



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

I have seen this story on facebook several times, but this time, it got my attention:

"A man went to church. He forgot to switch off his phone, which rang loudly during the prayer. After church was over, the pastor scolded him for not turning off his phone before coming into church. A number of worshipers admonished him after the prayer for interrupting the silence. In addition, the man's wife kept lecturing him all the way home about his thoughtlessness and insensitivity. He felt ashamed, embarrassed, and humiliated. After that incident, he never again returned to the church.

That same evening, the same man went to a bar. He was still upset, nervous, and trembling. He accidentally spilled his drink on the table and on his lap.

Although the spill wasn't his fault, the waiter apologized, brought a clean napkin for the man to dry his pants, and politely wiped the spilled drink from the table.

The janitor came and mopped up the liquid that had spilled on the floor.

The lady who managed the bar offered him a replacement drink ... at no charge.

The manager also gave the man a huge hug and a peck on the cheek, while saying, "Don't worry, sir. Who doesn't make mistakes?"

And guess what? That man has not stopped going to that bar since his experience that night".

On my desk, the words of President Obama greet me every morning: *Change will not come if we wait for some other person, some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek*".

From The Desk of The President, Continued

Whether you are a manager of a bar, a pastor or a lay member, people need and deserve to be treated with kindness and respect. When it comes to feeling good about ourselves, the affirmations we get from those around us are very important. Getting a bunch of “likes” on your favorite social media page will give most people a lift, but getting them in person is much stronger and even healing. The idea is to show the love of God that is within, and a kind word can demonstrate love. Demonstrating care and concern for people in, of all places, the church, goes a long way toward encouraging people to return to receive what really counts – proclamation of God’s forgiving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. We are the changemakers, We are the REAL Church: Rising to the Challenge!

I am looking forward to you joining us at our 14th Annual Prayer Breakfast and Memorial Service, Saturday, September 11, 2021 at 10 am with Rev. Akil Dickens, Pastor of Emmanuel AMEC, Durham, as our speaker. Online registration is available with a donation of \$10.00 <https://form.jotform.com/211654528409155>. You will receive zoom information through the email provided at registration on Friday before the Prayer Breakfast.

Thank you for your willingness to serve!



James L. Davis, Servant Bishop

Arelis B. Davis, WMS Supervisor



July 15, 2021

Dear Second Episcopal District Family:

The 51st Quadrennial Session of the General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church held July 6-10, 2021, is now history. We praise God for the opportunity to have been a part of this history-making gathering of God's people called AMEs. Whether face-to-face or across digital platforms, we came to do the work assigned our hands and hearts to do.

Also, Arelis and I are grateful that God favored us; and, in his infinite wisdom, placed on the hearts of those with the weighty responsibility of Episcopal assignments to return us to the remarkable Second Episcopal District (SED) - the District that is **"Second to None."**

Moreover, the commitment, passion, and vision of the SED Church Family (Clergy & Laity) bring light and hope to our collective future, filled with faith and confidence in what is to come. Arelis and I want to thank each member for your support, and we are grateful and honored for the opportunity to be your servant leaders.

We express our thanks to our candidates. And we want you to know how proud we were of each of you. In my estimation, there were no losses. You are all champions on Christ's team. We presented to the church a great model for the future. And let us pray for those persons who were elected to serve in the various positions.

We must first pay homage to all who made our successes possible, including our Episcopal District Officers and Staff. Please join me in thanking the following persons for their services; and also those who assumed leadership roles at the General Conference; such as Rev. Dr. Grainger Browning, Rev. Dr. Matthew L. Watley, Presiding Elder Evelyn Gail Dunn, Rev. Dr. Vanetta Brice, Treasurer; and the person who keeps it all flowing smoothly, our Executive Administrator, Ms. Janet Benjamin, and our dedicated General Conference Leadership.

Thank you, delegates, alternates and observers, for your display of Christian love in the midst of heated debate and conversation. We admire the discipline that you displayed throughout the General Conference.

