presidency and our very own lifetimes: **we must vote and participate in the census**. Census records have historically been used to allocate funding for citizens, document population trends, and help in ancestry research. You and I want it to be known for future generations to come that there were some AMEs in 2020 that stood up to the demonic structures of their time and fought back to ensure a better life for them.*

Please note, in mid-March, homes across the country will begin receiving invitations to complete the 2020 Census. Once the invitation arrives, you should respond for your home in one of three ways: online, by phone, or by mail. Your immediate action is necessary and we are counting on you.

The Washington Conference Lay Organization (WCLO) “**Know Your Church Series**” - 3/17/2020

Sister Glen White, WCLO President

Researched and Compiled by Brother William “Bill” Ayers, WCLO Director of Public Relations. [WCLO.ORG](http://WCLO.ORG)

Sources— Rev. Kendal McBroom, Pastor - Turner Chapel AME Church - High Point, NC - 2<sup>nd</sup> District Political and Social Action Chair.  
United States Census Bureau.

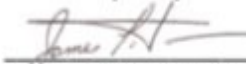
James L. Davis, Servant Bishop

Arelis B. Davis, WMS Supervisor



## MEMORANDUM

TO: **Second Episcopal District Clergy and Congregations**

FROM:   
James Levert Davis, Servant Bishop

DATE: March 3, 2020

SUBJECT: **Church Preparation and Response to Communicable Disease  
Outbreak including Coronavirus**

This Memorandum is being sent to you as a follow-up to an Email from Rev. Dr. Jeffery Cooper, General Secretary/CIO, African Methodist (AME) Church. Dr. Cooper issued **Coronavirus and Influenza Recommendations** citing ways to respond to the Coronavirus and other communicable diseases; urging those who are responsible for the safety of our churches and members to take precautionary measures to decrease the spread of Coronavirus and other communicable diseases.

Based on Dr. Cooper's email, We recommend that you adhere to the following precautionary measures:

1. Click on the following link [Churches\\_response\\_to\\_pandemics.pdf](#) to view and share a comprehensive article regarding "**Church Preparation and Response to Potential Pandemics,**" such as the Coronavirus and Influenza, from Rev. Miriam J. Burnett, MD, MDiv., MPH, Medical Director, AME Church International Health Commission President.
2. Utilize the prefilled communion packs (cup & wafer) for minimal handling and disposal.
3. Local churches - purchase sanitation stations with Purell sanitizers for use by congregants
4. Encourage members to cease greeting with handshakes, hugs, fist bumps, etc.

Additionally, we are approaching our Annual Conference season. We are instructing all host pastors and host committees to provide multiple sanitation stations with Purell sanitizers for easy access in central locations. We will take all precautions to ensure as much as lies within us possible to decrease the spread in efforts to assure the well-being of the people.

Lastly, but certainly not least, let us pray! Pray that God will lift this plague from His people all around the nation and the world. Ultimately, it is in His hands and within His will. *"If my people who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray, I will hear from heaven, forgive their sins and heal their land."* (2 Chronicles 7:14). **IT'S PRAYER TIME!**

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**ONE MEMBER AT A TIME.**

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**THE 2020 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IS UNDERWAY!**

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**

*\* WNCC Lay Organization elections scheduled for April 11, 2020, 10am, at St. James AME Church 5201 N. Patterson Street, Winston-Salem, NC*



*Prayer Breakfast*

WNCC-LO is accepting bids for our annual Prayer Breakfast. All bids must be submitted before April 4, 2020. For consideration, event spaces must seat comfortably at least 250 people.

*Please contact Sister Jacqueline Kanipe at [jconleyk70@gmail.com](mailto:jconleyk70@gmail.com).*

**SPRING FORWARD!**



On the next page is a resolution from Old North State Medical Society in support of expanding Medicare. This resolution is designed to encourage members of the State Assembly to support this effort.

