



THE LAY EXPRESS

*"Laity walking humbly with God to do justice
and to love kindness"
Micah 6:8 (ESV)*



Second Episcopal District
African Methodist Episcopal Church

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION

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



From
the desk
of...

Penny S. Oliver, President

As we launch into a new conference year, let's stop for a moment and consider our purpose as members of the Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization. Are we living to pursue our own interests or success? Does our energy revolve around our family members? Or, perhaps are our ambitions to change the world for the better? All of these aims—even the last one, which sounds so selfless—are futile. The only goal of lasting value and fulfillment is serving Christ. As His followers, we should model our life after His. In Mark 10:45, we are told "even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve." We honor Him by doing likewise.

When we have this motivation underlying everything we do, it impacts the quality of our work and keeps us from becoming discouraged. Then, whatever our task--whether we lead a country, teach children, or do something that seems unattractive--if our goal is to glorify God, we will do our best in His strength. This also allows us to trust Him to use us for His purposes, even if our labors appear fruitless to us, or to others.

Whomever God calls us to serve, and whatever He tells us to do, we can obey with joyful hearts when our works are done for Jesus. If this is our purpose, we won't need worldly approval or evidence of impact. We need to know only that God is pleased and promises to reward those who serve Him.

From The Desk of The President, Continued

Laities and Pastors, the 2016 edition of the *Doctrine and Discipline of the A.M.E. Church*, - page 130, states in, Part VIII, Ministerial Classifications, Rules and Support, Section 1. The Itinerant Ministry, B. Responsibilities, number 7 that "The pastor of each station or circuit shall within thirty (30) days after the Annual Conference call a meeting of the members of the charge for the purpose of organizing a Lay Organization, where none exists." I encourage you to organize a local lay organization and to support the conference lay organization. If you have any questions, please contact Jackie Kanipe, Director of Lay Activities or myself.

I am excited to share that we will host our first virtual conference lay meeting, **September 12, 2020, at 10 am** and **November 14 at 10 am**, the WNCC-LO virtual Clergy and Laity Institute (details are in newsletter). Be safe! Remember to follow the three W's. **W**ear (a mask). **W**ait (6 feet apart). **W**ash (hands frequently). "Make Good Trouble - Vote!"

Thank you for your willingness to serve!

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

2020 - 2021

EASTERN DISTRICT



THE REV. DR. ANITA M. THOMPSON
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<i>Wayman Chapel, Graham</i>	<i>Rev. Gwendolyn I. Benjamin</i>	<i>Audrey McCain</i>
<i>Woods Chapel, Graham</i>	<i>Rev. Christopher Robinson</i>	



**WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION
OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**



August 28, 2020

Greetings Local Lay Presidents!

As we begin a new annual conference year, we are far from out of the woods with this pandemic, but no doubt we have become more resilient than we thought capable. We have survived, one day at a time! We are learning how to live, how to get up in the morning, and move forward into our day with purpose ... and we have done it in one of the most unprecedented seasons of global upheaval in history. We are learning to look out for your neighbors; the elderly; the fragile. Maybe we are even moving forward through the grief of a loss; our job, a loved one ...

Local Lay Presidents, **YOU**, are "essential" to the life of your church! As we work hand in hand with the Shepard and Laity of the church in this conference year, please share the following information:

- Per the Discipline all AME churches are to have an Organized Lay Organization. Membership dues are \$6.00 a person, for each conference year. Lay membership runs from January through November. Membership dues must be received for election and voting privileges. Make the check payable to WNCC-LO, and mail the check and membership names to Membership Coordinator, Shontea Smith, 1808 Chapel Hill Road, A9, Durham, NC 27707.
- First Virtual Conference Lay Meeting scheduled for September 12 at 10 am. Link on the link below to join
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83343811536?pwd=UDZPb0UxdFZFZzJjOGxGaHRPRDRGZz09>

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- Complete the 2020 Census Online - September 30, 2020 Deadline
- Traditional Lay Witness Sunday is October 11, 2020 (more information to come)
- Register to VOTE and take someone with you to VOTE.