We love you! To us, you are more than just the people in the SED. You have become our loving, dedicated family. And Arelis and I look forward to serving the District with greater intention and determination to make a more meaningful impact on the local and global community. Together, we will continue to soar higher and higher as a model of institutional and organizational excellence. You are visionaries and changemakers. You are the REAL Church: Rising to the Challenge!

In the Spirit of His Love, We remain,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James L. Davis" and "Arelis B. Davis".

James Levert and Arelis B. Davis
Servant Leaders

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TO: Rev. Dr. Conrad K. Pridgen, Western District Presiding Elder
Rev. Anita Thompson, Eastern District Presiding Elder

FROM: Penny Oliver, President
Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization

DATE: August 14, 2021

RE: Lay Witness Sunday

Rev. Pridgen and Rev. Thompson, as you may be aware Lay Witness Sunday is observed throughout the AME Church on the Second Sunday during the month of October. Realizing all churches may not be able to observe this date, the Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization would like to encourage all of our pastors to allow the laity to observe a Sunday.

Would you share the following article about Lay Witness Sunday that was published in a recent issue of the Christian Recorder? Thank you so much for always supporting the laity of our church.

“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 their 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)”

Thank you, Presiding Elders for your love and support of the Lay Organization. May God continue blessing.

WHO ARE LAYMEN

YOU ARE

The Lay Organization is a movement to provide greater leadership opportunities for the Lay members of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Its membership should include Trustees, Stewards, Class Leaders, Missionary Workers, Ushers, Deaconesses, Stewardess, Choir Members, Sunday School Workers and Students, Young People Department, members of all Commissions, etc.

The goals of the local organization include training, study, worship, fellowship and service at the local, conference, district and connectional levels. Our aim is to be Christ-centered and to strengthen the church. Our concern is for the total church and to maintain a happy working relationship between the pastor and lay.

We encourage every home to purchase and study the A.M.E. Discipline, which outlines the workings of the church.

The Lay Organization has resolved to take steps to influence decisions regarding church policy, while decisions are under consideration, rather than debating them after they have been made or almost enacted into law. We can make our point of view known on all important issues of our church, and in legislating, we must think of the Connectional Churchthe total church.

Your Lay Organization is a vital tool that can be used for effective change, if change is deemed necessary, or to improve existing conditions and Methods.

We can best meet our objectives when we understand the program of the church and relate the church to the world around us.

We must become involved so that the church is our community, our job, our school. In this way, everywhere we assemble, we will carry the church with us.

Every member of the church that is not a Minister is a Laymen. The organized lay are usually the ones involved in setting forth and recommending the new laws and structural changes as enacted by the General Conference.

The membership rolls of the Lay, represents the church. The membership roll of the church represents the human material from which the church must be built. The Lay are individuals, the church is you. The Lay Organization cannot exist without you. The church is more than a group of individuals, and it is incomplete without you!

Submitted by Sonia Barbre, Western District Coordinator

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION

It is Election Year for the WNCCLO!

The Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization election will take place Saturday, April 9, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. **for the offices of the Lay Organization**

**Host Church: Bethel AMEC 200
North Regan St.
Greensboro, North Carolina**

If you are seeking an office in the WNCC-LO complete the *Letter of Intent*. The *Letter of Intent*, a copy of *Article VI NOMINATION and ELECTION PROCEDURES, sections 1- 8 and Article IV Membership* are on the website <http://www.wncclay.org/>.

Mail the *Letter of Intent* with the signature of the Local Church President to the nominating committee chair. The certified letter must be postmarked or received by the chair of the Nominating Committee no later than March 9, 2022 (1 month) prior to the convening of the Conference Meeting, April 10, 2022.

2021 Nominating Committee:

Sis. Jackie Kanipe

Sis. Shontea Smith

Bro. John Smith

Bro. Dale Wragg

**Sis. Gertrude Upperman: Chairperson Email- gjupper@aol.com
4509 Harvard Ave, Greensboro, N. C. 27407 Cell 336-337-5495**

Thank you for your willingness to serve!

