



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

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From
the desk
of

Penny S. Oliver, President

Lately I have new beginnings on my mind. Maybe because right now it's a new week, a new month, a new season, a new conference year, all at the same time. We also just celebrated Easter, which is a holiday of new beginnings in itself.

I have two granddaughters that I watch making such a huge change and new beginning in their lives. The oldest moved into her own apartment, has full time employment and the youngest received her driver's license, a car, works part-time and is completing high school online. I am on the cusp of not being needed by these two!

I LOVE new beginnings and the surprise and hope of what they will bring. They're sort of like a blank sheet of paper that we can write our own story on. Honestly, I used to hate change, so this is coming to you from a person who has learned to be excited about new things. I've learned that we must keep in mind that when new beginnings occur, our future can be anything we want it to be.

To me, 'new beginnings' is about taking a look at myself and asking, 'What mission am I on? Who am I following? Is it Christ or the world?' I like the phrase, 'new beginnings,' because it keeps it fresh in my mind that I am on a mission and every day is a new beginning to me. Every day I have to focus anew on Christ. It's also a good reminder that if I stumble, I can get right back on track. Unleashing the Gospel is about going out, evangelizing, looking at the needs of the community and bringing people together. A real church unleashing the gospel makes sure to include the whole community. When I see the relationship happening (between the Church and the community), my heart leaps, because I can see we as a Church are finally getting it. We are all in this together! When we come together and have fellowship, talking to one another, sharing our histories, our lessons and listening to one another, it is a wonderful experience. It is educational and spiritual. I hope the Church continues to minister outside the four walls, because that is where the Church is. We must move towards the community to let them know that Christ is alive, not expecting the community to always come to us.

Laity and Pastors "May God bless us with the true spirit of Christianity, that we may live together, not as man over man, but as Lay persons working with God" to bring all mankind to Christ.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 20, 2021

2nd Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church Calls US Senate to Action

The 2nd Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church joins in lament with the Floyd family. We are united in the continued expressions of profound grief and sympathy on the tragic loss and senseless murder of Mr. George Perry Floyd, Jr.

On May 25, 2020, then Minneapolis Police Officer Derek Chauvin was captured on video pinning Mr. Floyd to the ground for 9 minutes and 29 seconds, which ultimately led to his untimely death. Today, we celebrate, with many around the nation, the guilty verdicts handed down through the Hennepin County court. Though only one case, today's verdict signifies that our justice system has the potential to render justice for people of color. We are still left to wrestle with video images of former Officer Kim Potter, who shot and killed 20-year-old, Daunte Wright just 10 miles from where Mr. Floyd was killed. For a \$20 bill and an air freshener 2 fathers, 2 sons, 2 brothers, 2 humans have lost their lives. Death is the unfortunate circumstance of too many Black women, men, and children, who become victims of police brutality and excessive force when encountering law enforcement. Too often these deadly outcomes are without just recourse. Each case continues to unveil the racial bias that occurs in policing practices across the nation.

We are committed to ensuring that justice is administered to all who are adversely impacted by current policing practices that have wrought harm to our communities. It is our intent to continue to organize, mobilize, and equip our congregations and communities to advance the much-needed change.

We call on the United States Senate to begin addressing this issue of injustice, that has proven to be deadly to the Black community at disproportionate rates, by passing the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act (H.R. 1280).

- This bill increases police accountability concerning police conduct.
- It limits qualified immunity as a defense, limits the unnecessary use of force and restricts the use of no-knock warrants, chokeholds, and carotid holds that have contributed to immeasurable loss of life.
- The passage of this bill would also create the National Police Misconduct Registry that would keep record of complaints and officer misconduct.

Micah 6:8 asks the question, what has The Lord required of us, but that we do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God. To "walk humbly" with God means to "walk where God walks." Scripture is very clear that God walks alongside the oppressed. Therefore, we must walk where God's footprints lead us in the fight for justice and equality.

