



# THE LAY EXPRESS

*"Living A Global Witness Ministry That  
Transforms, Transcends and Liberates"*  
Luke 4:18-19



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*

*Congratulations!*

Join me in welcoming the

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## *From The Desk of The President, Continued*

Heavenly father, you call us each to different work in your kingdom, according to the gifts you have bestowed upon us. Today, I pray especially for those you have called into the lay ministry, to be leaders and teachers in the WNCCLO. Keep your call fresh in their hearts, renewing and refreshing their spirit for the work ahead. May they seek your counsel daily, seeking your wisdom and guidance as they give spiritual guidance to others. Fill them with patience, peace, and joy for their work, remembering you are with them even when the work is hard, for you are faithful to equip those who obey your call.

Jesus, give them courage when they are afraid. Jesus, give them boldness when they desire to hide in the shadows. Jesus, help them to prioritize relationships over the ratio. Jesus, open their eyes to the young people you have called us to pass our baton of faith to. All this we pray through your Son, our Savior, Jesus the Christ Amen.

Thank you for your willingness to serve!

Penny Oliver

WNCCLO President 2014-2022

The background of the page is decorated with soft-focus pink cherry blossoms. A large, detailed flower is in the upper right corner, while smaller buds and petals are scattered throughout the frame. The text is contained within a light orange rectangular box with a thin green border.

## Mother's Day Scripture

*"A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value. She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life. She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands. She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from afar. She gets up while it is still night; she provides food for her family and portions for her female servants. She considers a field and buys it; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard. She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks. She sees that her trading is profitable, and her lamp does not go out at night. In her hand, she holds the distaff and grasps the spindle with her fingers. She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy. When it snows, she has no fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet. She makes coverings for her bed; she is clothed in fine linen and purple. Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies the merchants with sashes. She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised." ~ [Psalm 31:10-30](#)*