Sister Penny Oliver,
President WNCC-LO

Sis. Gertrude Upperman
Chairperson of 2021 Nominating Committee

Penny S. Oliver, President

Betty Parker., 1st Vice President

Diane Foy, Recording Secretary

Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization

2022 Election Year

LETTER OF INTENT

NAME: _____ I
am a paid member in good and regular standing at: (see Article IV – Membership)

Name of Church: _____

I have attended at least (4) four Conference meetings of WNCC Lay Organization in the past
(2) years: **Yes** ___ **NO** ___

1. ___ I am presently serving as the _____
of the WNCC-LO.
2. ___ I plan to seek the same office in the upcoming election in 2022. I have served in this
position for ___ years beginning in _____. According to the Constitution and By-Laws, I
cannot serve more than (8) eight Years.
3. ___ I do not plan to seek re-election to the position I have held.
4. ___ I wish to have my name placed in nomination for the position of:

Please complete the following information if you plan to seek an elective office.

Listed below are my qualifications for this position that responds to the requirements in the
WNCCLO Constitutions and By-Laws. (see the Constitution and By-Laws @ www.wncclay.org that
list the requirements and qualifications for your elected office). Feel free to attach another sheet of
paper, if needed, for more space.

Nominee Signature

Date

Print Nominee Name

Local Church President Signature

Date

Mail Letter of Intent to:

Gertrude Upperman Or Email to gjupper@aol.com

Starr Battle We Are So Proud of You!



“You are always a winner. Sometimes you win, sometimes you make others win.”

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. NIV 2:3-5

Western North Carolina Lay Organization, Penny S. Oliver, President

THANK YOU!



I truly appreciate each and every person who supported our aspiration to become the President of the Connectional Lay Organization. I thank God for remaining Sovereign, my husband for being a constant lending post, to my parents- who told me that I should not allow others to limit me, to my siblings and friends who continually checked on me, and my lay mothers—for being who you are, in my life. To the Battle Team who endured multiple meetings, edited countless drafts and reviewed various messages- I love each and everyone of you.

To all of the members who created an endorsement videos or communication- thank you. Immense gratitude is extended for all who gave financial and emotional contributions to the campaign. To the most incredible and hilarious campaign manager- Rev. Ritney Castine- I truly did not deserve everything you gave me and yet God favored me with you.

Thank you Bishop and Supervisor Davis, to 2nd District Lay President Douglas who pushed beyond his bandwidth to offer encouragement and advice on this process. To those members of the 2nd Episcopal District Lay Organization and the Western NC Conference Lay Organization who offered love, I am forever grateful.

To Bishop and Supervisor McCloud, I am beyond thankful to both of you. For your grace and support even when you felt beat up on, you ensured the voices were heard. You stood up for me when most would not and that will never be forgotten.

I speak the name of **Sister Valerie Faith Gary Bell** for her vision and ministry. She poured into me and other young adults and because you saw us we remained when others cast us aside. We pray that we have made you proud.

To the Brown Skin Girls- "Your skin just like pearls, the best thing in the world never trade you for anybody else." To all the Girl Dads, thank you for lifting us up, allowing us to be assertive and bold, and covering us when we step forward into our leadership roles.

Congratulations to President Makiti and his new Executive Board. I pray for the success of your administration and the Connectional Lay Organization. The work is **All Divine** but you must do the **Divine** work. Serve the people well because they deserve an excellent ministry and they have a mind to work.

In the secular world, if someone offers 20+ years of services to a particular entity that allows you an ability to retire. I do not know what will occur tomorrow, but I know who holds tomorrow and in Him, I will always trust. Continue to believe in the **Power of Us** under the covering of the Holy Spirit. May God bless your next season of ministry.