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Prayer for Justice and Peace

Eternal Father, You created us in Your own image and likeness, but sin has warped the minds of men and throughout the world there is much injustice and much carelessness of the rights of other people and personal responsibility.

Lord when You are excluded from the hearts and consciences of men, the inevitable result is that people suffer and Lord, there is much injustice and corruption taking place in our world today, not only in the lives of individuals but also in the corridors of power and the council rooms of many nations.

We pray Lord that You will right all the wrongs that are taking place in our world and vindicate those that are being treated unjustly. Keep us Father from trying to take matters into our own hands for vengeance is your and You will repay - but Lord in your grace and mercy we pray that you would give justice and peace to all those that have been cruelly and unfairly treated by their fellow man and may injustice and carelessness that they have had to endure be the means to draw them into Your saving arms of grace - we ask this in the precious name of the Lord, Jesus.

- Author Unknown



#JusticeForGeorgeFloyd

When a mommy hugs her children
She plants a seed of love
And all her wonderful kisses
Come from God above.

When a mommy laughs and giggles
She plants a seed of joy
Like when she tickles your funny bone
Or plays with your favorite toy

When a mommy tucks you in at night
She plants a seed of peace
She prays for God to bless you
With a sweet and restful sleep

When a mommy asks you to wait for things
A seed of patience is what she sows
For all the really good things in life
Take some time to grow

When a mommy makes your favorite food
She plants a seed so kind
She knows when chicken soup is good for you
Or when you have cookies on your mind

When a mommy washes all your clothes
Seeds of goodness she plants
She works so hard to scrub and scrub
So you will have clean shirts and pants

When a mommy takes care of you all day
Faithfulness is the seed she sows
She makes sure you have all you need
Like lots of good food and shoes on your toes

When a mommy rocks you in her arms
A gentle seed is planted deep
Sometimes she'll sing you a little song
While in her arms you cry or sleep

When a mommy tells you, "No, no, no."
She plants a seed of self-control
For she knows not all things are good for you
So make sure you listen to what you're told

But the greatest seed that a mommy plants
Is the seed of God's great love
She wants you to know him just like she does
So that one day you both will live in Heaven
above.

I Love You and God Does Too!