**2022**  
**CHURCHES LAY ORGANIZATION**

<b>Church</b>	<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Lay President</b>
<b>Bethel, Greensboro</b>	<b>Rev. Dr. Clay Barrow</b>	<b>J. Dale Wragg</b>
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<b>Corpening Chapel</b>	<b>Rev. Renee Shade</b>	<b>Tonya Dula</b>
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<b>Johnson Chapel</b>	<b>Rev. Dr. Conrad Pridgen</b>	<b>Margie Alston</b>
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<b>Maxwell Chapel</b>	<b>Rev. Casimir K Brown</b>	<b>Henry Foust</b>
<b>McElrath Chapel</b>	<b>Rev. Milton Battle</b>	<b>Preston Thomas</b>
<b>Mt. Bethel/Mitchell Chapel</b>	<b>Rev. Keith Banner</b>	<b>Olivia Banner</b>
<b>Mt. Sinai</b>	<b>Rev. Camila Eaves</b>	<b>EH Dark, Jr.</b>
<b>Mt.Zion, Greensboro</b>	<b>Rev. Henry R. Davis</b>	<b>Woodrow W. Winchester</b>
<b>Mt. Zion, Hillsborough</b>	<b>Rev. Dr. Steven Lyons</b>	<b>Danita Thompson</b>
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<b>Oak Level</b>	<b>Rev. Daisy Long</b>	<b>Dorothy Jeffreys</b>
<b>Payne's Chapel</b>	<b>Rev. Allen Terrell</b>	<b>Lawson-Smith</b>
<b>Pearson Memorial</b>	<b>Rev. Dwayne Alston</b>	<b>Anna Marie Mackey</b>
<b>Persimmon Grove</b>	<b>Rev. Debora Lawson-Smith</b>	<b>Stephanie Gause Wilson</b>
<b>Poplar Springs</b>	<b>Rev. Dr. Sandra Bullock-Hunter</b>	<b>Lydia Baldwin</b>
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<b>St. Matthew, Burlington</b>	<b>Rev. Dr. Patrice Fields</b>	<b>Bonita Brown</b>
<b>Shiloh Morganton</b>	<b>Rev. Dr. Wayne A. Johnson, Sr</b>	<b>Brandon Owens</b>
<b>Springdale</b>	<b>Rev. Dr. Bridgette Gloster</b>	<b>Alison Parker</b>
<b>St. James, Winston Salem</b>	<b>Rev. R. P. Lynch</b>	<b>Byron Barbre</b>
<b>St. John, Gibsonville</b>	<b>Rev. Darryl Floyd</b>	<b>Teresa M. Parker</b>
<b>St. John, Raleigh</b>	<b>Rev. Allen E. Warren</b>	<b>Sadie Chavis</b>
<b>St. Joseph, Durham</b>	<b>Rev. Dr. Jonathan Augustine</b>	<b>Paul D. Williams</b>
<b>St. Paul, Chapel Hill</b>	<b>Rev. Dr. Michael Cousin</b>	<b>Theresa Watson</b>
<b>St. Paul, Lenoir</b>	<b>Rev. Kim Moss</b>	<b>Barbara R. Smith</b>
<b>St. Paul, Raleigh</b>	<b>Rev. Robert Hodges</b>	<b>Carol Davenport</b>
<b>Turners Chapel</b>	<b>Rev. Kendall McBroom</b>	<b>Valerie Murphy</b>
<b>Union Bethel, Cary</b>	<b>Rev. Dr. Gwendolyn Wise-Blackman</b>	<b>Reginald Blackman</b>
<b>Union Bethel, Winston Salem</b>	<b>Rev. Dr. George Pass</b>	<b>Belinda Jessup</b>
<b>Wayman Chapel</b>	<b>Rev. Dr. Gwen Benjamin</b>	<b>Brian Nettles</b>
<b>White Cross</b>	<b>Rev. Myraette McGibbony</b>	<b>Kenneth Woods, Sr</b>
<b>Willow Tree</b>	<b>Rev. Anthony Radcliff</b>	<b>Mary Mathews</b>
<b>Zion Campbell</b>	<b>Rev. David Montgomery</b>	<b>Andra E. McNeill</b>

**To:** CLO Registration <registration@ameclay.org>

**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2022, 04:26:39 PM EDT

**Subject:** Disaster Relief Campaign and Investment Committee Application Links

Greetings!

During the recent Spring Executive Board meeting, we discussed the Disaster Relief Campaign and the Investment Committee and indicated more information was forthcoming. We are excited about these ministries of service and hope you will join us to make a positive impact in the life of the church. We encourage you to share this email with anyone who might be interested in supporting the CLO.

For the Disaster Relief Campaign, our initial goal is to encourage 100 monthly donors at their desired level of support. Donations can be made online at the following [link](#). If you would prefer to donate by check, please reply to this email and we will contact you with payment options.

[https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause\\_pdetails/MTQxOTU0](https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause_pdetails/MTQxOTU0)

The Investment Committee will add two members. We would like to give Lay members throughout the Connection an opportunity to apply for membership to the committee. We will accept 25 applications for review. The deadline to apply is May 15. If 25 applications are received before May 15, the portal will close. Following is the [link](#) to access the Investment Committee application.

[https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause\\_pdetails/MTQzODc2](https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause_pdetails/MTQzODc2)

If you have questions, please contact Kathy Drayton at [registration@ameclay.org](mailto:registration@ameclay.org). We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for your continued support.

Regards,  
Kathy Drayton  
[www.ameclay.org](http://www.ameclay.org)

## YOUR VOTE COUNTS

**VOTE IN THIS PRIMARY LIKE YOUR LIFE DEPENDS ON IT –  
IT DOES!**

**EARLY VOTING April 28–May 14 is the one-stop early voting period  
for the 2022 primary election**

### **2022 Statewide Primary**

In North Carolina, the statewide primary is **Tuesday, May 17, 2022**. During this election, voters can choose which candidates they prefer to be on the general election ballot in November. The purpose of a primary is to narrow the field of candidates for the general election.