In Faith, Leadership and Works,

Starr

NEWS RELEASE

MAKITI MAKES HISTORY AS THE FIRST-EVER LAY CANDIDATE FROM THE AFRICAN CONTINENT ELECTED TO THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT OF THE CONNECTIONAL LAY ORGANIZATION (CLO) OF THE AME CHURCH.

On Sunday, July 11, 2021, the Connectional Lay Organization (CLO) of the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church made history by electing its first-ever African President, Mr. Matikane Abednego Makiti. This historic event took place at the 37th Biennial Convention held in Orlando, Florida and Cape Town, South, Africa respectively (the election was held virtually in various parts of Africa and Canada). Makiti is from the 19th Episcopal District, which encompasses Orangia, Natal, M. M. Mokone Memorial, East and West Annual Conferences in the Republic of South Africa (RSA).

Makiti served as a president in the 19th Episcopal District for an outstanding 8-year term and before that served as the Director of Lay activities at the Episcopal, Conference and Presiding Elder District levels. He was noted for his leadership, outstanding achievements and initiative and his forward thinking. An active layman in his local church, he is currently serving in an Advisory role at the Presiding Elder, Conference and Episcopal District levels of the Lay Organization in the RSA.

Before being elected on the second ballot during the voting phase of the CLO Biennial Convention, Makiti served the CLO as first vice-president after having been elected 2nd vice-president. Following the passing of the CLO President, Valerie Gary - Bell, Makiti completed her term as President and served with distinction. He displayed that same level of leadership, initiative, achievement and accomplishments he brought to the 19th Episcopal District.

Makiti received his BSc degree from the University of Limpopo in the RSA and is the founder, Executive Director and Owner of Makiti Funerals in the RSA. He and his wife Cynthia are the proud parents of four adult children and three grandchildren.

As an organization that has been in existence to serve the members of the AME Church, since 1912, we are honored and pleased to have Mr. Makiti as President. He brings the skill sets and Godly wisdom for such a time as this - in our denomination and in the world. We thank God for sending our Connectional Lay Organization a person who will lead us with wisdom and integrity.

Submitted by:
William E. Ayers Jr,
CLO Historiographer

MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION



“Saying thank you is more than good manners.... It is actually good spirituality”.



Thank you for making history by electing me as the first- ever President of the Connectional Lay Organization from the African continent, for the period 2021 - 2025.

May God continue to bless all of us!

Bro. Matikane Abe Makiti

PRESIDENT: CONNECTIONAL LAY ORGANIZATION

Connectional Lay Organization (CLO)



Office of the President

Theme: “Laity walking humbly with God to do justice and love kindness” – Micah 6:8

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Private Secretary: Mrs Lebohang Lesito

Date: August 7, 2021

MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION

Dear Delegate to the 37th Biennial Convention of the Connectional Lay Organization (CLO)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for attending our 37th Session of the Biennial Convention in Orlando, FL and in Cape Town, South Africa respectively.

The past year has been very challenging and many of us had concerns about traveling. I am so grateful for your sacrifice to attend, and I am thankful to the Lord that He blessed our time together immensely.

Your attendance helped us close our 2021 Biennial Convention in **THE BLACK** —*To God be the Glory!*

Attendance was far above our expectations. Yes, we were able to cover all of our expenses and while the final invoices have not arrived yet, we know that **WE WILL HAVE monies** remaining in our Treasury to prepare for the 2023 Biennial Convention and pay down on our debt with the AME Church Finance Department from the 2019 Biennial Convention. Praise God for His continued favor!

Special thanks goes to the **Episcopal District Presidents** in all the twenty (20) Districts. Your tireless efforts to maximise your delegations and encourage observer attendance is greatly appreciated. We could not have done it without you!

To the **Biennial Convention Logistical Team**..... I have no words big enough to express my appreciation. The success of the 37th Session of the Biennial Convention is testament of your dedication and your hard work, and I say thank you very much.