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

2021 - 2022

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THE REV. DR. ANITA M. THOMPSON
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35. *	St. Matthew, Saxapahaw	Catina Bethea	Rev. Dr. Sarah Springs
36. *	St. Paul, Raleigh	Carol Davenport Scott	Rev. Robert Hodges
37.	Union Bethel, Cary		Rev. Gwen Wise-Blackman
38. *	White Cross, Efland	Kenneth Woods	Rev. Myraette McGibbony
39.	Willow Tree, Morganton	Mary Mathews	Rev. Anthony Radcliff
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5. *	Dickerson Chapel, Hillsborough	Myrtle Mayo	Rev. Donald Holman
6.	Flat Rock, Hillsborough	Frances Hope	Rev. John Capers
7.	Friendship, Ramseur		Rev. Deborah Brown
8. *	Gaston Chapel, Morganton	Barbara Myers	Rev. Shelton T. Miles
9.	Harvey's Chapel, Hillsborough		Rev. Willis M. Camp III
10. *	Johnson Chapel, Mebane	Margie Alston	Rev. Tamara Kersey-Brown
11.	Little Rock, Collettsville		Rev. Dr. Angela V. Walker
12. *	Macedonia, Milton	Joan Brandon	Rev. Kelvin Royster
13.	Maxwell Chapel, Graham		Rev. Casimir K. Brown
14.	Mission, Morganton		
15. *	Mt. Bethel/Mitchell Chapel	Janice Patterson	Rev. Keith Banner
16.	Mt. Herman, Glen Alpine		Rev. Mildred Conley
17.	New Birth Community		Rev. Kathy Merritt
18. *	New Harris Grove, Rougemont	Marie Marie McClairy	Rev. Willie Sellars
19. *	Oak Level, Milton	Sherry Watson	Rev. Daisy Long
20. *	Payne's Chapel, Hillsborough	Hazelene Brooks	Rev. Allen Terrell
21.	Pearson Chapel, Yanceyville	Jimmy Graves	Rev. Toma Shaw
22. *	Pearson Memorial, High Point	Anna Marie Mackey	Rev. Dwayne Alston
23. *	Poplar Grove, Greensboro	Lennie Alexander	Rev. Percy McIntyre
24. *	Queen's Chapel, Burlington	Juanita Harrison	Rev. Kevin Odom
25.	Quinn Chapel, Roxboro	Robert Trotter	Rev. Devin Paylor
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27.	St. James, Asheville	Renee White	Rev. Brent Edwards
28. *	St. James, Winston Salem	Byron Barbre	Rev. Rudolph Lynch
29.	St. John, Nebo		Rev. Letisha Williams
30. *	St. Joseph, Durham	Gerald Logan	Rev. Dr. Jay Augustine
31. *	Saint Matthew, Raleigh	Deborah Williams	Rev. Marion B. Robinson
32.	St. Paul, Mt. Airy	Kathy Lightfoot	Rev. Jasper Hemphill
33.	St. Paul, Chapel Hill	Theresa Watson	Rev. Michael Cousin
34. *	St. Paul, Lenoir	Barbara Smith	Rev. Dr. Kim Moss
35. *	St. Stephens, Liberty	Karla Brooks	
36.	St. Stephens, Mt. Gilead		Rev. Deborah Brown
37.	Stoney Creek, Burlington		Rev. David Lowe
38. *	Turner's Chapel, High Point	Valerie Murphy	Rev. Dr. Kendal McBroom
39. *	Union Bethel, Winston Salem	Belinda D. Jessup	Rev. Shirley W. Hines
40. *	Wayman Chapel, Graham	Audrey Porter McCain	Rev. Dr. Gwendolyn Benjamin
41.	Woods Chapel, Graham		Rev. Christopher Robinson



STARR L. BATTLE
FOR

CONNECTIONAL LAY ORGANIZATION
PRESIDENT

VOTE

**STARR L.
BATTLE**

CONNECTIONAL LAY ORGANIZATION

PRESIDENT

**JULY
11
2021**

5-STARR Ministry

- 1. Focus on Spiritual Leadership
- 2. Strengthen the Lay Infrastructure
- 3. Fiscal Accountability
- 4. Inclusion of all lay members
- 5. Technology Driven

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REPORT OF THE SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Bishop E. Earl McCloud Jr., Chairperson, Lay Commission
Mr. Matikane A. Makiti, CLO President
Ms. Ametta Reaves, CLO Director of Lay Activities
Ms. Jamesha Williams, CLO Young Adult Representative
Connectional Lay Organization Executive Board Members
Delegates, Alternates & Observers of the 37th Biennial Session
Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace, Mercy, and Peace be unto You,

We stand on His promises, provisions, and protection of our Sovereign God. The following report encompasses my positions as both the CLO 2nd and 3rd Vice President since the last Biennial in 2019. I have served as CLO 2nd Vice President for 504 days and 3rd Vice President for 2,041 days.

Per the CLO Constitution & Bylaws, the CLO 2nd Vice President is responsible for Strategic Planning and the Organizational Effectiveness & Evaluation process. The CLO 3rd Vice President is responsible for the CLO Evangelism initiatives. It has been my esteem honor to have served the CLO in these and expanded capacities. A measure of gratitude is extended to the leadership of the Connectional Lay Organization (CLO) and the Episcopal Districts who placed strategic planning and organizational effectiveness at the forefront of its administrative work. Special appreciation is given to the Episcopal Districts 2nd Vice Presidents and associates who collaborated to ensure the completion of the **DRAFT** CLO Strategic Planning Implementation Handbook. The talent and time that the members sacrificed to ensure this project was accomplished is a testament to the dedication to the CLO members.