Races on the ballot include:

- The U.S. Senate and House of Representatives.
- The N.C. General Assembly.
- The N.C. Supreme Court and Court of Appeals.

Additionally, many voters will find municipal contests on their ballot due to rescheduled municipal elections. This applies to voters in municipalities that delayed their 2021 elections to finalize new electoral districts. This also applies to voters who live in cities and towns that conduct their elections during even-numbered years.

### **Who Can Vote in the Primary?**

Registered voters across the state can vote in the primary. However, voters affiliated with any political party will be given a ballot of candidates for their party. Unaffiliated voters may choose the ballot of candidates for any party primary.

**Note:** In 2022, the Libertarian Party does not have any primary elections because there are no contested Libertarian nominations for any office. Any Libertarian candidate who properly filed for office will therefore appear as the party's nominee on the general election ballot in November.

Therefore, unaffiliated voters in the May 17 primary may choose the Democratic or Republican ballot, or, if available, a nonpartisan ballot. Registered Libertarians may only vote a nonpartisan ballot, if available in their jurisdiction since there are no primary contests for that party.

## How Winners are Determined

Each candidate that wins in each contest on their party's ballot will become a nominee. The nominee will appear on the ballot in the general election contest. To become the party's nominee, the candidate must win by at least 30% of the vote plus one.

## There May Be a Second Primary

If no candidate reaches the total necessary to become the nominee in a contest on the ballot, a second primary may be held on July 26. Voters can revisit this page after the primary to confirm a second primary.

## Dates and Deadlines

The civilian voter registration deadline is 25 days before Election Day. Find out [how to register](#).

### 2022 Statewide Primary Date or Deadline

**March 28, 2022:** The date by which the boards of elections must make available absentee ballots, unless reduced by five days under [N.C.G.S. 163-227.10\(a\)](#).

**April 22, 2022:** Civilian voter registration deadline for the 2022 statewide primary. (After this point, only same-day registration during one-stop early voting is available.)

**April 28, 2022:** One-stop, in-person early voting period begins for the 2022 statewide primary, under [N.C.G.S. 163-227.2\(b\)](#).

**May 10, 2022:** Deadline for civilians to submit an absentee ballot request form for the 2022 statewide primary.

**May 14, 2022:** One-stop, in-person early voting period ends at 3 p.m. for the 2022 statewide primary, under [N.C.G.S. 163-227.2\(b\)](#).

**May 17, 2022:** Election Day for the 2022 statewide primary and [civilian absentee ballot return deadline](#).

***AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH***

**2<sup>ND</sup> EPISCOPAL DISTRICT  
LAY ORGANIZATION**



**DAVIS/M<sup>C</sup>KINNEY SCHOLARSHIP**

**2022–2023 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**DEADLINE: TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2022**

**Contact: Dr. V. Susie Oliphant**

**Ph. (301) 559-9488**

***Oliphantvsusie@gmail.com***



**AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT LAY ORGANIZATION  
DAVIS/McKINNEY SCHOLARSHIP  
2022- 2023**

The Maude Davis/Joseph C. McKinney Scholarship was established by the Lay Organization of the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2022 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 Oliphantvsusie@gmail.com.**

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2022, 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  
2<sup>nd</sup> EPISCOPAL DISTRICT LAY ORGANIZATION**

**DAVIS/M<sup>c</sup>KINNEY SCHOLARSHIP  
2022 – 2023**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Presiding Elder District:** \_\_\_\_\_

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LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
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ADDRESS:	STREET
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CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
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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

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ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Size Graduating Class \_\_\_\_\_ SAT/ACT Score(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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**LIST EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:** (Use separate sheet if necessary)

**LIST NAME AND ADDRESS OF INSTITUTION YOU WISH TO ATTEND:**

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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.

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**FAMILY INFORMATION:**

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Father's Name and Occupation if applicable

Employed By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization, Position/Title, Location

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**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.

