

**WNCC Lay Organization**  
**Virtual Meeting**  
**Saturday, January 9, 2021**

Our first meeting for the new year 2021, was brought to order by President Penny Oliver promptly at 10:00 a.m. She extended a "happy new year" to every one present on the zoom call. Without further delay she called on Sister Anna Mackey from Pearson Memorial AME Church, High Point, NC, to lead us in **Devotion**.

Our **opening song**: "*God of Grace and God of Glory*." Afterwards, she led us in **Prayer**. **Scripture**: *1 Samuel 17: 45-52*. Sister Mackey made some encouraging remarks as it related to our text, regarding Goliath. She told us that, "*we have Goliath's in all of our lives*." We received much food for thought! Thank you, Sister Mackey!

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

Sister Parker extended well wishes to everyone for the New Year and we learned that we gave her the incentive *to put on lipstick for today's meeting!* She shared an encouraging reading with us, that she received from Sister Sonia Barbre. They were beautiful words for all of us to think about.

**Roll Call of Officers**                  **Sister Diane Foy, Recording Secretary**  
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### **Minutes**

The minutes from the last meeting, (*September 12, 2020*), were received as information with no additions/corrections.

**Corresponding Secretary**      **Sister Barbara Smith**

Sister Smith received correspondence from Bishop James L Davis, Presiding Elder Conrad & Mrs. Pridgen and Presiding Elder Anita Thompson with regard to their Christmas Gifts, of \$50.00 each.

**Financial Report**                      **Brother Woodrow Winchester, Treasurer**

The report was part of the packet sent to everyone that registered for this meeting. The Bank Balance read out since Bro. Winchester was not present/on the virtual call, at the time, to explain the Financial Report. President Oliver directed the Lay Members to send any and all questions to her and she would get an answer for them. President Oliver read the balance on the sheet, then confirmed it was the same total amount that was sent to her earlier from Bro. Winchester; they were indeed the same figure. With no questions from the Lay Body, this report served as information.

**WNCC LAY ORGANIZATION OFFICERS**

**ROLL CALL – JANUARY 9, 2021**

**P - President - Penny Oliver**

**P - 1st VP Betty Parker**

**A - 2nd VP – Adam Johnston**

**P - 3rd VP – Barbara Myers**

**P - Recording Secretary - Diane Foy**

**P - Asst. Recording Secretary – Joy Grandy**

**P - Corresponding Secretary- Barbara Smith**

**P –Treasurer -Woodrow Winchester**

**EX - Financial Secretary – Mozell Weston**

**EX-Chaplain – Jessie Cardwell**

**P - Parliamentarian – Bobbi Hague**

**P - Director of Lay Activities – Jacqueline Kanipe**

**EX - Director of Public Relations – Portia Holman**

**P -Young Adult Representative – Mary Royster-Harris**

**P - Eastern District Coordinator – Betty Duell**

**P -Western District Coordinator – Sonia Barbre**

**EX- Credentials/Membership Chair – Shontea Smith**

**P - District Chaplain----- Kenneth Woods**

**EX-OFFICIO OFFICERS:**

**P - Gertrude Upperman**

**EX- Mary Dasher-McAdams**

**A- Dwight Patterson**

**EX- James Hill**

**Connectional**

**P - Starr Battle, 2nd VP**

**EX:** Excused  
**A:** Absent  
**P:** Prese

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Election of Delegates to SEDLO Convention      Nomination Committee**

Per President Penny Oliver, the Lay Convention will be held January 22-23, 2021. In October, 2019, we voted to do Letters of Intent but, we did not amend our Constitution and Bylaws. The Constitution and Bylaws has been amended (included in packet). Sister Mary Harris was asked to read the Nomination Report from the packet of materials. It read as following: *(Copied to Minutes)*

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Western N. C. Conference Lay Organization  
Nomination Committee of Delegates to SEDLO Lay Convention  
January 9, 2021

To: Madame President Penny Oliver, and Lay Persons assembled, the Nomination Committee would like to submit the following report. The following lay persons have been certified to serve as delegates to the 2021 SEDLO Lay Convention:

1. Betty Parker
2. Gerald Logan
3. Azzie Conley
4. Bettie Duell
5. Tasha Duell - Youth

Respectfully submitted,

Shontea Smith

Mary Royster Harris, Secretary

Penny Oliver, Chair

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Motion to accept the Nomination Committee report by Brother Brandon Owens; seconded by Bro. Kenneth Woods, so moved.

