



# THE LAY EXPRESS



Second Episcopal District ~ African Methodist Episcopal Church  
WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION

Website: <http://wncclay.org/>



“Laity walking humbly with God to do justice and to love kindness”



Micah 6:8 (ESV)

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From *the desk* of

*Penny S. Oliver, President*

*I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. ~ Psalms 34:1 (KJV)*



It is so easy to take people for granted, or even to complain and become angry because they do not meet our every wish. But we need to give thanks for those around us—our spouses, our children, our relatives, our friends, our leadership, and others who help us in some way.

In 2018 at our Annual Lay Prayer Breakfast we said “thank you” for their leadership to seven living Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization Presidents and all seven were present! What an honor to stand with these men and women of wisdom, compassion and love –

- President Gertrude Judd Upperman
- President Woodrow Winchester
- President James W. Hill
- President Ward Miller
- President Mary Dasher McAdams
- President Dwight Patterson

God’s timing is perfect! Who knew that on Wednesday, October 16, 2019, we would celebrate the life of one of our own, President Ward Miller.

Do you let others know that you appreciate them and are thankful for them? The Christians in Corinth were far from perfect, but Paul began his first letter to them by saying, “I always thank God for you” (1 Corinthians 1:4, NIV). When a group of believers (whom Paul had never met) came out to greet him as he approached Rome, we read that “at the sight of these men Paul thanked God and was encouraged” (Acts 28:15, NIV).

*Thank God for those who touch your life.*

*Happy Thanksgiving Day!*



# 2019 ELECTION GUIDE

<a href="#">QUICK LINKS</a>	<a href="#">CAPITAL TONIGHT</a>	<a href="#">NC GOVERNMENT GUIDE</a>	<a href="#">TYING IT TOGETHER PODCAST</a>	<a href="#">UNTANGLED WITH JOSH ROBIN</a>
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**HELPFUL LINKS**

Here are links to help you with your election or voting questions in North Carolina. **Election Day is November 5.**

- [CANDIDATES FOR NC MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS](#)
- [NEW VOTER REGISTRATION](#)
- [VOTER ID INFORMATION](#)
- [FIND YOUR POLLING PLACE](#)
- [ONE STOP VOTING SITES](#)
- [VIEW PROVISIONAL / SAMPLE BALLOT](#)
- [DOWNLOAD ABSENTEE BALLOT](#)
- NOTE: POLLS OPEN AT 6:30 a.m. AND CLOSE AT 7:30 p.m.
- [ELECTION RESULTS \(CHECK BACK\)](#)

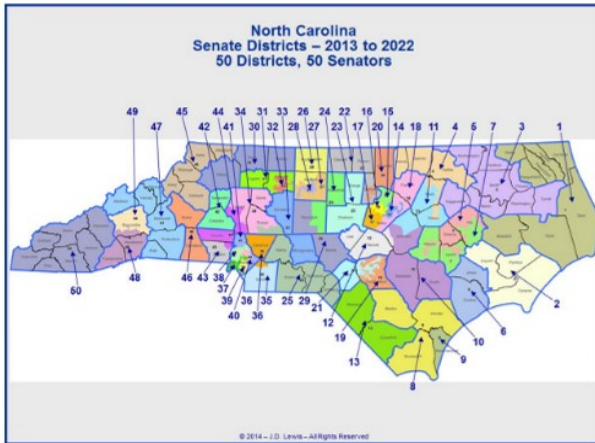
**CANDIDATES, RACES**

**STATE RACES TO WATCH**

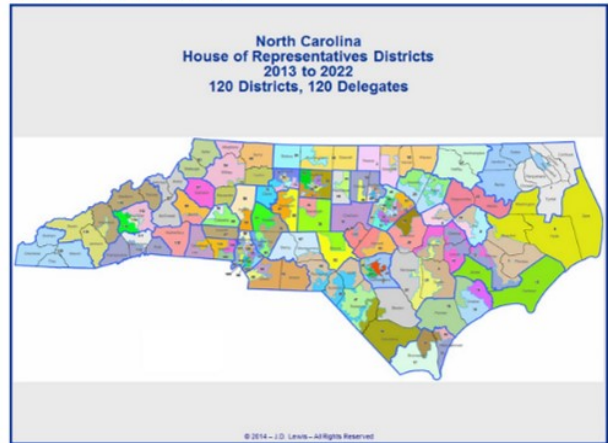
- [Charlotte Mayor \(sample ballot\)](#)
- [Wilmington Mayor \(sample ballot\)](#)
- [High Point Mayor](#)