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

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**LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:**

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

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**Signature of applicant**

**Certifies the information above is correct.**

**DEADLINE:**

**Tuesday, June 14, 2022**

**For questions contact: Dr. V. Susie Oliphant (301) -559-9488  
Send the completed application for the Davis/McKinney Scholarship to:  
Davis/McKinney Scholarship  
C/o Dr. V. Susie Oliphant  
910 Luray Place  
Hyattsville, MD 20783**

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

**2022 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

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

Name and address of college you are attending Fall 2022. <i>First time and transfer students must include letter of acceptance.</i>	Date of enrollment	# Credit hours completed	GPA on a 4 point scale

Indicate your current Educational Status: H. S. Senior \_\_\_ College Student: 1<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> \_\_\_ 4<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_ 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 (attach additional page if needed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**

Father/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mother/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Total** household Income range: 0-\$25,000 \_\_\_ \$25,000 - \$50,000 \_\_\_ \$50,000-\$75,000 \_\_\_ \$75,000 - \$100,000 \_\_\_ Above \$100,000 #

Dependents in household including you \_\_\_\_\_ # in college including you \_\_\_\_\_ With whom do you live? Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Father \_\_\_\_\_ Both \_\_\_\_\_

List all financial aid (**amounts**) you have been awarded including scholarships, grants, works study and loans for school year 2022.

Scholarships	Grants/Work Study	Loans

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

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**ESSAY**

**Autobiographical Essay** (written by the applicant in the first person): The essay (not to exceed 500 words) should provide information about you and your family. Also include information about your school activities, your community services, your future goals and your involvement in the AME Church.

**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*

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**PLEASE**

**NOTE:** It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the application is complete. Completed applications must include the following:

1. Signed Application (original signatures) with all requested information (including income and financial aid information)
2. Autobiographical Essay written in first person by applicant
3. Official Copy of high school or college transcript in sealed envelopes
4. Letter of acceptance – first time and transfer 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 **can be** from a mentor, teacher, counselor, friend, etc). Recommendations must be signed.

**Application must be postmarked by July 30, 2022.** **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.

**Application must be postmarked by July 30, 2022. (Applications via email will not be accepted).**

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
CONNECTIONAL LAY ORGANIZATION  
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

# THE LEGISLATION PROCESS

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

**SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2022**

7:00am PDT | 9:00am CST | 10:00am EDT | 4:00pm SAST

**HOSTED BY**

Mr. Dante' D. Buckson and Ms. Penny Oliver

**Meeting ID: 841 7565 6102**

**Passcode: 561394**





# Call for Proposed Legislation

**YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO HELP SHAPE  
THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH**



*The CLO Proposed Legislation Committee is seeking proposed legislation for review and consideration for the CLO Proposed Legislation Packet. **The committee will receive proposed legislation between May 2022 through November 2022.** A template and further instructions will be available on the CLO website soon. **The deadline for submission is November 10th, 2022.***

**The CLO is encouraging individuals to first confer with conference and episcopal district legislation representatives prior to submitting to the CLO. If there are questions or additional information needed, please contact Mark Johnson, CLO Proposed Legislation, Chair at [mrk19732000@yahoo.com](mailto:mrk19732000@yahoo.com).**

**CLO Proposed Legislation Committee**





# **Call for Proposed Legislation**

**YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH**

## **MEMORANDUM**

**To: District Presidents & District Legislation Committee Representatives**  
**From: Mark Johnson, 7<sup>th</sup> CLO Legislation Committee Chairperson**  
**Date: April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**Subject: Call for Proposed Legislation**

The CLO Legislation Committee is ready to receive proposed legislation. Episcopal districts are urged to begin organizing and meeting with their Legislation Committees. All proposed legislation will be received between May 2022 through November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022, as noted in the attached timeline. A template and instructions for submission is also attached and can be found on the AME Church Connectional Lay Organization website <https://ameclay.org/legislation>. We urge you to continue to promote the attached flyer in your communications and encourage interested members to offer proposed legislation.

