

Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization
Virtual Meeting- March 11, 2023

President Barbara R. Myers, Presiding

The WNCC Lay Organization Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Barbara R. Myers,

Devotion/Word of Encouragement **Sis. Carol Davenport, *WNCCLO Chaplain***

Today's devotion focuses on lent, Sis. Davenport mentioned before the resurrection Jesus went into his secret place to pray for 40 days. Sis. Davenport gave different reflections on the 40 days of lent in which she read from the book of Matthew 6:1-6. After her devotion she led the body in prayer.

Welcome **Sis. Diane Foy, *Turner's Chapel AME Church, Lay Organization***

The lay body received a very warm welcome from Sis. Diane Foy, as she welcomed everyone to today's meeting and established protocol.

Agenda*(in the packet)*

President Myers called for the approval of the agenda with one noted change. Remarks by Presiding Elders Thompson and Pridgen along with President Matthew Douglas will go after the approval of the agenda. Bro. Kenneth Woods made a motion to accept the agenda as printed with the noted change, 2nd by Sis. Penny Oliver, motion carried.

Words from Conference and District Leadership

Both Presiding Elders Thompson and Pridgen greeted the WNCCLO by thanking everyone for allowing them to be on the call. Presiding Elder Pridgen announced the WNCC dates which will be held June 8-10 at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel in Durham with rooms starting at \$139.00 + tax per night. Rev. Dr. Jay Augustine Host Pastor.

Roll Call **Bro. Brandon Owens, *WNCCLO Recording Secretary***

Present

Sis. Barbara Myers, President
Sis. Betty Parker, 1st Vice President
Sis. Mary Haarris, 2nd Vice President
Sis. Gearld Logan, 3rd Vice President
Bro. Brandon Owens, Recording Secretary
Sis. Joy Grandy, Assistant Secretary
Sis. Charmayne Morrison, Corresponding Secretary
Sis. Dorthoy Jeffreys, Treasurer
Sis. Bettie Duell, Financial Secretary
Sis. Carol Davenport, Chaplain
Sis. Bobbi Hague, Parliamentarian
Bro. Kenneth Woods, Eastern Dist. Coordinator
Sis. Sonia Barbre, Western Dist. Coordinator
Sis. Danita Thompson, Historiographer

Sis. Penny Oliver, *Ex-Officio Officer*
Sis. Gertrude Upperman, *Ex-Officio Off*

Absent

Sis. Azzie Conley, Director of Lay Activities, **E**
Sis. Portia Holman, Director of Public Relations
Bro. Adam Johnston, SEDLO YAR
Bro. Woodrow Winchester, *Ex-Officio Officer*
Bro. Dwight Patterson, *Ex-Officio Officer*

Minutes*(in the packet)*

Bro. Brandon Owens, Recording Secretary read minutes from our January 2023 meeting, with no corrections or additions mentioned. Bro. Brandon Owens made a motion to accept the minutes as read, 2nd by Sis. Joy Grandy, motion carried.

Financial Report **Sis. Dorothy Jeffreys, WNCCLC Treasurer**
 Sis. Bettie Duell, WNCCLC Financial Secretary

The Financial Secretary report was given by Sis. Duell with the following membership information: 12 Youths, 291 Adults with a total of 303 with the total amount raised \$1,782.00. Meeting registration for today's meeting: 82 registered, total amount raised \$402.00. Sis. Duell mentioned when Sis. Jeffreys read the treasurer's report the amount will be different due to the fact there are some who pre paid prior to today's meeting and some outstanding checks.

Sis. Jeffreys read the treasurer's report which was received as information only and can be found in today's meeting packet.

CLO Biennial Updates

Registration

Sis. Jacqueline Kanipe stated \$2,475.00 was sent to the district registrar for the registration of delegates to the Biennial. Registration is still being received in the amount of \$325.00, late registration and on site registration effective May 01, 2023 is in the amount of \$350.00 and observer registration is \$225.00. Sis. Conley mentioned to the elected delegates to please reserve for your rooms if you haven't done so already.

Legislation

Sis. Penny Oliver mentioned to the body the CLO Legislation Committee is continuing to meet and going over the 20 pieces of proposed legislation that has been received. She also stated that the legislation from the 2nd Episcopal District is in the packet. Sis. Oliver mentioned that the committee is sending back the proposed legislation to persons with suggestions and meeting with them as well. One of the proposed legislation the committee is working on from the 5th district is entitled **Financial Savings in the 24/28 General Church Budget**, which includes cutting travel expenses for retired bishops. The proposed legislation from the Virginia Conference has been approved by the committee and sent back with suggestions. Sis. Oliver mentioned that the committee is planning on doing a webinar after the CLO Executive Board Meeting.