**NC SENATE DISTRICT MAP**



**NC HOUSE DISTRICT MAP**



**NC SENATE**

[FIND YOUR STATE SENATOR](#)

**PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE**

**PHIL BERGER**

(R - Caswell, Rockingham, Stokes, Surry)

SENATE DISTRICT 30

**NC HOUSE**

[FIND YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE](#)

**NC SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE**

**TIM MOORE**

(R - Cleveland)

HOUSE DISTRICT 111



# NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

## Voters Will Be Asked to Show Photo ID Beginning in 2020

Photo ID is not required in any election in 2019.

Beginning in 2020, North Carolina voters will be asked to provide photo identification when voting in-person or absentee-by-mail, with some exceptions.

### No ID?

- **Beginning in 2020**, when you present to vote, you will be asked to show photo ID
- **If you do not show photo ID**, you may vote provisionally. Your provisional ballot will count if you bring acceptable photo ID to your county board of elections office before canvass, or if you sign an affidavit declaring that a reasonable impediment prevented you from showing photo ID
- **If you vote by mail**, you must enclose a copy of your photo ID unless you sign an affidavit declaring that a reasonable impediment prevented you from enclosing a copy of your photo ID.
- You can obtain a **free** photo ID at your county board of elections office any time until the Friday before the election.
  - Voter ID Request Form

## Acceptable Photo IDs for Voting in 2020



**Driver License or Non-Operator ID from North Carolina**

- Must be valid and unexpired OR expired for one year or less
- May be expired if voter is over the age of 65 and ID was unexpired on their 65th birthday
- *Does not* need to be a "REAL ID"



**Driver License or Non-Operator ID from a Different U.S. State or Territory**

- Acceptable **ONLY** if voter registered within 90 days of the election
- Must be valid and unexpired OR expired for one year or less
- May be expired if voter is over the age of 65 and ID was unexpired on their 65th birthday
- *Does not* need to be a "REAL ID"



**United States Passport**

- Includes U.S. Passport Card
- Must be valid and unexpired OR expired for one year or less
- May be expired if voter is over the age of 65 and ID was unexpired on their 65th birthday



# NORTH CAROLINA

## STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS



### North Carolina Voter ID Card

- Available free at your county board of elections until the Friday before the election.  
Voter ID Request Form
- Must be valid and unexpired OR expired for one year or less
- May be expired if voter is over the age of 65 and ID was unexpired on their 65th birthday



### Approved Employee ID

- Must come from an approved state or local government employer.
- Must be valid and unexpired OR expired for one year or less
- May be expired if voter is over the age of 65 and ID was unexpired on their 65th birthday



### Approved Student ID

- Must come from an approved school.
- Must be valid and unexpired OR expired for one year or less
- May be expired if voter is over the age of 65 and ID was unexpired on their 65th birthday



### Tribal Enrollment Card

- Issued by:
  1. An approved state tribe; OR
  2. A federal tribe
- May be expired or have no expiration date.



### Military ID Card or Veterans ID Card

- May be used even if expired or if there is no expiration date.

*This information was obtained from the North Carolina State Board of Elections. For additional information, please visit the NCSBE website: <https://www.ncsbe.gov/voter-id>*

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE



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Registration  
at the door

**November 9, 2019**

Saint Matthew AME Church  
1136 Apple Street  
Burlington, NC, 27217

Reverend Patrice Fields  
*Host Pastor*

Sister Bonita Brown  
*Host Lay President*

Doors open @ 8:30am  
Institute begins @ 9am

[www.wncclay.org](http://www.wncclay.org)

Penny Oliver-President | Jackie Kanipe-DOLA | Mary Harris-YAR



## Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization

Sister Penny Oliver, President

Mary R. Harris, Young Adult Representative

### Clergy/Lay Institute

Saturday, November 9, 2019 9:00 a.m.