Thank You,

Mark Johnson, 7<sup>th</sup>  
CLO Legislation Committee, Chair  
[mrk19732000@yahoo.com](mailto:mrk19732000@yahoo.com)  
404-246-2357



## *Call for Proposed Legislation*

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CONNECTIONAL LAY ORGANIZATION

### *Legislation Committee Timeline*

- **Nov. 2021 - The Legislation Committee met to develop a plan of action.**
- **Mar. 14, 2022 - Committee notified Episcopal District Lay Presidents of the Call for Legislation Announcement and to request districts to submit their Episcopal District Legislation Representative**
- **Apr. 11, 2022 – The Official CLO Legislation Template and Timeline will be disseminated to the Episcopal District Presidents and posted on the CLO Website on the new Legislation Page**
- **Apr. 2022 - Nov 2022 - Episcopal Districts and Conference Legislation Teams consider and discuss proposed legislation.**
- **April 26, 2022 - Initial meeting with the Episcopal District Legislation Representatives**
- **May 21, 2022 – Webinar 1: The Legislation Process**
- **November 10, 2022 – Deadline to submit all proposed legislation to the CLO Legislation Chair prior to the Fall CLO Executive Board meeting.**
- **April 2023 – The Committee will present the proposed legislation to the CLO Executive Board.**
- **June 2023 – Connectional Lay Organization BIENNIAL - Chicago, IL Presentation, discussion, and approval of the CLO Proposed Legislation Packet**
- **CONVO Fall 2023 – Encourage participation in the CONVO. Consider recommendations and or revisions gleaned from participants.**
- **Winter 2023 – Final review & approval of the CLO Proposed Legislation Packet for submission to the General Secretary for the General Conference**
- **General Conference 2024**

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
CONNECTIONAL LAY ORGANIZATION – LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

**TEMPLATE**

**PROPOSED LEGISLATION DRAFTS**

**DEADLINE** – November 10, 2022

**Instructions - Proposed Legislation Preparation:**

It is advised that the idea for a piece of proposed legislation (bill) be thoroughly discussed at the level of the lay organization at which it was generated before preparing a draft bill. The draft bill must address What, Where, How, and Why? Each bill must adhere to the following format:

- **Title:** Assign a Title/Subject to the matter presented (What?). The Title/Subject should be concise, yet clear, typically one line.
- **Reference:** Indicate all sections in the current edition of *The Doctrine and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church 2012* that are impacted by the proposed legislation (Where?). Include Part, Section, Article and page number (s).
- **Intent:** Explain how the proposed legislation will impact the A.M.E. Church (How?). Include Objectives, Changes, Additions, etc.
- **Rationale:** Explain the reasoning behind the changes/modifications/additions proposed (Why?). Please elaborate.
- **Text:** The text of the proposed legislation should be printed as it is to appear in the Revised Edition of *The Doctrine and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church* see sample . Please use the “ proposed legislation or ” at the end of this document to prepare draft bills.
- **Cost:** Proposed legislation that has budgetary impact must be so identified.

All bills submitted by any level of the lay organization should be sent to the Connectional organization's proposed legislation committee for discussion and support. The “ proposed legislation or ” are copied for distribution to all members of the organization.

SUBMIT all draft bills to Mark Johnson (CLO Proposed Legislation Committee, Chair) [mrk19732000@yahoo.com](mailto:mrk19732000@yahoo.com) or mail to 5 Hanover Street, Charleston, SC 29403.

**EXAMPLE OF FORMAT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:**

**BILL NUMBER:** AB-00

**TITLE:** The Quarterly Conference Composition

**REFERENCE:** The Doctrine and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church 2008, Part VIII, Section IV.A. Composition (Page 230).

**INTENT:** To have the Presidents of the Local Lay Organization as members of the Quarterly Conference added to the Discipline.

