



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://wncclay.org/>



From
the desk
of

Penny S. Oliver, President

What are you "giving up" for Lent? That is the conversation we are having during the season of Lent. For myself I would like to "give up" Penny. I would like to give myself away; to become more Christ-life. Christ was unselfish.

"God is fair; he will not forget the work you did and the love you showed for him by helping his people. And he will remember that you are still helping them" (Hebrews 6:10 NCV).

One day, we're all going to stand before God, and he's going to say, "What did you do with what you were given?" Do you want to say, "Well, I made a lot of money, retired, and died"?

I believe I was put on earth for more than that! Instead, live unselfishly and give yourself away for others and the Kingdom of God. Then you will be able to say to God, "I gave it all, Lord. Everything I have and am, I gave it away for the up building of your Kingdom."

One of the most significant things you can do with your life, I believe, is to give it away—William McDowell shares with us

Here I am, Here I am, Here I stand, Lord, my life is in your hands, Lord, I'm longing to see Your desires revealed in me, I give myself away. Take my heart, Take my life, As a living sacrifice. All my dreams, all my plans Lord, I place them in your hands. I give myself away (my life is not my own) To you I belong (I give myself away) I give myself, I give myself to you (so You can use me) -

to be generous with what you've been given, including your money, resources, time, and talent. I believe the Word of God says clearly that when there is no service or generosity, there will be no reward in heaven. Is that how you want your time on earth to end?

2 Chronicles 7:14 NCV reads - *Then if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves, if they will pray and seek me and stop their evil ways, I will hear them from heaven. I will forgive their sin, and I will heal their land.*

From The Desk of The President, Continued

The COVID-19 vaccine is the first vaccine I have taken since childhood. Unselfishly, I received the COVID-19 vaccine, not just for me, but for my family, friends, for you.

I want to make my time on earth count for eternity. Help people come to know Christ, discover their purpose for life, grow in their maturity, find their ministry, and serve in their mission in the world. I stand on the Word of God that he will forgive our sins and He will heal our land, if we become unselfish.

I look forward to seeing you on March 13, 2020 for our virtual conference lay meetings. Online registration is available <https://form.jotform.com/203294432953154>. Don't forget your membership dues (\$6.00 per person). Make the check payable to WNCC-LO, and mail the check and membership names to Treasurer, Woodrow Winchester, 912 Fairgreen Rd., Greensboro, NC 27410. Also, please add your membership on-line utilizing this link <https://form.jotform.com/210155653545049>. We are requesting local lay presidents complete lay membership on-line on or before April 10, 2021.

And don't forget to join our very own Annual Conference April 29 and 30, 2021

Thank you for your willingness to serve!





Lent Calls

*Lent calls to me again . . .
To do what?
Like Martha, I tend towards doing
Doing is something I understand
Chairing a committee
Taking food to the sick
Reading the Bible*

*Lent calls to me again . . .
He wants more of me than I've ever given
More than Lenten study
More than giving up dessert
More than extra church services*

*Lent calls to me again . . .
He wants more of me and I'm frightened
Frightened of losing control
Frightened of letting go
Frightened of what He might ask me to do if I really listened*

*Lent calls to me again . . .
I feel a yearning, a tugging towards something more
Whispers of a love unimaginable
Glimpses of a relationship unshakable
Tastes of a water so clear and sweet that my thirst is slaked
forever*

*Lent calls to me again . . .
A step is all I can manage, Lord
A hand extended
A head bowed
A conscious placing of myself on your Potter's wheel*

*Lent calls to me again . . .
Help me with the hard part, Lord
Help me surrender
Help me abandon myself to you
Help me reconcile myself to you*

*Lent calls to me again . . .
Here I am, Lord*

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**2ND EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
LAY ORGANIZATION**



DAVIS/M^CKINNEY SCHOLARSHIP

2021–2022 ACADEMIC YEAR

DEADLINE: TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2021

CONTACT: Dr. V. Susie Oliphant

Ph. (301) 559-9488

vsfo@verizon.net

**AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
2ND DISTRICT LAY ORGANIZATION
DAVIS/M^CKINNEY SCHOLARSHIP
2021- 2022**

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:

- (1) Member of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.
- (2) Evidence of financial need.
- (3) Must be entering college/university/training institution from high school in the Fall of 2021 and/or first year college and submit official notification.
- (4) Must pursue courses **leading to an undergraduate degree or certification.**
- (5) 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 2021, the award will be returned to the scholarship fund.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Qualified applicants must submit the following documents:

- (1) The completed application form, using word processed or typed text.
- (2) **A current official High School transcript of grades and SAT scores.**
- (3) 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.
- (4) **A one page biographical statement** including career goals, and
- (5) 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.**

**AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
2nd EPISCOPAL DISTRICT LAY ORGANIZATION**

**DAVIS/M^cKINNEY SCHOLARSHIP
2021 – 2022**

Date: ____/____/____

Presiding Elder District: _____

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
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ADDRESS:	STREET
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CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
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Day Ph.	Evening Ph.	E-mail
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Name of Local Church	City	State
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Pastor's Full Name	ANNUAL CONFERENCE
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Your Date of Birth: / / / Male Female

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT: _____

GRADUATION DATE: _____ GPA (Use a 4 point scale) _____ Class Rank _____

Size Graduating Class _____ SAT/ACT Score(s) _____

Name & Address of Graduating High School (**Attach Official Transcript**)

Signature & Title of School Official	Date
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LIST HONORS AND AWARDS: (Use a separate sheet if necessary)

LIST SKILLS AND HOBBIES: (Use a separate sheet if necessary)

LIST EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: (Use separate sheet if necessary)

LIST NAME AND ADDRESS OF INSTITUTION YOU WISH TO ATTEND:

Have you been accepted by a college/university, etc.? _____ Yes _____ No

What is your planned major? _____

Annual Tuition _____ Annual Room & Board _____

List all scholarship amounts and loans you have received to date. Should you receive an award, you must keep us informed of other financial aid received.

FAMILY INFORMATION:

Father's Name and Occupation if applicable

Employed By: _____
Organization, Position/Title, Location

Mother's Name and Occupation if applicable

Employed By: _____
Organization, Position/Title, Location

Are you employed? Part-Time _____ Full-Time _____

Do you live with one parent or two? _____ Estimated Family Income _____

Does/Do your parent(s) support you? _____ Partially _____ Fully _____

Highest level of education of parent(s) _____ Do you live in a single-family home? _____

Total # of dependents in household including self _____ Number older than you _____

NON-ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT:

List major school-related extracurricular activities in which you have participated.

List major non-school related extracurricular activities in which you have participated.

List major civic or other non-school related honors or awards you have received.

List major church-related activities in which you have been actively involved.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:

Name

Title

Organization

1.

2.

3.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL NEED: Explain why you need this scholarship. (Please do not include any tax statements or other personal financial documentation).

Signature of applicant

Certifies the information above is correct.

DEADLINE:

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

**For questions contact: Mrs. Sonia P. Barbre at 336-575-3942
Send the completed application for the Davis/McKinney Scholarship to:**

Davis/McKinney Scholarship

C/o Dr. V. Susie Oliphant

910 Luray Place

Hyattsville, Maryland 20783

(All applications must be mailed, not faxed or by e-mail)

2021 KITTRELL-ALLEN-ADAMS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Second Episcopal District A.M.E. Church

This scholarship is limited to students who are current members of an African Methodist Episcopal Church in the 2nd Episcopal District seeking their first college degree.

PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please print legibly or type)

Name _____ Male Female Date of Birth _____
Email _____ Phone #: Cell _____ Home _____
Mailing Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

<u>Name of High School/GED Program</u>	<u>Graduation Date</u>	<u>GPA on 4-point scale</u>

<u>Name and address of college you are attending or have been accepted.</u> First time colleges students must include letter of acceptance.	<u>Date of enrollment</u>	<u># Credit hours completed</u>	<u>GPA on a 4 point scale</u>

Indicate your current Educational Status: **H. S. Senior** ___ **College Student:** 1st ___ 2nd ___ 3rd ___ 4th ___ year

Major or intended college major _____ Minor _____

CHURCH INFORMATION

AME Church in which you are a member _____ Location (City and State) _____

Name of Pastor _____ Please indicate your activities/organizations/ and positions held in your home church: _____

If you are a college student, please indicate how you have maintained your involvement with your home church or an AME Church. _____

Other Current Activities (school and community): _____

Name of your Annual Conference: ___ Baltimore ___ Washington ___ Virginia ___ Western North Carolina ___ North Carolina

FAMILY AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Mother/Guardian _____	Annual Income _____	Phone # _____
Father/Guardian _____	Annual Income _____	Phone: # _____
Other sources of household income \$ _____ Single parent household Yes ___ No ___		
# of dependents including you _____ # in college ___ Are you employed? Y_ N_ If yes, state monthly income _____		

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List all financial aid (amounts) you have received including scholarships/awards, grants, and loans:

Scholarships/Awards	Grants	Loans

List all financial aid for which you have applied that is still pending.