8:30 a.m.	Registration	(Pre-registration \$10.00; on site, \$15.00)
9:00 a.m.	Devotion (Song, prayer, scripture)	Sister Jessie Cardwell, Chaplain
	Welcome	Sister Bonita Brown, President Rev. Patrice Fields, Pastor
9:15 a.m.	Dialogue with the President Elders:	
	Rev. Anita Thompson, Eastern District	
	Rev. Dr. Conrad K. Pridgen, Western District	
10:00 a.m.	Growth, Development and Outreach -	Rev. Kathy Merritt, Pastor and mem- bers of New Birth Community A.M.E. Church, Greensboro
11:00 a.m.	Evangelism	Sister Jamesha Williams, Young Adult Representative, Connectional Lay Organization
11:45 a.m.	Let the Youth and Young Adults Speak	Sister Mary R. Harris, Young Adult Repre- sentative, Western North Carolina Confer- ence –Lay Organization
12:15 noon	Closing Remarks	President Penny Oliver
12:30 p.m.	Closing Prayer	Chaplain Cardwell
Lay Benediction	May God bless us with a true Spirit of Christianity; That we may live together Not as man over man, But as Lay persons working with God. Amen	

Committee Members: Penny Oliver, President; Betty Parker, First Vice-President; Bettie Duell, Eastern District Coordinator; Sonia Barbre, Western District Coordinator; Mary Harris, Young Adult Representative; Dwight Patterson; Gertrude Upperman; Mozell Weston, Financial Secretary; Woodrow Winchester, Treasurer; Kenneth Woods; Jacqueline C. Kanipe, Director of Lay Activities

The Second Episcopal District African Methodist Episcopal Church

# MID-WINTER GATHERING

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North Carolina  
27407



**Group Name:** AME Mid-Winter Gathering 2020  
**Group Room Rate:** \$134.00 per night (Double & King)  
**Group Rate Cut-off Date:** January 13, 2020



# GENERAL CONFERENCE 2020

African Methodist Episcopal Church

Orange County Convention Center

Orlando, Florida

JULY 8 – 15, 2020

## IMPORTANT DATES Office of the General Secretary/CIO

*Rev. Dr. Jeffery B. Cooper*

At the 2019 AME General Board Meeting in Birmingham, AL, registration for the 2020 General Conference will open and upon registration hotel rooms will become available to the registered person.

### **1. Registration Fees**

*Observers:*

\$115 – June 2019 – Dec. 31, 2019

\$120 – January 1, 2020 – March 31, 2020

\$125 – April 1, 2020 until start of Registration At 2020 General Conference

**Note: AME member card is required for discount**

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*Student with Valid ID:*

\$50 – Increases to \$60 at site of the General Conference

*Youth – (Age 5-18):*

\$25 – Increases to \$35 at site of the General Conference

***Delegates and Alternates:***

**Register through their District Office**

### **2. Required Credentials for 2020 Candidates:**

#### **Office of Bishop**

–Letter of intent to identify office being sought

–Certified Birth Certificate from your state or County Department of Vital Statistics

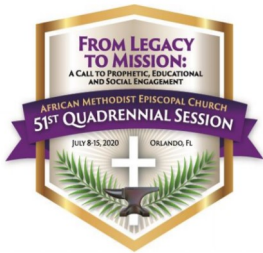
–Seminary (clergy) and college diploma (copies)

–Ordination Certificate (Copy of Elder's Orders)

–Letter from your Presiding Bishop stating that you are in good and regular standing with your Annual Conference