**RATIONALE:** Presidents of the Lay Organizations are members of the Official Board, Quarterly Conference, District Conference and Annual Conference

**CONFERENCE:** This omission under the Quarterly Conference needs to be corrected.

**TEXT:** (Add your text here.)

1 **Current Text:** licensed missionary workers, evangelists and the

2 superintendent of the Church School, the presidents of the

3 A.C.E, Fellowship and Missionary Societies, administrators of

4 the A.M.E. Institutions, organizations and agencies, provided

5 the latter are members of the A.M.E. Church.

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7 **Amended Text:** licensed missionary workers, evangelists and

8 The Superintendent of the Church School, the presidents of

9 The Lay Organization, A.C.E Fellowship and Missionary

10 Societies, Administrators of the A.M.E. institutions,

11 Organizations and agencies, provided the latter are members

12 Of the A.M.E. Church.



# PROPOSED LEGISLATION FORM



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Person submitting Bill: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Conference: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Ph. \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Check the appropriate response.  Prior Bill  Newly Proposed Legislation

2. Check all that apply. This bill has been reviewed, discussed, and is supported at the following levels of the Lay Organization:

Local Church Lay Organization  District of the Annual Conference

Conference  Episcopal District

3. Complete the following

<b>BILL NO.</b>	<b>Leave Blank</b>
<b>TITLE</b>	
<b>REFERENCE</b>	<i>The Doctrine and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church 2012,</i> Page, Section
<b>INTENT</b>	
<b>RATIONALE</b>	

- 4. Existing Legislation now reads: (Quote applicable portion of current legislation; Include rationale for the change.) If more space is needed, please continue on a separate page identified as “No. 4 continued”.**

- 5. Proposed NEW wording (by article, section, and subsection). If more space is needed, continue on a separate page identified as “No. 5 continued”.**

# The Western North Carolina Lay Organization Annual Lay Witness Worship Service

May 20, 2022  
Friday, 12:00 PM

## Theme

*Living A Global Witness Ministry That Transforms,  
Transcends and Liberates" Luke 4:18-19*

## Mini-Concert

Rev. Devin Paylor and the Instruments of Praise



## Praise Dancers

The Beam Kids of Willow Tree AMEC, Morganton

## God's Grace

Brother Brandon Owens and Shiloh Mass Choir, Morganton, NC

## Prayer and Scripture

Abdue Knox II and Kezia Knox, Greater Bethel, Charlotte, NC



## Narrator

Mary Royster Harris - WNCCLYO YAR

## Producer

Shontea Smith, St Paul AMEC Chapel Hill, NC

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## GENERAL BOARD MEETING (continued)

	Roll Call	Rev. Dr. Jeffery B. Cooper <i>General Secretary/CIO</i>
	Felicitations	Bishop Adam Richardson <i>Senior Bishop</i> Bishop Ronnie Elijah Brailsford, Sr. <i>President, Council of Bishops</i>
	Acknowledgments	Bishop James Lavert Davis <i>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, General Board</i>
	Approval of Agenda	
	Minutes	
		December – 2020
		January – 2022
		March - 2022
	Logistics	Ms. Sharon Blaylock <i>Meeting Planner</i>
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	<b><u>Commission Meetings – Session I</u></b>	Ministry and Recruitment Department of Retirement Services Global Development Health Social Action
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	General Board Luncheon	
	Payne Seminary Reception	
1:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	COVID-19 Testing	
2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	<b><u>Commission Meetings – Session II</u></b>	Publications Global Witness & Ministry Women in Ministry Christian Education Economic Development
3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	<b><u>Commission Meetings – Session III</u></b>	Seminaries, Universities, Colleges & Schools Church Growth and Development Lay Organization Strategic Planning Committee Commission on Chaplains
4:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	<b><u>Commission Meetings – Session IV</u></b>	Statistics and Finance
7:00 p.m.	<b>Council of Bishops Investiture Worship Service</b>	Bishop Ronnie Elijah Brailsford <i>President, Council of Bishops</i>
	<b>Investiture Reception</b>	

