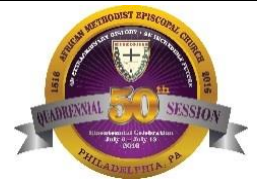




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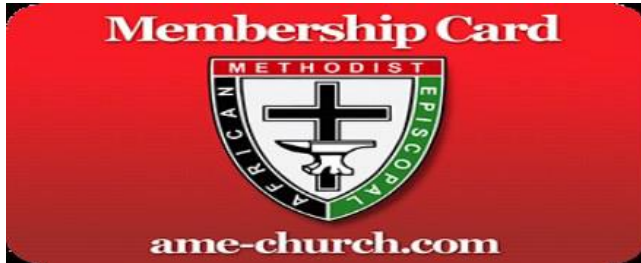
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HAVE YOU GOTTEN YOURS, YET?

(Don't Leave Home Without It!)



The AME Church membership card will serve two purposes. First, it will help the church get a more accurate count as to how many members we have.

The second reason is a great benefit to everyone who has one. You will be able to receive discounted services at many of the places you already frequent. Membership has its rewards. The A. M. E. Church's new discount program gives each member access to over 100,000 local and national discounts, which can add up to over \$4,500 in savings. Consider saving money on your next hotel stay or trip to your favorite restaurant.

If you have not already registered, we are asking that you do so prior to General Conference. Those who have theirs have already received info to watch the events through live-streaming.

We plan to have printers and laminators at the next meeting in Burlington and process as many as we can prior to and after the meeting. So come early! Remember, it's **FREE**. Anyone who needs help, contact Sister Bobbi Hague for assistance. If you print yours off at home, feel free to bring it with you to the meeting to be laminated.

NEED MONEY TO GO TO SCHOOL?

Did you consider applying for one of the Lay Scholarships? Deadline for the Kittrell-Allen-Adams and the James C. Johnson Scholarships is fast approaching. It must be **RECEIVED** by July 31st, so don't wait until the last minute to apply.

Deadline for the Davis/McKinney Scholarship was June 6th. Hope you got that one in on time.

The WNCCLay Organization would like as many of our youth as possible to apply and try to earn some of this **FREE** money for school.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR 2016 GRADUATES!

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JACK & JILL EXTRAVAGANZA

Once again, our Youth Representative, Sis. Mary Harris did a superb job with her theme this year, "**Black Lives Matter**". The event was held Saturday, April 9th at St. James AME Church in Winston-Salem.

Once people saw the T-shirts, more people wanted to order them. This was not just for this event, but to let people everywhere know that "Black Lives do Matter".

The winners from the event were able to showcase their skills during the 2015 Annual Conference.

All of the participants were very talented and truly represented their churches well.

1st place – Aj'veon Banner - Jack - St. Paul, Lenoir

2nd place – Tachiana Nichols - Jill - Bethel, Greensboro

3rd place – Kinnadi Dennis - Emmanuel, Durham

When you see them, please give them a big High-5!

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE ANNUAL LAY NIGHT

According to our illustrious president, Penny Oliver, Lay Night was truly outstanding. Sis. Betty Parker did a magnificent job as mistress of ceremonies. All of the participants were fantastic. Sis. Myrtle Mayo sent up prayers to Heaven on our behalf. The scriptures were read by Sis. Theresa Watson (Psalm 111:6-10), Sis. Betty Duell (Romans 3:23; Romans 10:9-11) and Bro. Adam Johnston (St. Matthew 28:18-20). Sis. Thelma Fox lead the Lay Litany followed by a song from the Conference Choir directed by Rev. Anthony Radcliff. This was followed by a unique welcome done by Sis. Renee White. Our Young Adult Representative, Sis. Mary Harris introduced the Jack and Jill winners and two of them were in attendance to perform for us.