ESSAY

Biographical Essay (written by the applicant in the first person): The essay (not to exceed 500 words) should provide biographical information about you - including family, school, AME Church, community involvements and future goals.

REFERENCES

Current Academic School Year Recommendations, both from nonrelatives:

One of your recommendations must be your **Pastor** or a **Church Official**. Your second reference can be someone who can speak to your character and your involvement in church, community, or school. Please list name, title of reference, e.g. mentor, teacher, counselor, friend, etc. and phone number below:

Name	Title	Phone #
1		
2		

TRANSCRIPT

Please request an official copy of your high school or college transcript to be mailed to the KAA Scholarship Committee at the address below.

YOUR (original) SIGNATURE

I certify that I am a member of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and the information that I have provided is correct.

Signature of applicant

Date

Please Note: It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the application is complete, and submitted on/before the **July 30, 2021** deadline: Completed applications include the following:

1. Signed Application (original signatures) with all requested information (including income and financial aid information)
2. Biographical Essay as required
3. Official Copy of high school or college transcript in sealed envelopes
4. Letter of acceptance – first time college students
5. Two current letters of recommendations from **nonrelatives** (One of your recommendations must be your Pastor or a Church Official and the second should be from a mentor, teacher, counselor, friend, etc).

INCOMPLETE and **LATE** applications will not be considered.

FYI: Applications will be processed during the months of September and October. Checks will be distributed during the month of November. Applicants not receiving a scholarship will be notified at the same time as the awardees.

Return all materials to: Gail P. Radcliff, 9285 Berry Road, Waldorf, MD 20603 (301.870.8492) **via regular mail** on or before **July 30, 2021**. (Applications via email will not be accepted).

VOTE Starr BATTLE



CLO
President

Starrlbattle.com



FAITH. LEADERSHIP. WORKS.

Grace, Mercy, and Peace be unto You,

For several decades, I have been blessed to serve as an active member and officer of the Lay Organization. My time has focused on service above self, truly leading with a servant's heart, and advocating for success through the training of every lay member. I come before you to ask for your prayers and support as I express my desire to serve as the next President of the Connectional Lay Organization.

We each have been impacted in a similar manner as we are attending church services/meetings through technology and transitioning to the "new normal." In this season, we have all become keenly aware of what "essential" truly means. My perspective is every lay member, pastor, lay organization, ministry, and church is essential for Kingdom Building.

Despite the known and unknown challenges that we face in rebuilding our organization, there is hope -- and a clear vision forward. Every lay member deserves leadership that can envision limitless possibilities. As your leader, I am determined to make those possibilities a reality. I am asking you to believe in the **power of us** and the power of your vote to bring meaningful change by supporting my candidacy as your next President of the Connectional Lay Organization.

No member should feel unseen, unheard, or unappreciated in the church of Allen. Standing on the pillars of **ReBuilding**, **ReTraining**, and **ReBranding**, we will forecast the changing needs of the organization, offer effective training to meet the need of every aspect of our member's lives, and evolve to fully serve the present age. I invite you to take a moment to visit StarrlBattle.com to receive additional information regarding my platform. Please join with me as we utilize our **faith, leadership** and **works** to **ReBuild**, **ReTrain**, and **ReBrand** the Connectional Lay Organization of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Keep the faith & remain safe,

Starr

...for the people had a mind to work with all their heart.

Nehemiah 4:6

StarrlBattle.com

Prayer

Reaves for
CLO President

Lord, lead us. Awaken in us a willing spirit and give us clean hearts. Ignite a flame of holiness and humility. Today help us reach for unlimited possibilities. Yielded, we bow to Your will. Amen

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*Ametta Lorene Reaves
For
Connectional Lay President 2021*

CONNECTIONAL LAY ORGANIZATION



President

**MATIKANE
"ABE" MAKITI**

**ANNOUNCES HIS CANDIDACY FOR
PRESIDENT OF THE CONNECTIONAL
LAY ORGANIZATION**

**HUMBLY SEEKING YOUR PRAYERS AND YOUR VOTE!
LEADING FOR CHRIST, EXPANDING LAY MINISTRY!**

Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you,
Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10



VOTE FOR **MATIKANE ABE MAKITI**

CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT OF THE CONNECTIONAL LAY ORGANIZATION 2021



Good day my beloved Brothers and Sisters. I greet you all in the matchless name of our Saviour Jesus, the Christ.

I am writing to you soliciting your prayers and votes in my aspiration and desire to continue to serve as the President of the Connectional Lay Organization. This is a journey that started in February 2020, following the passing on of our beloved President Valerie Gary-Bell.