## **GENERAL BOARD MEETING (continued)**

### **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 2022**

7:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Registration
7:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	AME Board of Trustees Breakfast
7:00 a.m.	CONN-M-SWAWO Breakfast
10:00 am	General Board Plenary
	Call to Order    Bishop Paul Kawimbe <i>President</i>
	Devotion
	Commission Reports
	Ministry and Recruitment
	Global Development
	Health
	Publications
	Chaplains
	Department of Retirement Services
	Global Witness and Ministry
	Women in Ministry (WIM)
	Christian Education
	Seminaries, Universities, Colleges & Schools
	Church Growth and Development
	Lay Organization
	Social Action
	Economic Development
	Statistics and Finance
	Other Business
	TBD
	<b>Adjournment</b>
3:00 p.m.	General Conference Commission
7:00 p.m.	Council of Bishops Worship Service
	Adjournment
	Council of Bishops Public Statement



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# Membership Recruitment **EXPLOSION DAY**

**JULY 23, 2022 12:00 NOON EST VIA ZOOM**

**COME ONE, COME ALL AND HEAR**

*\*Global Lay membership and recruitment success stories*

*\*Global Lay Testimonials*

*\*Creative Recruitment Ideas*

*\*Global Lay Recruitment platforms  
and much, much, more....*

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*DR. DOROTHY HENDERSON*

*Connectional Lay Organization 1st Vice President*

*MRS. MARILYN ARCONIGO MARYT*

*Connectional Lay Organization President*



Meeting ID: 814 7933 4461

Passcode: 010170

Dial In: 929-205-6099

# CLASS OF 2022



*Jasmine Nicole Paschal* is a 2022 graduate of Western Alamance High School. She is the daughter of Nick Watkins and Kelly Paschal and the granddaughter of Sis. Penny Olivier, WNCCLO President. Jasmine is a member of Springdale A.M.E. Church where Rev. Dr. Bridgette Gloster is her Pastor. Jasmine plans to attend the University of North Carolina at Pembroke.



*Jillian C. Augustine* is a 2022 High School Graduate. Jillian is the daughter of Rev. Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine and Sister Michelle Burks Augustine. Jillian attends St. Joseph AME Church (Durham, NC), where her father is her Pastor and Brother Paul D. Williams is her Local Lay President. Jillian is enrolling at American University (Washington, DC)



*Mason Avery Rollins* is a 2022 High School graduate. Mason is the son of Rev. Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine & First Lady Michelle Augustine. Mason attends St. Joseph's AME Church- Durham, NC where his father is his Pastor and Bro. Paul Williams is the Local Lay President. Mason will attend Jackson State University.



*Jada Symone McCoy* is a 2022 High School graduate. Jada is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Todd McCoy and attends St. John AME Church in Gibsonville, where Rev. Darryl Floyd, is her Pastor and Teresa M. Parker, is the Local Lay President. Jada will attend Western Carolina University.



*Timiyah Leona Yanique Adams is a 2022 High School Graduate. Timiyah is the daughter of Timothy and Meladie Adams. Timiyah attends Flat Rock AME Church where Rev. John T. Capers is her Pastor and Sis. Frances Hope is the Local Lay President. Timiyah plans to attend East Carolina University to pursue a degree in Nursing.*



*Jaden A. Izzard is a 2022 High School graduate. Jaden is the son of Rieco and Felicia Izzard. Jaden attends St. Joseph AME Church in Durham where Rev. Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine is his Pastor and Bro. Paul Williams is the Local Lay President. Jaden will be attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the fall to pursue a career as a Pharm-D.*