The CLO Strategic Planning Process begins with the teachings of Jesus, who is able to nurture, motivate, and sustain our operation to ensure that results can be manifested through lay ministry. Members are looking for solutions to accomplish the incredible goals of the organization. The CLO can no longer afford to operate in silos if we desire to excel and fulfill God's vision. We must remain focused on the purpose and vision of the Connectional Lay Organization.

The thesis and overall conclusion of the **DRAFT** Strategic Planning Process indicates that there is much work to accomplish, hopefully this document will offer a framework at all levels of the CLO.

To my family and supporters who have been a constant source of strength, compassion, and encouragement to me- there are no adequate words that can express my appreciation. May God richly bless each one of you collectively and all together.

“And the people had a mind to work” Nehemiah 4:6

Be wonderful,



Starr L. Battle, JD

Second Vice President

Connectional Lay Organization



SPEAKING/PARTICIPANT ENGAGEMENTS

Lay Program Speaker: Clapp's Chapel AME Church Lay Day (2nd), Johnson's Chapel AME Church Lay Day (2nd), NY Conference Lay Service, OCLO Lay Witness Sunday (19th), McElrath Chapel AME Lay Day (2nd), Texas Lay Night, Portsmouth/Richmond VA Conference (2nd), Grimes AME Lay Day (1st).

Other Programs: Presenter- WIM Maximizing Ministry, TCR Interview with Former Ambassador Andrew Young, Presenter- 2nd District Lay Convention District WMS Dorcus Extravaganza (2nd), St. Paul AME, Raleigh, Youth Sunday (2nd), St. Paul AME, Chapel Hill NC Trustee Day (2nd), OES Chapter Tea, Liberty NC (2nd), Participant Pittsburgh/WV Lay Revival (3rd), Participant ATL North GA & Chicago Prayer Call, 7th District Lay Retreat, Trinity AME Prayer Call (8th), 10th District Ex Brd Election, Participant ALH Prayer Call.

WRITINGS/SUBMISSIONS

~Duties as 2nd Vice President: Forwarded the final Draft Strategic Plan, Facilitated 2nd Vice Presidents Meetings, Commissioned the CLO Strategic Planning Cover.

~Duties as 3rd Vice President: ~Prepared the Logo & Lay Witness Letter/Flyer, CLO Evangelism Flyer, Reviewed Lay Witness Spreadsheet, CLO Devotion Book Distribution.

~Documentations Prepared for CLO President: CLO COVID Instruction Letter, CLO President's greetings for 1st, 6th, 11th District Lay Convention, Prepared CLO President message for St. Luke AME Lay Day Edited CLO Succession Letter, CLO Meeting Agendas for multiple meetings, CLO Recession Contract, Reviewed CLO MOU, Reviewed & forwarded information regarding restraining order in 17th District, Requested collection of the CLO Bios, Requested Embassy letter for District 14-20 members, Revised CLO President correspondence to DOLA, Identified persons of leadership for the various positions within the CLO.

~VP Liaison for the GC/Biennial Logistics Committee: Prepared vision for CLO GC/Biennial Logistic Committee Prepared agenda & presided for 1st GC/Biennial Committee Prepared Biennial Theme/Scripture for President and VPs, Prepared Lay Sponsorship Letter.

~Liaison for CLO PR: Reviewed Parliamentarian Training Flyer, Approved CLO Save the Date Biennial Flyer, Corresponded with Sunday School Union regarding CLO Save the Date, Coordinated birthday greetings for Dr. Jamye Coleman Williams.

Other Documents: ~Prepared the Resolutions for Rev. Vivian Bell (President's Bell's mother), Bishop Zedekiah L. Grady, and Bro. Richard Bowden. Prepared CLO letter, Resolution, & expressions for We Speak for President Bell's Homegoing Celebration.