–A recent Black and White Photo of yourself





# GENERAL CONFERENCE 2020

## **Office of General Officer (excluding CFO)**

- Letter of intent to identify office being sought
- Certified Birth Certificate from your state or County Department of Vital Statistics
- Ordination Certificate (Copy of Elder's Orders)
- Letter from your Presiding Bishop stating that you are in good and regular standing with your Annual Conference
- A recent Black and White Photo of yourself

## **Treasurer/CFO**

In addition to the above for General Officers

- be a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and /or certified by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) with a current license, or be a Series 65 Investment Advisor Representative (LAR) with a current license, or have a Master's in Business Administration (MBA) degree from an institution accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB)
- have a proven track record of applicable work experience and professional expertise
- be a layperson in good and regular standing

## **Office of Judicial Council**

- Letter of intent to identify office being sought
- Certified Birth Certificate from your state or County Department of Vital Statistics
- Ordination Certificate (Copy of Elder's Orders)
- Letter from your Presiding Bishop stating that you are in good and regular standing with your Annual Conference
- A recent Black and White Photo of yourself
- The number of members constituting the Judicial Council shall be nine (9), five (5) of whom shall be laypersons of the Church, at least three (3) of whom shall be lawyers and /or judges with full membership in the AME Church, provided said lawyers have a valid license to practice law and are in good standing in the state or territory where they hold a valid license, and said judges are in good and regular standing with their state/territory bar or licensing organization. The other four members shall be elders of the Church.



# GENERAL CONFERENCE 2020

### 3. Submission Deadline Dates:

#### **January 8, 2020**

All Candidates' Registration must be submitted to the Office of the General Secretary

#### **March 8, 2020**

An accurate list of elected General Conference Delegates due from each Episcopal District Bishop to the Office of the General Secretary

#### **April 8, 2020**

General Conference Committee Assignments due from each Episcopal District to the Office of the General Secretary

#### **April 8, 2020**

Receipt of Proposed Legislation due to the Office of the General Secretary

–Use the [Legislation Template](#) to submit legislation! The template will be activated January of 2019.

### 3. Pre-General Conference Committee Meetings:

#### ***Revisions Committee***

June 28 – July 7, 2020

Rosen Centre Hotel

Orlando, Florida

#### ***Credentials Committee***

July 6 - 7, 2020

Rosen Centre Hotel

Orlando, Florida

#### ***Rules Committee***

July 6 - 7, 2016

Rosen Centre Hotel

Orlando, Florida

### **HOUSING**

The headquarters hotel is the Rosen Centre Hotel along with six other hotels in the General Conference connected by skywalk or shuttle service to the hotel.

Delegate and Alternate housing will be handled through each Episcopal District Office.

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 11, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. for the offices of the Lay Organization

**Host Church: St James A M E Church  
1501 N. Patterson St.  
Winston Salem, N.C. 27105**

If you are seeking an office in the WNCCLO 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 11, 2020 (1 month) prior to the convening of the Conference Meeting, April 11, 2020.

**2020 Nominating Committee:**

Sis. Stephanie Gause

Sis. Shontea Smith

Bro. John Smith

Bro. Dale Wragg

Sis. Gertrude Upperman: Chairperson Email- [gjupper@aol.com](mailto: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 WNCCLO

Sis. Gertrude Upperman  
Chairperson of 2018 Nominating Committee

**Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization**

**2020 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 WNCCLay Organization in the past (2) years: **Yes** \_\_\_ **NO** \_\_\_

1. \_\_\_ I am presently serving as the \_\_\_\_\_ of the WNCCLO.

2. \_\_\_ I plan to seek the same office in the upcoming election in 2020. 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](http://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](mailto:gjupper@aol.com)**



# PRAYER BREAKFAST

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE  
LAY ORGANIZATION



Prayer Breakfast

**Saturday, September 12, 2020 @ 10:00 a.m.**

WNCC-LO is accepting bids for our annual Prayer Breakfast, All bids must be submitted before **April 4, 2020.** For consideration event spaces must seat comfortably at least 250 people.