The past 12 months were characterised by challenges that were brought about by the outbreak of the novel Corona virus (COVID-19), however, the period also provided us with an opportunity to adjust and survive under what became known as the "new normal". Despite all those setbacks, we were able to continue with God's business, making in-roads in achieving some of the objectives that we have set for ourselves, which are as espoused in the Connectional Lay Organization Strategy. The period also provided us with an opportunity to reconnect with our Creator fervently seeking His intervention and healing from the pandemic.

I am inviting you, therefore, to join me in prayer as I seek God's intervention and guidance through this Christian journey. I commit to continue to espouse the following values that I hold dearly:

- Integrity
- Honesty and Transparency
- Accountability
- Trustworthiness
- Commitment and Dedication
- Respect
- Wisdom
- Courage
- Humility
- Service

I will communicate with you on my other platforms in the coming days.

Peace and blessings

BRO MATIKANE ABE MAKITI
CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT OF THE CONNECTIONAL
LAY ORGANIZATION

“Leading for Christ,
expanding Lay Ministry.”





Simeon P. Rhoden for CLO President



<https://simeonrhodenforclopresident.com/>

SIMEON P. RHODEN is the INTERCONNECTED choice!

Bringing Corporate Transferable Knowledge, Business Management Practices, and Church Leadership to the Lay Organization.

Fervently active for over 24 years as a member and elected leader serving the AME Church and the Lay Organization

Join in with me in this spiritual quest!

If you feel unity calling, and see as I see, the future of endless, creative and imaginative opportunities stretching out before us - then I am ready to take up the cause, and work with all of you as your next President of the Connectional Lay Organization

We're Better Together

#WBT

1 Corinthians 12:14, "For the body is not one member, but many"

Simeon P. Rhoden * P.O. Box 921 * Auburn, WA 98071

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FOR Historiographer

William "Bill" Ayers

For the Connectional Lay Organization

"WITH GOD, WE WILL CLIMB TOWARD OUR
FUTURE, WHILE STANDING ON OUR HISTORY!"

I PLAN TO:

1. PROMOTE THE HISTORICAL IMPACT OF THE CLO ON THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.
2. INITIATE A CAMPAIGN TO ENCOURAGE THE LAITY TO LEARN ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THIS GREAT CONNECTIONAL LAY ORGANIZATION AND THEIR DISTRICT LAY ORGANIZATIONS.
3. IMPLEMENT STATE-OF-THE-ART TECHNOLOGY TO THE OFFICE OF HISTORIOGRAPHER.
4. ENHANCE THE LEGACY BY FORMER HISTORIOGRAPHERS.
5. DELIVER TRAINING AND SUPPORT TO DISTRICT HISTORIOGRAPHERS IN IMPLEMENTING DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY.

**ENDORSED BY THE SECOND EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
AND WARD MEMORIAL AME CHURCH**

PAID FOR BY THE AYERS FOR HISTORIOGRAPHER COMMITTEE
CASH APP: \$WILLIAMAYERSJR
Ms. TAYLOR HAWKINS, TREASURER



SERVICE TO HUMANKIND

- Former CLO Director of Public Relations (9 years);
- Chairman of the I. A. Miller Scholarship Committee (Ward Memorial AME Church - DC);
- Board Member, AME University in the 14th Episcopal District;
- Board Member, Pan African Collective - Chair, Fundraising Committee;
- Charter Member, African American History and Culture Museum, Washington, DC;
- Contributing Writer, The Christian Recorder, AME Church;
- President, Senior Usher Board (Ward Memorial AME Church - DC);
- Member, Ward Memorial AME Church, Washington, DC, Second Episcopal District;
- Member, Lay Organization at the local, Conference and District level;
- Former President of the Joseph C. McKinney Lay Organization at Ward Church;
- Former 2nd Vice-President and Director of PR for the Washington Conference Lay Organization; and
- Retired executive with the Federal Government.

MAKING CLO DIGITAL HISTORY ACCESSIBLE TO OUR GLOBAL CHURCH

BRIEF HISTORICAL FACTS

- ✓ **1948** - Secured the right of the laity to organize in the local church. Enacted legislation that permitted the President of the Connectional Laymen's Organization to be a member of the General Conference by virtue of his or her official position.
- ✓ Integrated the Lay Organization at all levels (local, Annual Conference, Episcopal District and Connectional) into the organic law and structure of the AME Church.
- ✓ Replaced the quadrennial meeting schedule with a biennial meeting schedule.
- ✓ **2019 - Mr. Matikane Abednego Makiti:** He became the first African to serve as President in the over 100-year history of the Connectional Lay Organization. Previous 1st Vice-President of the CLO, Mr. Makiti is an active member of the 19th Episcopal District Lay Organization where he served as President from 2001-2009. He is an executive entrepreneur by profession. Bishop Errenous E. McCloud Jr., Chairman, Lay Commission, is the Presiding Prelate of the 19th and 14th Episcopal Districts.