MEETINGS/EVENTS ATTENDED

~Attended CLO 2nd VP Strategic Planning Conference Meetings, ~CLO Executive Board & Call Meetings, Meeting w/ CLO PR & Ms. Frazier, CLO Parliamentarian Training, Call for Healing for President Valerie Bell, President Valerie Gary Bell's funeral services, President Jesse Burns' virtual funeral, Bro. Bowden's virtual funeral, Telling our Story Virtual Conversations, CLO YAR Courageous Conversations, YAR Diversity Training, Participant-Memorial Balloon Release, AME Church Growth & Development, AME Christian Education Gathering, Connectional Day of Prayer.

CLO Committee Meetings: CLEDC, Social Action, GC Breakfast, AME V-Alert Training, Constitution & Bylaws Chair-Biennial Delegate letter Meeting, Legislative Chairperson, OEE Chairperson Meeting, CLO Biennial Booklet, Outstanding CLO Balance Meeting.

ATTENDED cont.

District Programs: 1st District Lay Convention & Lay Retreat Meeting, PCLO Lay Meeting (1st), 2nd District Lay Convention, Lay Retreat, Lay Breakfast & Advent Service, WNCC Lay Institute (2nd), VCLO Annual Meeting (2nd), 4th District Lay Convention, Spring Ex. Brd Meeting & Lay Institute, SCLO Lay Revival (5th), 7th District Lay Convention & Lay Retreat Central SC Annual Conference (7th), EMERGE 7th District Convocation, The Encounter God First Holy Convocation (7th), 9th District Lay Convention, Planning Meeting, Pentecost Service & Midyear Convocation, 10th District Election, 11th District Lay Convention & Lay Retreat, 12th District Lay Evangelism Sunday & Lay Convention, Young Adults regarding Recruitment & Retention Meeting, Facilitated the Meeting with Young Adults for Training Session, 19th District Lay Convention, Makone Annual Conference (19th), Natal Annual Conference, Natal Conference Lay Convention, Planning Meeting, & Virtual Training Day, OCLO Annual Conference & Planning Meeting, West Annual Conference (19th), Gender Based Violence Presentation (19th), 19th Virtual Planning Meeting & Mid-year Meeting.



CONNECTIONAL LAY ORGANIZATION

List of Candidates

NAME	POSITION SEEKING	EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
Starr Battle	President	2nd
M.A. Makiti	President	19th
Ametta Reeves	President	3rd
Simeon Rhoden	President	5th
Dr. Dorothy Henderson	1st Vice-President	12th
Jerry Turner	2nd Vice President	4th
Simon Letsoko	2nd Vice President	19th
Lovie Aaron	3rd Vice President	12th
Amanda Johnson	3rd Vice President	13th
Janice Stewart	3rd Vice President	6th
Kathy Drayton	Treasurer	10th
Lyndia Mayo	Financial Secretary	3rd
Monique Green	Recording Secretary	6th
Melba Salter	Asst. Recording Secretary	5th
Brenda Holland Curry	Asst. Recording Secretary	7th
Cheryl Hammond-Hopewell	Corresponding Secretary	1st
		5th
Paulette Coleman	Director of Lay Activities	13th
Patricia Wright	Director of Lay Activities	11th
Jamesha Williams	Young Adult Representative	7th
William Ayers	Historiographer	2nd
Charlie Nichols	Chaplain	11th
Dianne Battle	Director of Public Relations	9th
Reneicia Frazier	Director of Public Relations	3rd

Offices w/o candidates

*Parliamentarian

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Traditional and
New Media.*



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RENEICIA J. FRAZIER

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I believe that today's landscape requires both paper and digital products to reach a full audience.

Here's why.

My neighbor gets her post gazette in the mail and I read mine online. It is the same message but catered to different readership.



Greater Bethel A.M.E. Church

Charlotte, North Carolina

COVID-19 Community-wide Vaccination Clinic

Greater Bethel AME Church in conjunction with Atrium Health sponsored a community-wide COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic for phases 1 thru 3 on Friday, March 12, 2021 in the main parking lot at 5232 The Plaza, Charlotte, NC.

The goal was to vaccinate 300 individuals on a first come, first serve, no appointment necessary basis between the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Prior to the first shot given, there were a large number of individuals lined up prior to receiving their first Moderna shot.