**Please complete the resolution on the next page and return to your Pastor.**



**Resolution in Support of Closing the Coverage Gap in North Carolina**

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina has the opportunity to expand affordable health insurance to approximately 400,000 of the 1 million uninsured people;<sup>i</sup> and,

**WHEREAS**, several hundred thousand of the approximately 400,000 of these individuals and families are childless adults who are working and have no other affordable insurance options available to them, which has created a coverage gap<sup>ii</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, the development of a North Carolina solution for closing this coverage gap in our state will allow us to strengthen and protect our economic prosperity and preserve the freedoms and opportunities that are cherished by the people and businesses of our state; and,

**WHEREAS**, covering the uninsured means better premium value for North Carolinians with private health insurance by lowering costs for everyone; and,

**WHEREAS**, providing health insurance coverage will help people, especially women of child bearing age, gain access to the care they need, which improves health outcomes; and,

**WHEREAS**, closing the coverage gap will provide health care for a considerable number of very low-income, childless adults who are not eligible for any state or federal health care assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, closing the coverage gap will promote access to behavioral and physical health therapy and treatment for low-income citizens struggling with mental illness, developmental disabilities, and substance use disorders; and

**WHEREAS**, a North Carolina plan to close the coverage gap could create as many as 37,200 new jobs statewide<sup>iii</sup>, according to a study by the Center for Health Policy Research at The George Washington University; and,

**WHEREAS**, closing the coverage gap in North Carolina will bring \$11.7 billion in federal funding to the state between 2020 and 2022; and,<sup>iv</sup>

**WHEREAS**, closing the coverage gap could generate \$500 million in additional state revenue, and \$100 million in additional county revenue from 2020 to 2022, due to the additional economic and job growth; and<sup>v</sup>

**WHEREAS**, closing the coverage gap could strengthen the economy and bolster job growth in counties across North Carolina, as well as improve health access for almost half a million North Carolinians.<sup>iv</sup>

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT \_\_\_\_\_ supports seeking a North Carolina strategy for closing the coverage gap for all North Carolina citizens earning at or below 138 percent of the Federal Poverty Level, in accordance with provisions of the federal law.

Please print/type:

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Staff Signer: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>i</sup> <https://www.urban.org/sites/default/files/publication/82786/2000866-What-if-More-States-Expanded-Medicaid-in-2017-Changes-in-EligibilityEnrollment-and-the-Uninsured.pdf>

<sup>ii</sup> <https://www.conehealthfoundation.com/app/files/public/11568/expanding-medicaid-in-north-carolina---2019.pdf>

<sup>iii</sup> <http://www.kff.org/uninsured/issue-brief/the-coverage-gap-uninsured-poor-adults-in-states-that-do-not-expand-medicaid/>

<sup>iv</sup> <https://www.conehealthfoundation.com/app/files/public/11568/expanding-medicaid-in-north-carolina---2019.pdf>

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<sup>iv</sup> <http://www.conehealthfoundation.com/app/files/public/4202/The-Economic-and-Employment-Costs-of-Not-Expanding-Medicaid-in-NorthCarolina.pdf>

<sup>vii</sup> <http://www.conehealthfoundation.com/app/files/public/4202/The-Economic-and-Employment-Costs-of-Not-Expanding-Medicaid-in-North-Carolina.pdf>



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### **Carolina Theatre**

300 W. Morgan St., Durham, NC

March 21st, 2020 at 5 PM

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**[www.daddysboys.org](http://www.daddysboys.org)**

PHEN, based in Boston, MA, is the nation's leading prostate cancer patient education and advocacy organization focusing on the needs of African Americans.



## **Council of Bishops African Methodist Episcopal Church**

### **Lent 2020**

Lent is a time of repentance, renewal, a chance to reflect, seek a closer walk with Christ, discipline our spirit, deepen our commitment and show a stronger love to our family, friends, and, most of all, to God. You probably heard of all these objectives. Each is just as important as the other. Lent leads us to the cross of Calvary, the act of the crucifixion, and the hope of our faith, Easter resurrection Sunday.

As I think of the goodness of God, I praise Him that at the right time God gave His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to die for you and me. What a precious sacrifice, all for love! My prayer is this: God make us aware of Your far-reaching love toward us. May we come to the realization that Your love encompasses the whole world. Your love breaks down barriers that separate us as the people of God. Society's evils cannot stand against the force of Christ's love for this world: His love covers a multitude of faults. Love puts everybody on equal footing. Love draws us to the foot of the cross in humility and confession. Love lifts us to a higher calling to be more, do more, and embrace a life of abundance. Jesus says, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10b KJV).