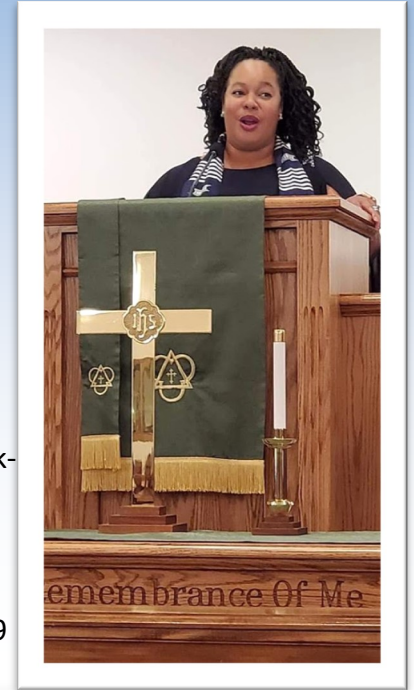
# WNCC Lay Organization Lay Witness Sunday



Sister Penny Oliver, WNCC Lay President Lay speaker at Pearson Memorial AME Church, High Point, NC  
October 13, 2019



Sister Mary Royster Harris, WNCC YAR, Speaker at Emmanuel AME Church, Durham, NC  
October 13, 2019



Sister Starr Battle, Connectional 3rd Vice President, Lay Day Speaker at Johnson Chapel AME Church, Mebane, NC  
September 20, 2019



Sister Greta Foushee Lay Day Speaker at Springdale AME Church —October 13, 2019



Brother Woodrow Winchester, WNCC Lay Treasurer, Speaker at Shiloh AME Church, Morganton, NC  
October 13, 2019



# Scholarships



## **Kittrell Allen Adams Scholarship Winners 2019**

Rodney Boykin  
Attending: NC&T State University  
Church: Poplar Springs AMEC  
Pastor: Rev. Saundra Bullock-Hunter  
Major: Applied Engineering Technology

Alexis M. Korgar  
Attending: Wake Technical Community College  
Church: St. Matthew AMEC  
Pastor: Rev. Marian B. Robinson  
Major: Stimulation Games

LaMar McNeil  
Attending: Northwestern University  
Church: St. Joseph AMEC  
Pastor: Rev. Jonathan Augustine  
Major: Psychology

Jade Symone Richard  
Attending: North Carolina Central University  
Church: White Cross AMEC  
Pastor: Rev. Myraette McGibboney  
Major: Fashion and Merchandising

## **Davis/McKinney Scholarship Winners 2019**

Jade Richmond  
Attending: North Carolina Central University  
Church: White Cross AMEC  
Pastor: Rev. Myraette McGibboney  
Major: Fashion and Merchandising

Sheena Dean  
Attending: North Carolina Central University  
Church: St. Matthew AMEC  
Pastor: Rev. Marion Robinson  
Major: Criminal Justice

Ashanti Lovett  
Attending: University of North Carolina Charlotte  
Church: St. James AMEC  
Pastor: Rev. Shelton T. Miles  
Major: Biology

Jaylene A. Gilbert  
Attending: University of NC-Greensboro  
Church: Willow Tree AMEC  
Pastor: Rev. Anthony Radcliff  
Major: Social Work

Ashanti Lovett  
Attending: University of NC-Charlotte  
Church: St. James AMEC  
Pastor: Rev. Shelton T. Miles, Sr.  
Major: Biology

Morgan Lee Mebane  
Attending: Belmont Abbey College  
Church: Gaines Chapel AMEC  
Pastor: Rev. David P. Lowe  
Major: Biology