Sis. Flo Avery of St. Paul AME Church in Raleigh introduced the Youth Exploration Services (YES) group that perform a production entitled **“What’s Going On?”** A Glimpse of the Civil Rights Movement. This group is called the Traveling Black History Wax Museum and they did a great job of showing us a little of the past and bringing us forward to today. Our heroes were depicted in such a way that made you sit on the edge of your seat to see what was going to happen next. We had orators, singers, piano players and protestors, all giving us an idea of what it was like to be part of the Civil Rights Movement. We wish to thank St. Paul for doing such a wonderful job working with the youth and informing the communities. After the invitation and offering a special tribute of the poem by Maya Angelo “And Still I Rise” was performed by Sis. Evita Freeman and dedicated to Supervisor “PAM” DeVeaux. Rev. Wanda Howell and the Conference Choir then sang “It Is Well With My Soul” as a special dedication to Bishop DeVeaux. This tribute to the Sensation Second Episcopal District Duo was well received by all.

President Penny Oliver introduced the Second Episcopal District Lay President, Sis. Valerie Bell who in turn presented our Commissioner of the Lay Organization, the Rt. Rev. William P. DeVeaux, Sr.

After making remarks, the Bishop confirmed the new officers for the Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization. They are:

President	Penny Oliver
1st Vice President	Wilbert Hooker
2nd Vice President	Betty Parker
3rd Vice President	Adam Johnston
Recording Secretary	Diane Foy
Corresponding Secretary	Barbara Smith
Treasurer	Woodrow Winchester
Financial Secretary	Mozell Weston
Chaplain	Jessie Cardwell
Parliamentarian	John Smith
Historiographer	Sonia Barbre
Director of Lay Activities	Jacqueline Kanipe
Director of Public Relations	Bobbi Hague
Young Adult Representative	Mary Harris
Eastern District Coordinator	Betty Duell
Credentials/Membership Chair	Niki Allen
Western District Coordinator	Renee White

CONGRATULATIONS

The program was closed with the singing of the Lay Benediction.



Here are pictures from the WNCC Lay Night program 2016.



Upcoming Events

- Jul 4 Independence Day - **Be Safe**
- Jul 6-13 50th Quadrennial Session of the General Conference, Pennsylvania Convention Center 1101 Arch Street Philadelphia, PA
- Jul 25-27 SEDLO Executive Board Meeting Leadership Congress Planning Meeting - Hampton, VA
- Jul 31 Kittrell-Allen-Adams Scholarship & the James C. Johnson Scholarship Deadline
- Jul 31 Deadline for compiled list of churches who participated in the eyeglasses project - info to President Valerie Bell
- Aug 6 Conference Meeting at Springdale, 5554 S NC Highway 62, Burlington – 10:00 am
- Sep 10 Prayer Breakfast - Macedonia, 4164 Yarboroughs Mill Rd, Milton - 10am - Tickets - \$15.00
- Oct 22 Lay Institute - Bethel, 200 N. Regan Street, Greensboro 9:30am – 12:30pm
- Nov 1 Presidential Election - **VOTE!**
- Nov 2-3 SED Convention
- Nov 4-5 SED Mid-year Conference Portsmouth Renaissance 425 Water Street Portsmouth, VA Room Rate = \$99.00 per night 757-673-3000



Bishop William P. DeVeaux

It has been great having you back home in the 2nd Episcopal District. We will truly miss you and Supervisor “PAM”, but we want to wish you the best as you retire. From the WNCC Lay Organization:

HAPPY RETIREMENT!!

APPEAL – JOB OPENING

We need reporters to help us make this newsletter successful and to get the news of the great things that are happening in the WNCC to The Christian Recorder. This is where you come in. Looking for local churches to have a public relations person or ask the secretary to make sure I get all your **“Good News”**. Try asking a young person to do the job especially if they can use their social media to do it. Just email to me at so-b-it1@hotmail.com. Send us birth and wedding announcements. Tell us about senior citizens celebrating a milestone birthday. If you want to submit obituaries, that is okay, too. Graduations would have been great in this issue. The news is only as good as the persons who supply it. **Just send news!**

We will be resuming the church spotlight in the next issue. If you would like your church featured, please have that submitted as soon as possible.

Thanks. Your Public Relations Director, Bobbi Hague

**HAPPY 200TH ANNIVERSARY TO OUR
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