Penny S. Oliver, President

Betty Parker, 1st Vice President

Diane Foy, Recording Secretary



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- Virtual Clergy and Laity Institute, November 14, 2020 - "Church during Unprecedented Times: Doing A New Thing in Christ" with scripture reference Isaiah 43:19 "For I am about to do something new, See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland."
- January 9, 2021 @ 10 am Virtual Conference Lay Meeting
- March 13, 2021 @ 10 am Virtual Conference Lay Meeting

Be brave, courageous, and be the best representative of our Savior as we "run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus." It's a good race. And it's a good fight we are in. So together, let's follow Him on this new highway through the wilderness... this new normal that he holds in His hands. And as we do, let's bring many more people with us into the kingdom of Christ!

Be safe! Remember to follow the three **W's**. **W**ear (a mask). **W**ait (6 feet apart). **W**ash (hands frequently).

Thank you for your willingness to serve!

Penny Oliver, WNCC-LO President

Jackie Kanipe, WNCC-LO Director of Lay Activities

SAVE THE DATE!

YOU ARE INVITED TO A SCHEDULED ZOOM MEETING

Western North Carolina Lay Meeting

ZOOM

Join Zoom Meeting

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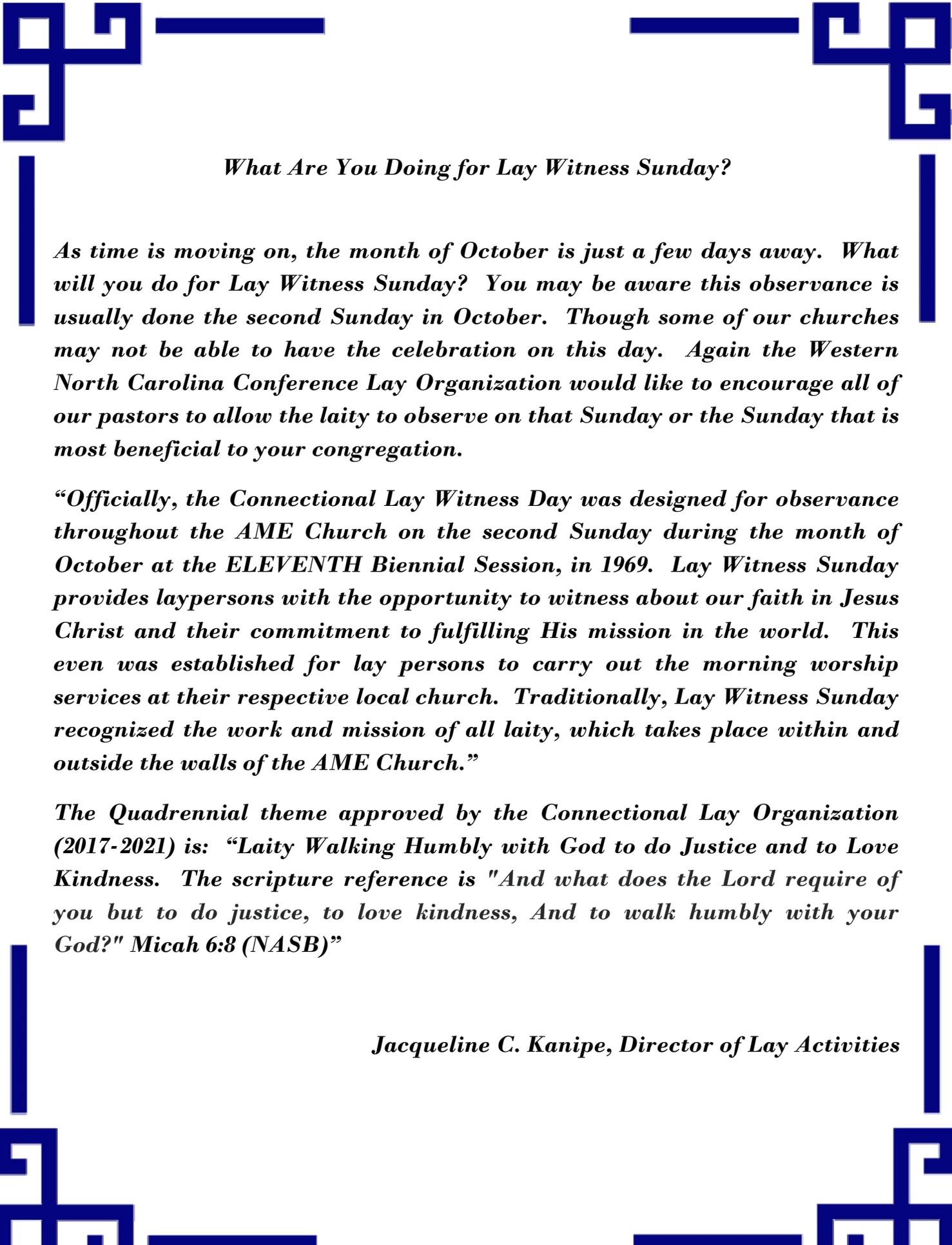
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September 12 | 10:00 AM