Therefore, we will stay positive, strive to live life with purpose, stay focused on pleasing God, and cultivate an atmosphere of peace and serenity. We will strive harder to love God with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength and love our neighbors as we love ourselves. We will pray more for the ability to do unto others as we want others to do unto us. We will strive to respect ourselves and others. We will pray harder for the will of God to be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. We will seek the Kingdom of God and trust God to provide our every need according to His riches in glory. Jesus is the source of our hope, the joy of our living, and the center of our well-being.

We will trust God more. We will be responsible citizens by voting, supporting our church and community while empowering each other. We will encourage healthy living and economic development. We will show the love of God that has been shed abroad in our hearts and pour that same love into a world that desperately needs it. We will be steadfast and unmovable always abounding in the work of the Lord!

I join with you for a wonderful Lenten season that will bring forth a blessed Resurrection Easter Sunday! "He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay" (Matthew 28:6 KJV).

Because of Christ, I am,

Harry L. Seawright  
Presiding Bishop, 9th Episcopal District.  
President of the Bishop's Council

*Permission courtesy of:*



**DR. JEFFERY COOPER**  
AME GENERAL SECRETARY





# The 128th Session of the Western North Carolina Conference

**Tuesday, May 5, 2020**  
WMS Annual Convention

**Tuesday – Saturday, May 5 – May 9, 2020**  
Business, Training & Worship

**Opening Annual Service**  
Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at 7:00p.m.

*Embassy Suites by  
Hilton Greensboro Airport  
204 Centreport Drive  
Greensboro, NC 27409*



**\*\* GETTING PREPARED TO WORK \*\***



## Connectional Lay Organization

### Evangelism Sunday

# Sunday, May 31, 2020

**The church  
has left  
the building.**



***Theme: G.R.O.W.***

***Give Radical Outreach Work***

*Acts 2:38—Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.*



# Community Development Corporation

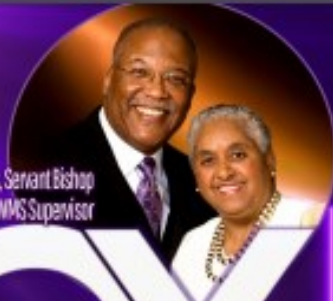
## **THE FOLLOWING REPORT OF ACTIVITIES SINCE THE 2019 SUMMER SUMMIT:**

We the members of the SED Community Development Corporation submit the following report of activities since the 2019 Summer Summit:

1. The purchase of the building at 7610 Pennsylvania Avenue was completed.
2. At this property now owned by the 2nd Episcopal District, 15 or 16 suites are rented, some with multi-year agreements. Two potential tenants are interested in the remaining suite.
3. Major renovations were completed in the building. Services were also updated and upgraded that had a profound effect on the desire of the tenants to keep renting at this property.
4. A management organization is in place to handle general operations of our property.
5. In these first 6 months we report a positive income stream that aligns with our projections
6. We need to reach and maintain a cash reserve for capital expense and to create a sustaining cash flow for local church budget adjustments.

We celebrate the success of this first endeavor to generate capital. It has only been 6 months, yet we are realizing a net profit. We are at the point where churches could receive modest benefits but we recommend that we wait a full year's cycle before we make any distributions. However, the purchase of the building at 7610 Pennsylvania Avenue, strategically places the district in the position to keep the promise of shared wealth. As we build cash reserve, we move toward not just removing financial burdens of local churches. Our success lifts and enlightens us to push forward with greater collective energy to change the financial landscape of the Second Episcopal District of the AME Church.

2ND EPISCOPAL DISTRICT  
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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

# LEGACY

*"I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT ON ALL PEOPLE..." Acts 2:17*

## Celebration

**28 MAY**  
SED COMBINED ORDINATION SERVICE



7:00PM  
*"Selected To Serve"*  
**Ebenezer AME Church**  
7707 Allentown Road, Fort Washington, MD 20744

**29 MAY**  
SED DEDICATION OF  
1ST REVENUE PRODUCING PROPERTY



11:00AM  
*"Kingdom Building"*  
7610 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Forestville, MD 20747  
DEDICATION  
7:00PM **Ebenezer AME Church**  
*"Political Emphasis"*  
REV. AL SHARPTON  
SERVICE  
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**30 MAY**