# Scholarships 2019 WINNERS



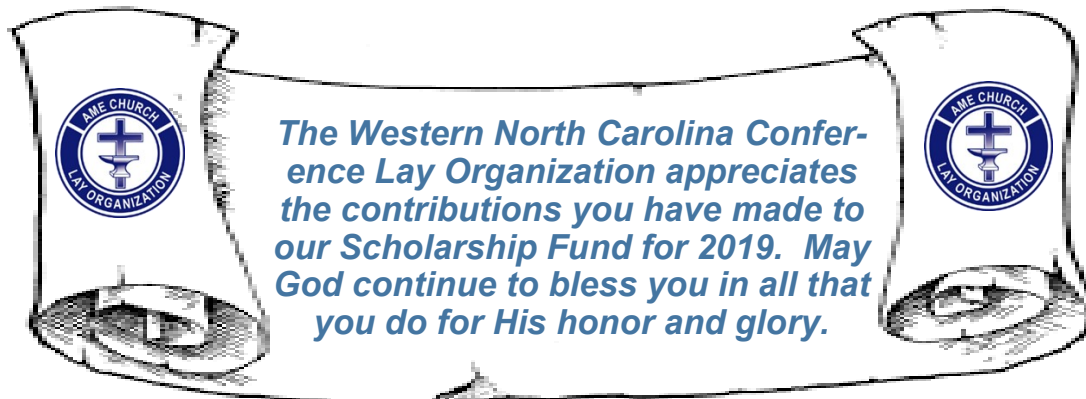
## Dr. James C. Johnson Scholarship Winners 2019

Mr. LaMar McNeil  
Church: St. Joseph AMEC  
Pastor: Rev. Jonathan Augustine  
College: Northwestern University  
Major: Psychology

Ms. Morgan Mebane  
Church: Gaines Chapel AMEC  
Pastor: Rev. David P. Lowe  
College: Belmont Abbey  
Major: Biology and Pharmacy

Ms. Jade Richmond  
Church: White Cross AMEC  
Pastor: Rev. Myraette McGibboney  
College: North Carolina Central University  
Major: Fashion and Merchandising

Mr. Robert Wilson  
Church: Lincolnton AMEC  
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Wayne E. Beatty  
College: North Carolina A&T State University  
Major: Civil Engineer



Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church — Roxboro  
Bethel A.M.E. Church — Greensboro  
Dickerson Chapel A.M.E. Church — Hillsborough  
Emmanuel A.M.E. Church — Durham  
Gaston Chapel A.M.E. Church — Morganton  
Lincolnton A.M.E. Church — Raleigh  
Macedonia A.M.E. Church — Milton  
Mount Zion A.M.E. Church — Greensboro  
Mount Zion A.M.E. Church — Hillsborough  
Payne Chapel A.M.E. Church — Hillsborough  
Persimmon Grove A.M.E. Church — Greensboro  
Pearson Memorial A.M.E. Church — High Point

Poplar Springs A.M.E. Church, — Sanford  
Saint James A.M.E. Church — Raleigh  
Saint James A.M.E. Church — Winston-Salem  
Saint John A.M.E. Church — Gibsonville  
Saint Joseph A.M.E. Church — Durham  
Saint Paul A.M.E. Church — Lenoir  
Saint Paul A.M.E. Church — Chapel Hill  
Saint Paul A.M.E. Church — Raleigh  
Springdale A.M.E. Church — Burlington  
Turner's Chapel A.M.E. Church — High Point  
White Cross A.M.E. Church — Efland



## A Brief History of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

### Greensboro, NC

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Greensboro, NC, began as Boon Chapel in the post-Civil War era. The Gate City served as the host site for the North Carolina Annual Conference in April 1869. On the 13<sup>th</sup> a motion to establish a congregation on the east side was passed. Rev. Elisha Boon was tapped to oversee development and serve as pastor.



The founding members of the fledgling charge included Dr. and Mrs. James B. Dudley, Mr. Watson Law, Mr. Yancey Gibson, Mr. Alfred Blount, and Mr. Anderson Ledwell. The original edifice was a wooden structure built in 1874. As the congregation grew, aided by the influence of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the Western North Carolina Conference was formed in 1892. Rev. Charles H. King was appointed pastor the following year. During his pastorate, property adjoining the church was purchased and the membership voted to erect a new structure, a brick building, of Gothic design featuring stained glass windows and a full basement. Construction was completed in 1894. The current sanctuary contains the spherical stained glass depiction of Christ praying in the Garden Gethsemane, which accentuated the altar of the sanctuary, which was subsequently renamed Bethel.