Volunteers from the Greater Bethel AME Church assisted Atrium Health at the vaccination clinic as well as calling members, friends and informing the community regarding the clinic.

In addition, our own First Family (Pastor Abdue Knox & Sis. Rashida Knox) received their 1st shot in addition to numerous Bethel membership.

Atrium Health administered 279 shots on that day and the second dose of vaccine to be distributed on April 9, 2021.

Roughly one month later, Atrium Health returned to administer 281 second doses of the Moderna Vaccination. NOTE: *This was a excellent showing.*

KUDOS to the Social Action Commission and our Pastor Rev. Abdue Knox for planning, providing leadership, guidance and orchestrating a successful COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic. Special thanks to all the volunteers for their assistance as well.

“We are grateful for our partnership with Greater Bethel AME Church to provide access to safe, effective COVID-19 vaccines that will protect our community,” said Trent Legare, Director of Community Care at Atrium Health. “Greater Bethel AME Church is a trusted community voice and with their support, we have been able to vaccinate hundreds of members of their congregation, network of friends and family, and neighbors. Thanks to Greater Bethel AME Church and our faith community partners serving as vaccination host sites, we can safely get back to being with others, back to work, and our children back to school.”

Greater Bethel A.M.E. Church

Charlotte, North Carolina

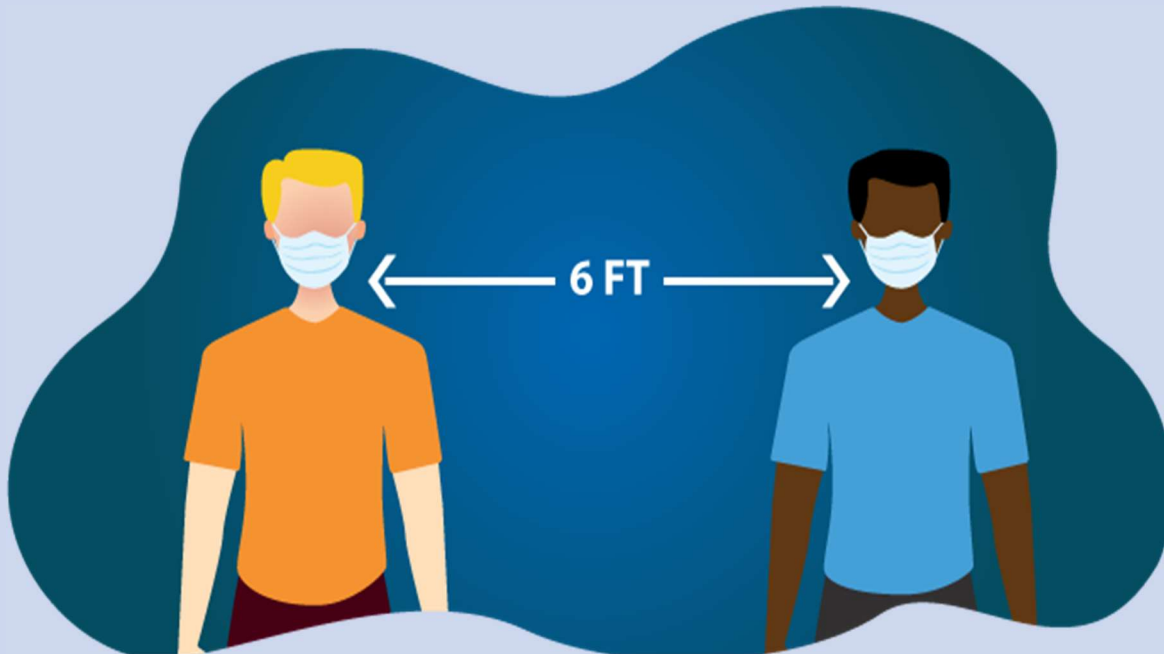
Rev. Dr. Abdue Knox, Pastor



COVID-19 COMMUNITY-WIDE VACCINATION CLINIC



COVID-19 ASSISTANCE INFORMATION



COVID-19 Funeral Assistance

COVID-19 Funeral Assistance | [FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov) up to \$7,000 reimbursement for burying a love one

Find Funeral Assistance information in your language:

[Chinese](#) | [Haitian Creole](#) | [Korean](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Vietnamese](#)

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought overwhelming grief to many families. At FEMA, our mission is to help people before, during and after disasters. We are dedicated to helping ease some of the financial stress and burden caused by the virus.