To all the delegates who attended—thank you for your support and for your love of the Connectional Lay Organization. I look forward to serving each of you with humility - **with God being my Helper and through His guidance.**

Your Servant Leader

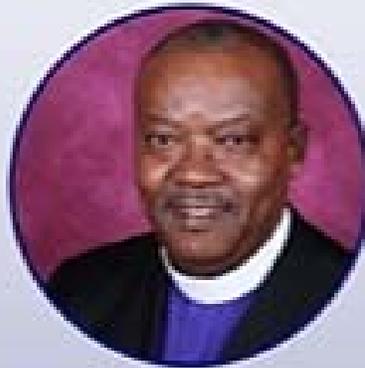
Matikane Abednego Makiti

PRESIDENT: CONNECTIONAL LAY ORGANIZATION (CLO)



The Connectional Lay Organization

Welcomes



BISHOP STAFFORD J. N. WICKER

Commission Chair for the Connectional Lay Organization

Congratulations Newly Elected Officers

MATIKANE A. MAKITL, CONNECTIONAL LAY PRESIDENT

DOROTHY HENDERSON, CONNECTIONAL 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

SIMON LETSOKO, CONNECTIONAL 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

LOVE AARON, CONNECTIONAL 3RD VICE PRESIDENT

MONIQUE HUDSON GREEN, CONNECTIONAL RECORDING SECRETARY

BRENDA HOLLAND CURRY, CONNECTIONAL ASSISTANT RECORDING SECRETARY

CHERYL HAMMOND-HOPEWELL, CONNECTIONAL CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

LYNDIA M. MAYO, I, CONNECTIONAL FINANCIAL SECRETARY

KATHY DRAYTON, CONNECTIONAL TREASURER

CHARLIE NICHOLS, CONNECTIONAL CHAPLAIN

PATRICIA WRIGHT, CONNECTIONAL DIRECTOR OF LAY ACTIVITIES

DIANNE H. BATTLE, CONNECTIONAL DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

WILLIAM E. AYERS, JR. CONNECTIONAL HISTORIOGRAPHER

JAMESHA WILLIAMS, CONNECTIONAL YOUNG ADULT REPRESENTATIVE



The General Conference Election Results

GENERAL OFFICERS

Elected by unanimous ballot cast by
General Secretary as set forth in Rule 24 ©

JUDICIAL COUNCIL

ALTERNATE -CLERGY (4)

330 Cooper, Jeffery B. II

331 Williams, Jimmie III

JUDICIAL COUNCIL

ALTERNATE – LAY(4)

340 Crawford, Monice

TREASURER/CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

745 Required

260 Eldridge, Darwin 273

261 Henderson, Marcus 1205

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF GLOBAL WITNESS AND MINISTRY

1st Ballot 759 Required

270 Campbell, William M. 397

271 Cooper, Karla J. 140

272 Green, John 653

273 Sidberry-Thomas, Sheila 102

274 Spencer, Monica 225

2nd Ballot 760 Required

270 Campbell, William M. 716

272 Green, John 803

AME DEPARTMENT OF RETIREMENT SERVICES

745 Required

280 Brown, Clinton 34

281 Griffin, Mark 443

282 Miller, James 933

283 Thompson, Taylor 79

CHURCH GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT (EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR)

1st Ballot 745 Required

290 Crutcher, Mark 238

291 Hampton, Dennis J. 32

292 Lee, Anthony L 445

293 Mayes, Terence L. Sr. 196

294 Norris, Marcellus 500

295 Worthen, Carlton 95

2nd Ballot 748 Required

291 Hampton, Dennis J. 43

292 Lee, Anthony L 698

294 Norris, Marcellus 754

JUDICIAL COUNCIL Clergy Vacancies (2)