*Tikavien Corpening is a 2022 graduate of Caldwell Applied Sciences Academy where he will graduate with his high school diploma as well as an Associates Degree. Tikavien is the son of Tíjuan Corpening and Brittany Bundy, but his Legal Guardian is his grandmother Tavannya Corpening. Tikavien is a member of St. Paul AME Church in Lenoir, NC where Rev. Dr. Kimberly Moss is his Pastor and Sis. Barbara Smith is the Local Lay President. Tikavien plans to attend Western Carolina University pursuing a degree in Computer Science/Information Technology/Cyber Security.*

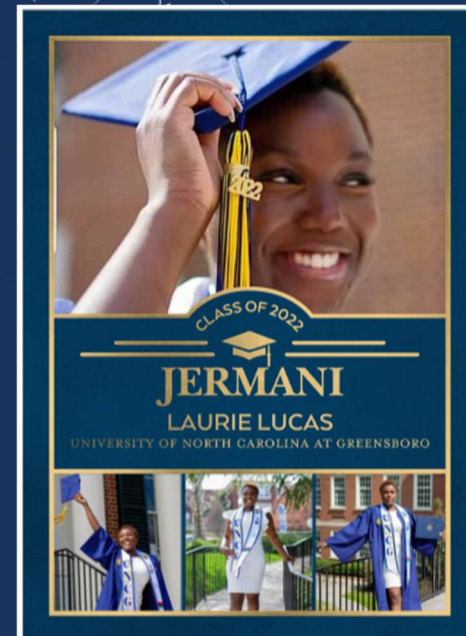
*Lindsay LeVonne Sample is a 2022 graduate of Riverside High School. Lindsay is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Olanda L. Sample. Lindsay attends St. Joseph AME Church, Durham NC where Rev. Dr. Jonathan Augustine is her Pastor and Bro. Paul Williams is the Local Lay President. Lindsay will attend North Carolina State University and plans to major in Electrical Engineering. Lindsay's career aspirations are to complete a Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering and pursue a J.D and become a Patent Attorney to protect those working in the field of Engineering and protect their inventions.*





*Lauran Jones is a 2022 graduate of the University of North Carolina Wilmington where she will receive a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Creative Writing and Digital Arts Minor. Lauran is the daughter of Marchia Jones. Lauran attends St. Joseph's AME Church where Rev. Dr. Jonathan Augustine is her Pastor and Bro. Paul Williams is the Local Lay President. After graduation Lauran plans to pursue a career in the publishing industry to create space for Black writers and Black readers.*

*Jermani Laurie Lucas is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Quincy & Tami Lucas of Lincolnville A.M.E. Church where Rev. Dr. Wayne E. Beatty is the Pastor. Jermani is an upcoming 2022 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, where she will be receiving her B.A. in Psychology with a minor in Biology. After graduation, Jermani plans to travel abroad as she enjoys her gap year before entering graduate school as she studies to become a Genetics Counselor.*





*Jasmine Evans is a 2022 graduate of Bennett College. Jasmine is the daughter of Rev. Alfred and Vivian Evans. Jasmine attends St. James AME Winston-Salem where Rev. Ralph P. Lynch is her Pastor and Bro. Byron Barbre is the Local Lay President. Jasmine will receive a Bachelor's degree in Social Work and Minor in Psychology. After graduation Jasmine will be attending North Carolina Central University to pursue her Master's degree.*



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CONGRATULATIONS!



# SAVE THE DATE

## EVENTS

# 2022

YPD Annual Day

May 14

May 18

WMS Annual Day (Virtual); 9:00 a.m.

130th WNCC Annual Convention (Virtual)

May 19-20

May 20

Annual Lay Witness Worship Service, 12:00 p.m.

CLO Evangelism Sunday

June 5

# UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION



July



August



The Lay Newsletter will be published every other month. \*\*\*\*\*

Please submit information for JULY and AUGUST by: JUNE 20th

## DON'T FORGET

Email All Information to Barbara Myers ~ [babsgirls@gmail.com](mailto:babsgirls@gmail.com)  
Any Questions, email to Portia C. Holman ~ [pcamille1@yahoo.com](mailto:pcamille1@yahoo.com)