What Are You Doing for Lay Witness Sunday?

As time is moving on, the month of October is just a few days away. What will you do for Lay Witness Sunday? You may be aware this observance is usually done the second Sunday in October. Though some of our churches may not be able to have the celebration on this day. Again the Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization would like to encourage all of our pastors to allow the laity to observe on that Sunday or the Sunday that is most beneficial to your congregation.

“Officially, the Connectional Lay Witness Day was designed for observance throughout the AME Church on the second Sunday during the month of October at the ELEVENTH Biennial Session, in 1969. Lay Witness Sunday provides laypersons with the opportunity to witness about our faith in Jesus Christ and their commitment to fulfilling His mission in the world. This even was established for lay persons to carry out the morning worship services at their respective local church. Traditionally, Lay Witness Sunday recognized the work and mission of all laity, which takes place within and outside the walls of the AME Church.”

The Quadrennial theme approved by the 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)”

Jacqueline C. Kanipe, Director of Lay Activities

"Church During Unprecedented Times: Doing A New Thing In Christ!"

virtual edition 20/20



CLERGY & LAITY

INSTITUTE

"Look! I'm doing a new thing..." Isaiah 43:19

Saturday
10_{AM}
NOV. 14TH

zoom

**REGISTRATION
OPEN NOW**

MAIL-IN REGISTRATION

 **\$10**

<https://form.jotform.com/202434119221139>

**MUST RECEIVE MAIL IN
REGISTRATIONS BY 11/7**

ON-LINE REGISTRATION

 **\$15**


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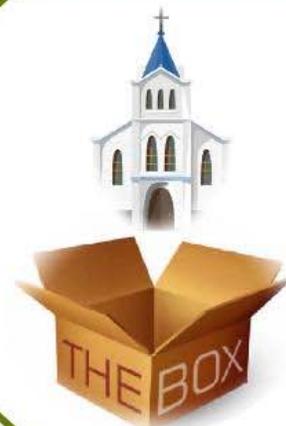
DISCUSSION TOPICS

Compensation Packages for Pastors
COVID Ministry: Staying Relevant & Safe
Conversation with Presiding Elders

Penny Oliver, WNCC Lay President

Jackie Kanipe, WNCC Director of Lay Activities

Mary Royster Harris, WNCC Lay Young Adult Representative



Reduce your risk of COVID-19

World Health
Organization
Western Pacific Region



Clean your hands often

Cough or sneeze in
your bent elbow –
not your hands!



Avoid touching your eyes,
nose and mouth

Limit social gatherings and
time spent in crowded
places



Avoid close contact with
someone who is sick

Clean and disinfect
frequently touched
objects and surfaces



Subject: USING PSA'S TO MOBILIZE - AME V-ALERT

Good Evening SEDLO Executive Board,

Hope you are staying Safe and Healthy. Remember to continue to pray and check on family and friends while we continue our journey with COVID-19 .

We are coming up on a very important election and the AME church has a commitment to mobilize for this upcoming election.

We have some exciting information to share with you about getting the information out about voting. **The link below** has several recorded PSA's you may use during your virtual worship experience. This is another way to get your congregation excited about this 2020 election.

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/hs3n3nnfvy92yme/AADGfM8kBJsD3TRoA4kZ4MVja?dl=0>

Presidents please share this with your membership and Social Action Commissions in your local churches. We must get out to vote. Several members from our district are members of the Connectional AME V-Alert committee. The committee will meet on a regular basis to discuss our part in getting our church members, family and our community to vote. This is an important election. **WE MUST TAKE BACK THE WHITE HOUSE**, and we can only do it if everyone cast their vote. The members representing our district are: Joan Collins WCLO, Pauline Watson BCLO. Jean Richie BCLO. You will be hearing from them to provide updates on mobilization.