756 Required

310 Augustine, Jonathan C. 1132

311 Golden, James T. 310

312 Green, O. Jerome 1009

313 Hodges, Glenda 317

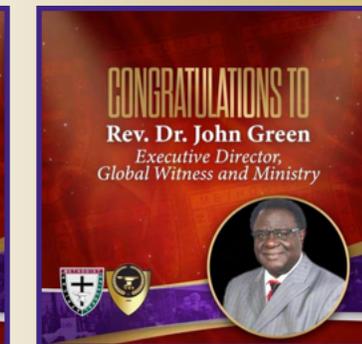
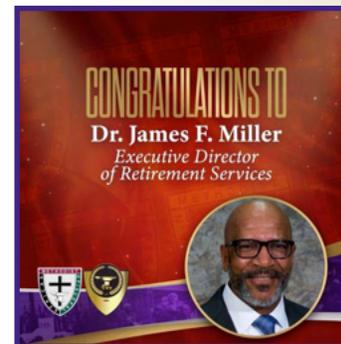
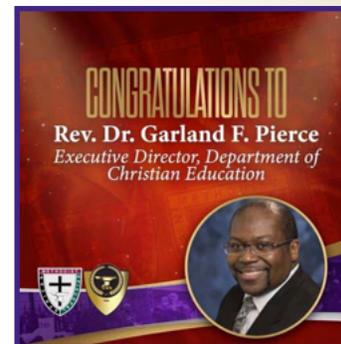
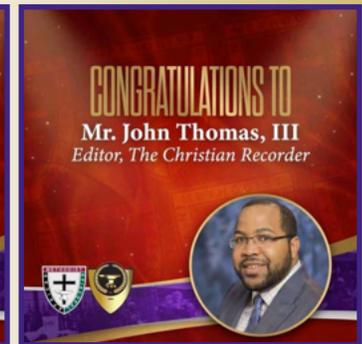
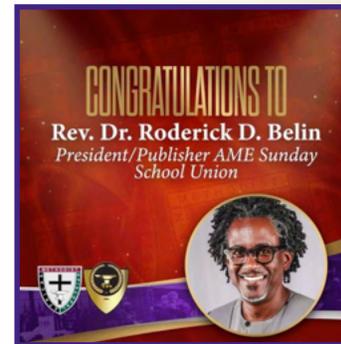
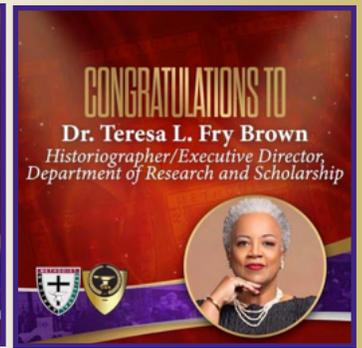
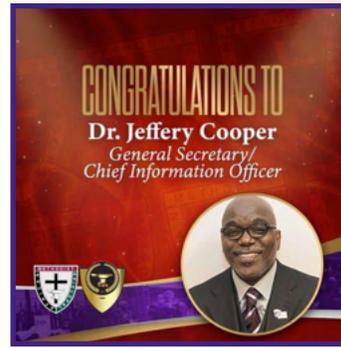
JUDICIAL COUNCIL LAY VACANCY (1)