Under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, FEMA will provide financial assistance for COVID-19-related funeral expenses incurred after January 20, 2020.

We are working with stakeholder groups to get their input on ways we can best provide this assistance, and to enlist their help with outreach to families and communities. FEMA will begin to implement COVID-19 funeral assistance in April.

Additional guidance is being finalized and will be released to potential applicants and community partners as soon as possible. In the meantime, people who have COVID-19 funeral expenses are encouraged to keep and gather documentation.

We are working to set up a dedicated toll-free phone number that can be used to apply for funeral assistance. More information will be available on this page soon.

Who is Eligible?

To be eligible for funeral assistance, you must meet these conditions:

- The death must have occurred in the United States, including the U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia.
- The death certificate must indicate the death was attributed to COVID-19.
- The applicant must be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien who incurred funeral expenses after January 20, 2020.
- There is no requirement for the deceased person to have been a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien.

How to Apply

In April, FEMA will begin accepting applications. If you had COVID-19 funeral expenses, we encourage you to keep and gather documentation. Types of information should include:

- An official death certificate that attributes the death directly or indirectly to COVID-19 and shows that the death occurred in the United States, including the U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia.
- Funeral expenses documents (receipts, funeral home contract, etc.) that includes the applicant's name, the deceased person's name, the amount of funeral expenses, and the dates the funeral expenses happened.
- Proof of funds received from other sources specifically for use toward funeral costs. We are not able to duplicate benefits received from burial or funeral insurance, financial assistance received from voluntary agencies, government agencies, or other sources.

How are Funds Received

If you are eligible for funeral assistance you will receive a check by mail, or funds by direct deposit, depending on which option you choose when you apply for assistance.

Last updated March 22, 2021

Link: <https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance>



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MAY 23
2021

EVANGELISM

Sunday

**CLO Evangelism Theme:
Be One - Reach One**

ACTS 2:38

OUTREACH
BELIEF
EARNESTNESS
YIELD
CHRI**S**T



Bishop E. Earl McCloud Jr.
Chairperson of the Lay Commission

Brother Matikane Abdnego Makiti
Connectional Lay Organization President

Sister Lovie Aaron
Connectional Lay Organization
3rd Vice President

Sister Ametta L. Reaves
Connectional Director
of Lay Activities

Sister Jamesha Williams
Connectional

Young Adult Representative

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“TICKLED PINK”

12TH ANNIVERSARY

THEME: “A LITTLE TASTE OF WINE”

1 TIMOTHY 5:23

²³ No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for your stomach’s sake and your frequent infirmities.

WHEN: JUNE 13TH 2021

TIME: 2:30 P.M.

**WHERE: MACEDONIA A.M.E. CHURCH 4164 YARBOROUGH MILL ROAD
MILTON, NC 27305 – PASTOR: REV. KELVIN ROYSTER**

**SPEAKER: REV. GRAHAM COLEMAN
BLUE WING GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH, SOUTH BOSTON VA**

**MISTRESS OF CEREMONY: MINISTER JACKIE COLEMAN
BLUE WING GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH, SOUTH BOSTON VA**

SAVE THE DATE

EVENTS

2021

SEDLO Planning Meeting

May 14-15

July 6-10

AMEC General Conference

CLO Biennial

July 11-12

August 14

WNCC-LO Lay Meeting

WNCC-LO Prayer Breakfast

September 11

November 13

WNCC-LO Clergy and Lay Institute

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

July



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