10:00AM  
*The Outpouring!*  
PENTECOST EXPLOSION WORSHIP  
FEATURING  
THE 2ND DISTRICT MASS CHOIR  
DC ARMORY ARENA  
2001 E Capitol St SE, Washington, DC 20003

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: **REV. DR. GRAINGER BROWNING**  
MINISTER **BYRON CAGE**  
SPECIAL GUEST PRAISE & WORSHIP LEADER  
SPECIAL GUEST DIRECTOR: **DR. RICKY DILLARD**  
BISHOP **HEZEKIAH WALKER**  
SPECIAL GUEST ARTIST



## **GENERAL CONFERENCE 2020**

Office of the General Secretary/CIO

Rev. Dr. Jeffery B. Cooper

### **Registration Fees for Observers**

\$120 – January 1, 2020 – March 31, 2020

\$125 – April 1, 2020 until start of Registration  
at 2020 General Conference

**Note: AME member card is required for discount**

*Student with Valid ID:*

\$50 – Increases to \$60 at site of the General Conference

*Youth – (Age 5-18):*

\$25 – Increases to \$35 at site of the General Conference

*Delegates and Alternates: Register through their District Office*



## **SUMMER SUMMIT MEETING**

**MINISTERS' RETREAT  
CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP & TRAINING (CEC)**

***Monday-Thursday, August 3 - 6, 2020***

**HAMPTON ROADS CONVENTION CENTER**

1610 Coliseum Drive  
Hampton, Virginia 23666

**EMBASSY SUITES By HILTON**

1700 Coliseum Drive  
Hampton, Virginia 23666

**Group Name – 2<sup>nd</sup> Episcopal District Summer Summit**

**Reservation by Telephone: 1-800-362-2779**

**Reservation by website:**

[www.hamptonroadsconventioncenter.embassysuites.com](http://www.hamptonroadsconventioncenter.embassysuites.com)

**(3 Night Stay Requirement)**

**Room Rate: \$143.00+ Tax (Double/King Occupancy)**

***Group Rate Cut-off Date – July 1, 2020***

Courtesy of The Second Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal District Website

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

# Mark Your CALENDAR



Save These  
DATES

- March 7, 2020.....12:00PM.....Veteran's Shoppers Delight (free items)**  
Greater Bethel AMEC, 5232 The Plaza, Charlotte, NC ~ Rev. Dr. Abdue L. Knox, Pastor
- March 8, 2020.....After 11:00AM Service.....African American Historical Production  
Dinner.....Drama.....Spirituals.....Dance—Donations welcome at the door**  
St. Paul AMEC, 402 W. Edenton Street, Raleigh, NC ~ Rev. Dr. Robert L. Hodges, Pastor
- March 8, 2020.....11:00AM.....International Women's Day**  
Speaker: The Honorable Cheri Beasley, Chief Justice, North Carolina Supreme Court  
St. Joseph AMEC, 2521 Fayetteville Street, Durham, NC ~ Rev. Jonathan C. Augustine, Pastor
- March 14, 2020 .....10:00AM.....WNCC Lay Organization Meeting**  
Bethel AMEC, 200 N Regan Street, Greensboro, NC ~ Rev. Dr. Clay Barrow, Pastor
- March 15, 2020.....10:00AM.....Class Leaders Council 11th Annual Day**  
Rev. Dr. Barbara R. Chisolm (Candidate for Bishop), Pastor of Greater Zion AMEC, Awendaw, SC  
Greater Bethel AMEC, 5232 The Plaza, Charlotte, NC ~ Rev. Dr. Abdue L. Knox, Pastor
- March 15, 2020.....10:00AM.....Annual Women's Day Program**  
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Anita M. Thompson, WNCC AMEC Eastern District Presiding Elder  
Emmanuel AMEC, 2018 Riddle Road, Durham, NC ~ Rev. John D. Burton, Pastor
- March 15, 2020 .....11:00AM.....Addie G. Stroud WMS Annual Day**  
St. Paul AMEC, 402 W. Edenton Street, Raleigh, NC ~ Rev. Dr. Robert L. Hodges, Pastor
- March 15, 2020.....2:30PM.....Johnson Chapel's Steward/Trustee Day**  
Speaker: Rev. Wanda Howell, Pastor of Clapp's Chapel AMEC, Whitsett, NC  
Johnson Chapel AMEC, 431 Woodlawn Road, Mebane, NC ~ Rev. Timothy Boone, Pastor
- March 15, 2020.....3:00PM.....Rev. K. P. Rigsbee's Pastor's Appreciation Program**  
Speaker: Rev. Kendal McBroom, Pastor of Turner's Chapel AMEC, High Point, NC  
Queen's Chapel AMEC, 329 Flushing Street, Burlington, NC ~ Rev. K. P. Rigsbee, Pastor
- March 21, 2020.....11:00AM.....Rev. John D. Burton's Service of Retirement**  
Emmanuel AMEC, 2018 Riddle Road, Durham, NC ~ Rev. John D. Burton, Pastor
- March 28, 2020 .....St. Paul AMEC Gospel Fest**  
Tickets \$25 General Admission / \$50 VIP  
St. Paul AMEC, 402 W. Edenton Street, Raleigh, NC ~ Rev. Dr. Robert L. Hodges, Pastor