Lay Person / YAR of The Year

Sis. Oliver mentioned President Myers asked her to form and chair the outstanding layperson/year of the year committee. Sis. Oliver stated the committee met and sent out correspondence in return correspondence was sent out by both presiding elders, and district coordinators. Sis. Oliver stated the committee received no applicants at the time of this meeting. President Myers stated since the other conferences are still working on this project she is asking the committee to continue its work as well and a report will be given at our April meeting. Sis. Oliver gave the qualifications for the outstanding person/year of the year and is asking persons to please have all required information to her by the stated deadline so the committee can vote on said person.

Scholarships

Sis. Sonia Barbre presented to the body the following scholarship information: **Connectional:** Joseph C. McKinney, Jayme Coleman Williams, and JD Williams. Sis. Barbre mentioned that all scholarship applications

are due **March 26, 2023** she is asking that we make sure our youth reads the applications very carefully, and follow all instructions. Sis. Barbre is asking that all applications be turned in before the deadline.

The 2nd District: Davis McKinney Scholarship deadline **June 19, 2023** fillable application. Kittreal, Allen, Adams Scholarship is due **July 31, 2023** fillable application along with a youtube video on how to properly fill out the application correctly. **The Western North Carolina Conference:** Dr. James C. Johnson Scholarship is due **June 30, 2023** fillable application. If anyone hasn't received the applications please let Sis. Barbre know.

Stolwart Lay Soldiers

Sis. Betty Parker mentioned that we are to identify a Stolwart Lay Soldier in our church and this person should be faithful, dependable, reliable, hardworking, and has integrity. Sis. Parker stated she is still waiting on what direction to take since this runs together with our lay person of the year information. President Myers stated that hopefully in the coming days she is hoping to receive more information to pass along to the Sis. Parker.

Old Business

Conference Office Vacancy

YAR

Conference Committee Vacancies

Will discuss at our next presidents meeting

Dedication of the Valarie Faith Gary Bell Building

President Myers mentioned she attended the dedication service, hats off to the persons from our conference who were a part of the committee.

SED NAACP Membership Initiative

President Myers mentioned the initiative is ongoing and will be going on until our summer summit. The WNCC has 579 recorded members.

Membership Dues

President Myers stated the deadline for membership dues is April 1, 2023 but please know local lay organizations can continue to send in their lay membership dues. President Myers also mentioned when we pay in September we will be paying \$2.00 per member rather than \$1.00 as in times past. Lastly, President Myers will be sending out a letter informing the body of the date change of collecting membership dues.

New Business

Director Of Lay Activities

In absentia of Sis. Azzie Conley, President Myers mentioned the SED and WNCCLC Calendar that is today's packet. President Myers mentioned there will be an annual conference orientation for all clergy, laity, delegates, alternates, candidates for ministry along with other members of each annual conference on the 18th. More information to follow.

President Myers stated at the founders day celebration information was distributed about a mission trip to the Dominican Republic in November 2023 additional information will be forthcoming. The CLO will have its spring executive board meeting April 14-15 virtually. Lastly, President Myers is asking anyone who would like to serve on the Lay Worship Service Committee please contact Sis. Conley. President Myers stated the Lay Night Worship Service will be held Friday, June 09, 2023 at 6:30p.m.

Biennial Delegates Update

Discussions were held about the stipend to be given to the elected delegates to the CLO Biennial in the amount of \$550.00. Sis. Betty Parker made a motion to allot \$550.00 to the elected delegates and review giving additional monies after all membership dues and offering from our lay night service at the annual conference has been collected. 2nd by Sis. Bobbi Hague motion carried.

Round Robin

Praise Reports / Announcements

President Myers, it is a blessing to be here.

Sis. Gerald Logan, thanked God for always being on time.

Bro. Kenneth Woods announced that the WMS at White Cross AME Church will have their annual day on Sunday. Sis. Shelby Miles will be the guest speaker.

Sis. Bobbi Hague announced that Greater Bethel AME Church will be having a grant writing 5013c session from 9-12pm. April 22 with a fee of \$50.00.

President Myers thanked everyone for attending today's meeting. Bro. Kenneth Woods led us in closing prayer and Sis. Carol Davenport read the Lay Benediction.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandon Owens

Brandon Owens, Recording Secretary