767 Required

320 Champ, Sandra 403

321 Hyche, Ida 282

322 Ngubeni, Thabile 849

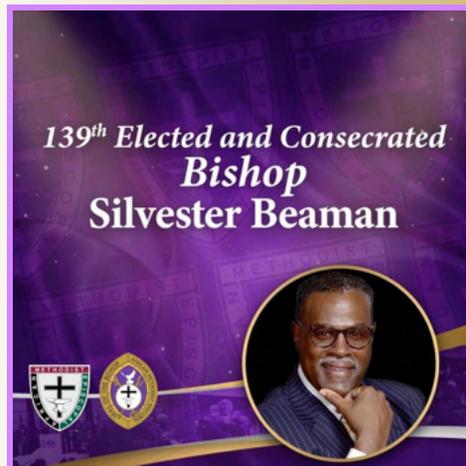




**Bishop's Election Process
Round 1-794 needed**

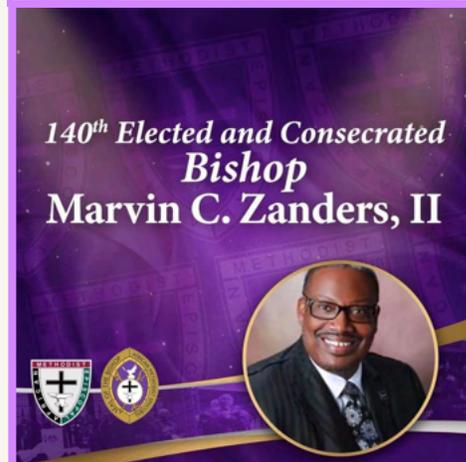
Beaman, Silvester S. #139 1014 Votes
Elected A Bishop of the AME Church

- Bell, Michael - 196 Votes
- Brookins, Francine A. - 603 Votes
- Burger, Willem - 118 Votes
- Byrd, Vernon - 597 Votes
- Chisolm, Barbara - 139 Votes
- Cooper, Katurah York 403 Votes
- Eason, Gregory Vaughn Sr. 307 Votes
- Foster, John 74 Votes



Zanders, Marvin Clyde II #140 864 Votes
Elected A Bishop of the AME Church

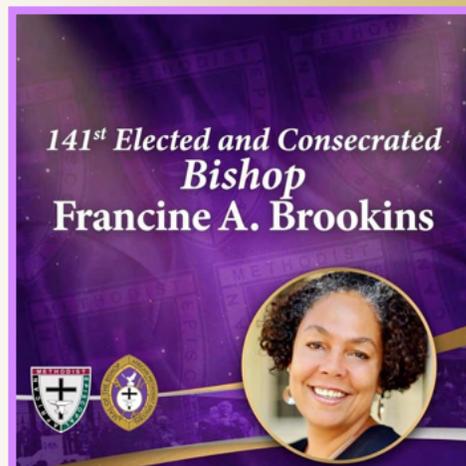
- Gaobepe, Dimpho A. 104 Votes
- Marshall, Willie Eugene 128 Votes
- Mccauley, Orlando 111 Votes
- Mugala, Paul M. Sr. 9 Votes
- Pierson, Mark S. 55 Votes
- Ragin Merrick, M. Charmaine 37 Votes
- Richburg, Caesar R. 239 Votes
- Rumph, James Arthur 31 Votes
- Seibo, Samuel D. 168 Votes
- Simms, Moses A. Jr. 133 Votes
- Wilson, Harold 22 Votes
- Wright, Frederick A. 578 Votes



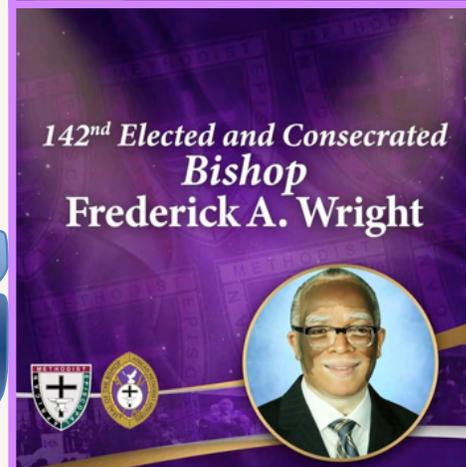
**Bishop's Election Process
Round 2-792 Required**

Brookins, Francine A. #141 937 Votes
Elected A Bishop of the AME Church

- Burger, Willem 85-Votes
- Byrd, Vernon 718-Votes
- Cooper, Katurah York 265-Votes
- Gaobepe, Dimpho A. 58-Votes
- Mugala, Paul M. Sr. 13-Votes