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Save These  
DATES

**March 28, 2020.....1:00PM.....Women's Day Luncheon**  
Greater Bethel AMEC, 5232 The Plaza, Charlotte, NC ~ Rev. Dr. Abdue L. Knox, Pastor

**March 29, 2020.....10:00AM.....Women's Day Program**  
**Speaker: Rev. Kathy A. Merritt, Pastor of New Birth Community AMEC, Greensboro, NC**  
Greater Bethel AMEC, 5232 The Plaza, Charlotte, NC ~ Rev. Dr. Abdue L. Knox, Pastor

**April 11, 2020 .....10:00AM.....WNCC Lay Organization Meeting**  
St. James AMEC, 1501 N. Patterson Avenue, Winston-Salem, NC ~ Rev. Shelton Miles, Pastor

**April 19, 2020.....2:30PM.....Rosa Horry WMS Annual Day**  
Emmanuel AMEC, 2018 Riddle Road, Durham, NC ~ Rev. John D. Burton, Pastor

**April 24, 2020.....6:00PM.....White Cross AMEC 138th Anniversary Banquet**  
**Speaker: Rev. Dr. Conrad Pridgen, WNCC Western District Presiding Elder**  
Mebane Arts and Community Center, 633 Corregidor Street, Mebane, NC  
Rev. Myraette McGiboney, Pastor of White Cross AMEC, Efland, NC  
Donations: \$25 / Tickets: Sis. Gail Graves-(336) 675-4345 / Sis. Rosella Crisp-(336) 684-2665 *Please email Bro. Kenneth Woods ([kwoods6@centurytel.net](mailto:kwoods6@centurytel.net)) to place an ad in the Anniversary Book*

**April 26, 2020.....10:00AM.....Haynes Schofield WMS Annual Day**  
**Speaker: Dr. Shirley Cason Reed, Former International WMS President**  
Greater Bethel AMEC, 5232 The Plaza, Charlotte, NC ~ Rev. Dr. Abdue L. Knox, Pastor

**April 26, 2020.....11:00AM / 3:00PM.....White Cross AMEC 138th Anniversary Program**  
**11AM Speaker: Rev. Myraette McGiboney, Pastor**  
**3PM Speaker: Rev. Dr. Anita M. Thompson, WNCC AMEC Eastern District Presiding Elder**  
White Cross AMEC, 4604 Lebanon Road, Efland, NC

**May 5-9, 2020 ..... 128th Session of the WNC Annual Conference**  
Embassy Suites by Hilton (Airport)—Greensboro, NC

**May 28-31, 2020 ..... 2nd District Legacy Fest & Planning Meeting**  
Ebenezer AMEC, 7707 Allentown Road—Fort Washington, MD

**July 8-15, 2020 .....AMEC 51<sup>st</sup> Quadrennial Session General Conference**  
Orange County Convention Center, 9800 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32819

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**DEADLINE for information considered for the APRIL newsletter: MARCH 28<sup>th</sup>**

Email to Sister Angela Elam ~ [allendur@aol.com](mailto:allendur@aol.com)