— ELECT —

William
“Bill” Ayers

Historiographer
For the Connectional Lay Organization





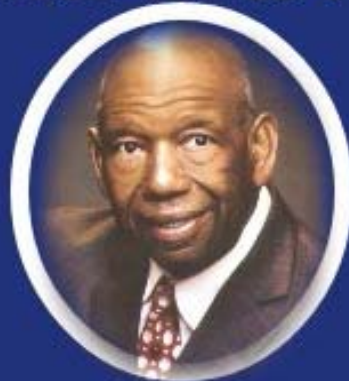
Dr. James C. Johnson
— *Lay Organization* —

VIRTUAL BANQUET

APRIL

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5:00 PM



Dr. James C. Johnson



Guest Speaker:

*Bro. Matthew Douglas, President
SED Lay Organization*

Mount Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church

5124 NC Hwy 86 North

Hillsborough, North Carolina 27278

Reverend Dr. Steven L. Lyons, Pastor

Donation

\$15



Drive-Thru

Meal Included

Meals available for pick up from 3:30-4:45 pm

Tickets available during offering drop off or from Lay Organization Members

For more information, Contact Sis. Beverly Torain (919) 270-1459



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Sis. Michelle Burks Augustine, First Lady

VOTE #310



Rev. Dr. Jonathan C. "Jay"

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- National Chaplain, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
- Former Sr. Pastor, Historic St. James AME Church (New Orleans)
- Board of Examiners, Western North Carolina Annual Conference
- Former Member, Board of Examiners, Louisiana Annual Conference

PREPARATION

- Duke University School of Divinity, Doctor of Ministry
- Princeton Theological Seminary, Engle Institute Fellow
- United Theological Seminary, Master of Divinity
- Tulane University School of Law, Juris Doctorate
- Howard University, Bachelor of Arts economics





United States vs Billie Holiday

HER VOICE WOULD NOT BE SILENCED

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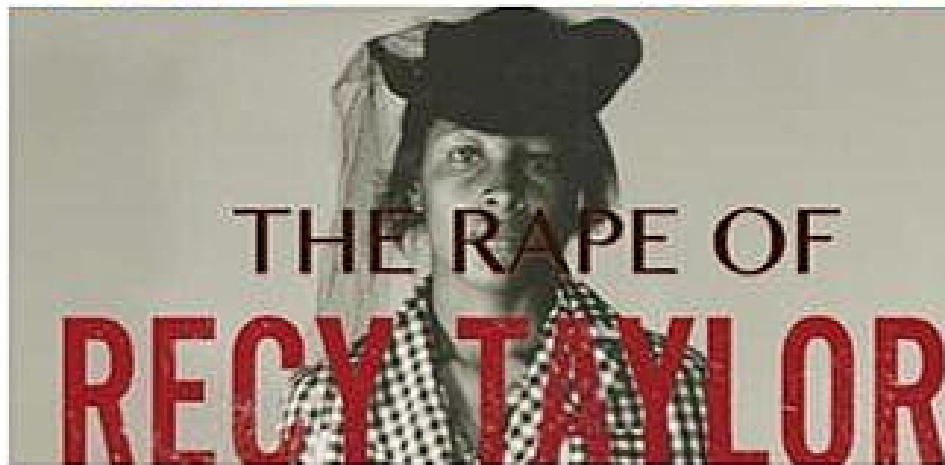
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convos begin @ 7:30pm



BLACK VENUS

REGISTRATION AVAILABLE @EVENTBRITE

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THE RAPE OF RECY TAYLOR

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MA RAINEY'S BLACK BOTTOM

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For additional information contact Shontea at: unitedvoicesofeflandcheeks@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE

EVENTS

2021

WNCC-LO Meeting

MARCH 13

APRIL 10

SEDLO Leadership Retreat

Baltimore Annual Conference

APRIL 12-13

APRIL 15-16

Washington Annual Conference

Virginia Annual Conference

APRIL 19-20

APRIL 22-23

North Carolina Annual Conference

Western North Carolina Conference

APRIL 29-30

MAY 14-15

SED Planning Meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

May



June



The Lay Newsletter will be published every other month.

Please submit information for MAY and JUNE by:
APRIL 20th

DON'T FORGET

Email All Information to Penny Oliver ~ penny.oliver52@yahoo.com
Any Questions, email to Portia C. Holman ~ pcamille1@yahoo.com