Wright, Frederick A. #142 839 Votes
Elected A Bishop of the AME Church



CONGRATULATIONS

District Bishop Retirement

1st	Julius Harrison McAlister, Sr.	2024
2nd	James Levert Davis	2028
3rd	E. Earl McCloud, Jr.	2028
4th	John Franklin White	2024
5th	Clement Willie Fugh	2024
6th	Reginald Thomas Jackson	2028
7th	Samuel Lawrence Green, Sr.	2036
8th	Stafford J. N. Wicker	2036
9th	Harry Lee Seawright	2032
10th	Adam Jefferson Richardson, Jr.	2024
11th	Frank Madison Reid, III	2024
12th	Michael Leon Mitchell	2036
13th	E. Anne Henning Byfield	2024
14th	Paul Jones Mulenga Kawimbe	2036
15th	Silvester S. Beaman	2036
16th	Marvin C. Zanders, II	2040
17th	David Rwhynica Daniels, Jr.	2032
18th	Francine Brookins	2048
19th	Ronnie Elijah Brailsford, Sr.	2032
20th	Frederick A. Wright, Sr.	2032

Ecumenical: Jeffery Nathaniel Leath 2032

Located: Wilfred Jacobus Messiah 2028

NEWS FROM
ST. PAUL AME CHURCH (CHAPEL HILL, NC)

Gov. Roy Cooper, appointed Joal Hall-Broun, (member of St. Paul AME Church, Chapel Hill, NC) following Judge Beverly Scarlett's retirement, Joal is appointed in Judicial District 15B, serving Chatham and Orange counties. Joal is an active member in the Lay Organization at St. Paul AME Chapel Hill as well as an active member in the Missionary. She has been active in the church and community for many years.



Joal graduated from the Wake Forest University School of Law in 1986 with her Juris Doctor and previously served on the Carrboro Town Council. She currently works as the director of the Lobbying Compliance Division for the Secretary of State department.

Joal served on the Chapel Hill Carrboro City school board where her term was ending this year. She served as a member of the Board of Alderwoman for the Town of Carrboro. She currently serves as the second vice president of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro NAACP where she has been active for many years.

Congratulation to Joal!

Theresa Merritt-Watson, President
St. Paul AME Lay Organization

**WNCCLO Delegates and Alternates to
the 37th Lay Biennial**



**“We are ready to take care of business under the
leadership of Bishop James Davis at the 37th Lay
Biennial.”**



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After the Pandemic: "Renewed by Faith, Transformed by God, Revived to Serve!"

virtual edition

PRAYER BREAKFAST

*"And you must put on the new self,
which is created in God's likeness
& reveals itself in the true life that is upright and holy."
Ephesians 4:24*

Saturday
10 AM
9|11



REGISTRATION OPEN NOW



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ON-LINE REGISTRATION \$10

REGISTER @

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For additional information contact:

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Guest Speaker
Rev. Akil Dickens, Pastor
Emmanuel AME Church
Durham, NC

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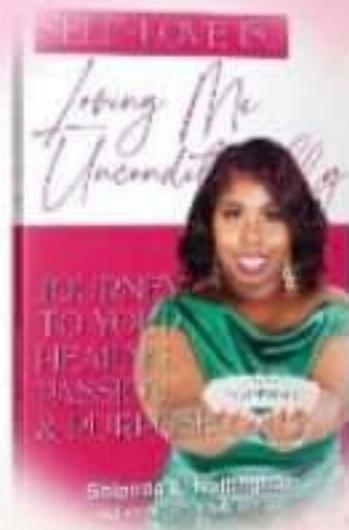
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EVENTS

2021-22

Online Registration for Prayer Breakfast- <https://form.jotform.com/211654528409155>

September 11 WNCC-LO Annual Prayer Breakfast (Virtual), 10:00 AM

Lay Meeting Link - <https://form.jotform.com/211798537833165>

WNCC-LO Lay Meeting (Virtual)

October 9

November 13 WNCC-LO Clergy and Lay Institute (Virtual), 10:00 AM

WNCC-LO Lay Meeting (Mt. Zion, Hillsborough, NC)

January 9

March 13 WNCC-LO Lay Meeting (Gaston Chapel, Morganton, NC)

WNCC-LO Meeting Election (Bethel, Greensboro NC)

April 10

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

» *November* «



» *December* «



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