Please share the PSA'S with others. Presidents please also have your local churches share what they are doing to mobilize in their church and community. We would like to share and provide feedback to AME V-alert committee.

Thanks for your support and hard work. We can do this! We must Reclaim the Whitehouse!

Blessings

SEDLO President, Matthew Douglas

SEDLO Corresponding Board Secretary, Pauline Watson

Mark Your Calendar!

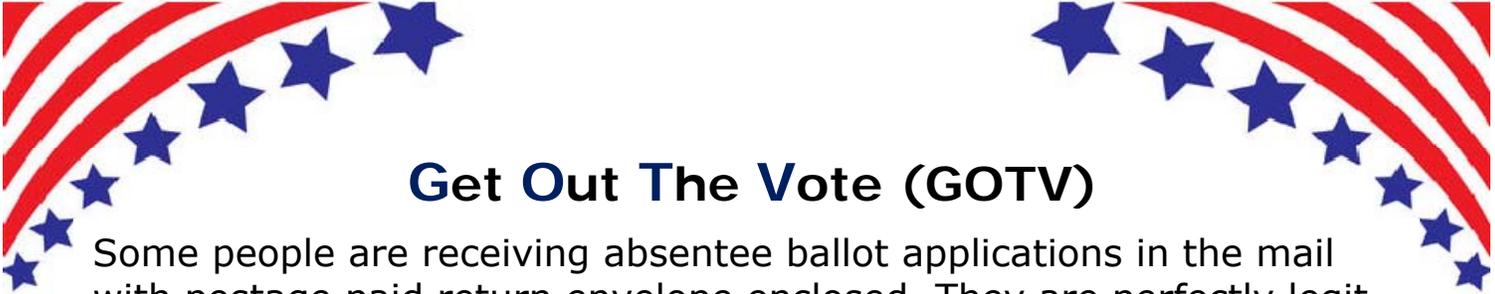
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NORTH CAROLINA



Get Out The Vote (GOTV)

Some people are receiving absentee ballot applications in the mail with postage paid return envelope enclosed. They are perfectly legit. A private company is doing this at their expense to make sure people have no excuse not to request an absentee ballot. If you get one, fill it out, put it in the envelope and drop it in the mail. Here is the link to get a form in the event you do not get one of the postage-paid ones in the mail.

<https://s3.amazonaws.com/dl.ncsbe.gov/Forms/NCAbsenteeBallotRequestForm.pdf>

As of July 25th, 2020, North Carolina had about 7.8 million **voting-eligible** adults and 7 million **registered** voters. Their partisan affiliation was roughly split between three groups: Democrat, unaffiliated, and Republican, with a slight lead to Democrats. Specifically:

- 2,537,032 or **36%** were registered Democrat
- 2,344,632 or **33%** were registered Unaffiliated
- 2,104,881 or **30%** were registered Republican
- 47,334 or **0.7%** were registered to another party

It is imperative that you order your ballot as soon as possible. The Board of Elections will start mailing out ballots on September 4th. Can we count on you?

If you would like to see the slate of candidates for the district that you reside in, click on this link and then enter your street address.

<https://slate.ncdems.civicense.com/s/?bid=6209275&et=bmq9LsvoDYag3P8w4G8RCeFM>

More than **534,000** mail ballots across 23 states were rejected during primaries this year, illustrating how missed delivery deadlines and mistakes could disenfranchise voters and affect the outcome of the presidential election in November.

Vote by Mail will play a significant role in this election. We are hoping that we can get legislation passed that will allow us to have vote-by-mail which is completely different than absentee voting. Right now, we will depend on the absentee ballot for those who do not feel comfortable going to the polls.



Vice President Running Mate, Sen. Kamala Harris was with the Western North Carolina Conference, by the way of St. Joseph AMEC in August 2019.



UPCOMING EVENTS

AND
INFORMATION

» November «



» December «



The Lay Newsletter will be
published every other month.

Please submit information for
NOVEMBER and DECEMBER
by: OCTOBER 28th

DON'T FORGET

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