Sister Jackie Kanipe informed the Lay Body of the activities for the Convention, further information will be forthcoming. Registration: \$25.00; Deadline: January 15, 2021.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Election of Delegates to CLO Biennial**

President Oliver reminded the Lay Body that the Biennial will be held July 11-13, 2021 in Orlando, FL. She has not received any final information. She asked Sister Starr Battle, Connectional Lay 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, if she had any definite information she could share with the group and she confirmed as President Oliver had stated earlier, *"nothing has been finalized; they are continuing to meet and as plans materialize, she will contact President Oliver."*

Sister Kanipe was asked to read the passage from the handout, in our packet, regarding guidelines on election of Delegates to the CLO Biennial, by President Oliver. Questions were entertained later concerning the virtual voting process. President Oliver established that Sister Mary Harris, Jackie Kanipe and herself, have the Membership and Meeting Registration Lists and will verify if each person nominated meets qualifications, (attendance and dues), to be a Delegate. Nominations taken from the floor will be recorded by our Secretary, Sister Diane Foy. The nominations are as following;

1. John Smith
2. Woodrow Winchester
3. Alice Hillman
4. Bettie Duell
5. Sonia Barbre
6. Brandon Owens

Sister Mary Roseboro moved that the nomination be closed on the six (6) said names; seconded by Sister Bobbie Hague; it was so moved.

### **Election of the District Delegate:**

1. Azzie Conley
2. Tasha Duell

Bro. Woodrow Winchester moved that the nomination be closed on the two (2) said names; seconded by Mary Harris; so, moved.

A Youth Delegate was not elected and one of the six delegates for the CLO Biennial must be a Youth. After an intense discussion a solution was finally reached to help with this problem. The following actions took place:

Sister Mary Roseboro amended her motion for nomination for Delegates to the CLO Biennial be closed on the six (6) said names, adding Tasha Duell as a youth with Bro. John Smith agreed to withdraw his nomination as Delegate to the CLO; seconded by, Sister Bobbie Hague, so moved. No discussion.

Sister Tasha Duell proceeded to withdraw her nomination as a District Delegate. The Lay Body unanimously verbally approved the election of Sister Azzie Conley as Delegate to the CLO Convention.

**CLO BIENNIAL DELEGATES:**

1. Tasha Duell, Youth
2. Woodrow Winchester
3. Alice Hillman
4. Bettie Duell
5. Sonia Barbre
6. Brandon Owens

John Smith, Alternate -Sister Emma Devine moved that be our alternate; seconded by Bro. Woodrow Winchester, so moved.

**ALL CANDIDATES WERE CONFIRMED AND MET THE CRITERIA**

**DISTRICT DELEGATE:**

1. Azzie Conley

**Upcoming Dates:** January 20<sup>th</sup>: Send "Pics of Pearls" to President Oliver  
Mid-Winter Planning Meeting: February 11-12  
**Next Meeting:** March (Register on line, collect Lay Dues)

Closing Prayer Bro. Kenneth Woods  
Sung - Lay Benediction

**Respectfully submitted**

**Diane T. Foy, *Recording Secretary***

Western N. C. Conference Lay Organization  
**Summary of Delegate Election by Virtual Meeting**  
Saturday, January 9, 2021

The following lay persons have been certified to serve as delegates to the following conventions:

**18<sup>th</sup> SEDLO Lay Convention:**

1. Betty Parker
2. Gerald Logan
3. Azzie Conley
4. Bettie Duell
5. Tasha Duell – Youth

**37<sup>th</sup> Connectional Lay Biennial (CLO) Convention:**

1. Woodrow Winchester
2. Alice Hillman
3. Bettie Duell
4. Sonia Barbre
5. Brandon Owens
6. Tasha Duell – Youth
7. John Smith – Alternate

**District Delegate:**

Azzie Conley