The congregation membership continued to increase under the leadership of ten (10) itinerant elders. Following the death of Rev. David A. Johnston in 1962, Rev. Leon S. Penn, Sr. was appointed pastor. He presided over what Maude Edwards, secretary of the Steward Board described in her handwritten minutes as a tumultuous period which resulted in a split. According to the official history of the church, "...the alienated members retained the name, Bethel. While trying to resolve their differences the old and new Bethel [congregations] continued services separately..." One group worshipped at Carver Hall on the campus on North Carolina A&T College; the others met at the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

The destructive impact of urban renewal on the East Market Street Corridor in 1964 helped bring about reconciliation. The old church, which was demolished, was sold to the city's redevelopment commission based on an agreement to give the members two adjacent parcels if they agreed to build on the original site.

Rev. Penn led a united flock in a building expansion project, which resulted in the construction of a multipurpose building on the southeast corner of Reagan and Friendly Streets. The project was completed in 1967 and served as both a sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. Rev. Emmanuel G. Terrell, Sr. initiated a series of fundraisers to finance a formal sanctuary as an annex to the multipurpose building. The Right Reverend Henry Wendell Murph, the 86<sup>th</sup> consecrated bishop of the AME Church, laid the cornerstone. Rev. Terrell officiated at the first service and preached the initial sermon in the new edifice on November 16, 1975. Rev. I. W. Knight, Sr. purchased a new parsonage and the original mortgage on the church was liquidated. His successor, the Rev. Dr. Maurice burned the mortgage on the parsonage. Bethel continues to grow spiritually and numerically under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Clay Barrow, the forty-sixth pastor of this historic congregation, who succeeded Rev. Alphonso E. McGlen in 2019.

*Note: The foregoing information was adapted from the official history of Bethel AME Church, which consists of two documents: **A brief History of Bethel African Episcopal Church, Greensboro, North Carolina and Thirty Years of Pastoral Change**. This material is available upon request from the church office.*



# Teachable Moment

As it is written, training for the Lay Organization is directed from the Connectional to the District to the Conference then to the local. The Second Episcopal District Director of Lay Activities, Sister Adrienne Warren has been working with us, the Conference DOLA's to get us prepared to do training by video for the month of November. Each lesson for the next five weeks will be lessons from the current study guide. Each Conference DOLA will present a lesson that will be on video and available for viewing on the Second Episcopal District Lay Organization's website, beginning Friday, November 1.

Brother Donta Foote, Director of Lay Activities for the Washington Conference and Director of Public Relations for the Second Episcopal District Lay Organization will present the first session on Iron Sharpens Iron, pages 5 – 12 in the study guide. Each conference DOLA will present a session that is scheduled for viewing each Friday in the month of November. The schedule is as

**November 1 - Iron Sharpens Iron**

Brother Donta Foote - Washington Conference Lay Organization

**November 8 - Come, Let's Build the Wall**

Sister Tessie Palmer - Baltimore Conference Lay Organization

**November 15 - Christ-Centered Leadership**

Possibly Sister Adrienne Buckner - Virginia Conference Lay Organization

**November 22 - Devotionals (Lay Witnesses: Fulfilling and Walking Spreading the Gospel)**

Sister Jacqueline C. Kanipe - Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization

**November 29 - It's Time to SOAR**

Sister Monica Davis – North Carolina Conference Lay Organization

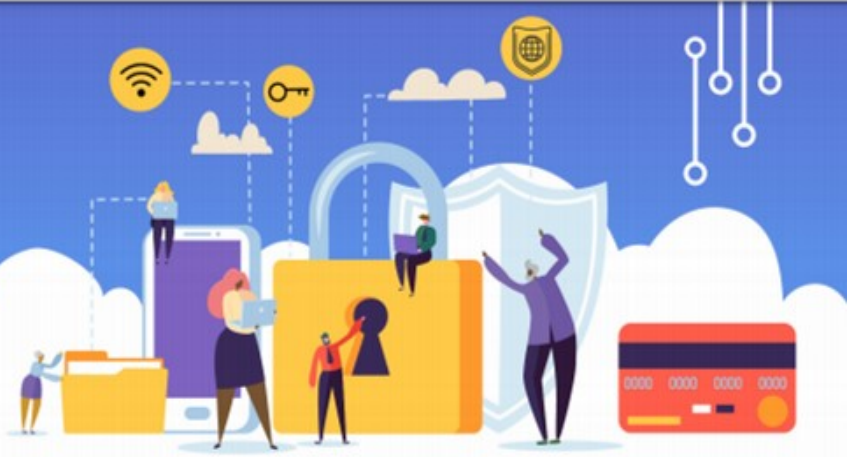
The Second Episcopal District Lay Organization website is as follows: [www.sedlay.org](http://www.sedlay.org)

Sister Jacqueline C. Kanipe  
Director of Lay Activities (DOLA)  
WNCC – Lay Organization

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OCTOBER 2019  
National Cybersecurity  
Awareness Month  
#BeCyberSmart



## 5 STEPS TO PROTECTING YOUR DIGITAL HOME

More and more of our home devices—including thermostats, door locks, coffee machines, and smoke alarms—are now connected to the Internet. This enables us to control our devices on our smartphones, no matter our location, which in turn can save us time and money while providing convenience and even safety. These advances in technology are innovative and intriguing, however they also pose a new set of security risks. #BeCyberSmart to connect with confidence and protect your digital home.

### SIMPLE TIPS TO PROTECT IT.

- **Secure your Wi-Fi network.** Your home's wireless router is the primary entrance for cybercriminals to access all of your connected devices. Secure your Wi-Fi network and your digital devices by changing the factory-set default password and username. For more information about protecting your home network, check out the [National Security Agency's Cybersecurity Information](#) page.
- **Double your login protection.** Enable multi-factor authentication (MFA) to ensure that the only person who has access to your account is you. Use it for email, banking, social media, and any other service that requires logging in. If MFA is an option, enable it by using a trusted mobile device such as your smartphone, an authenticator app, or a secure token—a small physical device that can hook onto your key ring. Read the Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) How-to-Guide for more information.
- **If you connect, you must protect.** Whether it's your computer, smartphone, game device, or other network devices, the best defense is to stay on top of things by updating to the latest security software, web browser, and operating systems. If you have the option to enable automatic updates to defend against the latest risks, turn it on. And, if you're putting something into your device, such as a USB for an external hard drive, make sure your device's security software scans for viruses and malware. Finally, protect your devices with antivirus software and be sure to periodically back up any data that cannot be recreated such as photos or personal documents.
- **Keep tabs on your apps.** Most connected appliances, toys, and devices are supported by a mobile application. Your mobile device could be filled with suspicious apps running in the background or using default permissions you never realized you approved—gathering your personal information without your knowledge while also putting your identity and privacy at risk. Check your app permissions and use the "rule of least privilege" to delete what you don't need or no longer use. Learn to just say "no" to privilege requests that don't make sense. Only download apps from trusted vendors and sources.
- **Never click and tell.** Limit what information you post on social media—from personal addresses to where you like to grab coffee. What many people don't realize is that these seemingly random details are all that criminals need to know to target you, your loved ones, and your physical belongings—online and in the real world. Keep Social Security numbers, account numbers, and passwords private, as well as specific information about yourself, such as your full name, address, birthday, and even vacation plans. Disable location services that allow anyone to see where you are—and where you aren't—at any given time. Read the Social Media Cybersecurity Tip Sheet for more information.

For more information about connecting with confidence  
visit: <https://niccs.us-cert.gov/national-cybersecurity-awareness-month-2019>



# REAL ID



**\*\* Important\*\* – Please read and share entire information**

## **\*\* REAL ID ACT\*\***

In response to the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Congress passed the REAL ID Act in 2005 to establish minimum security standards for state-issued driver licenses and IDs to help prevent fraudulent identification.

REAL ID requirements began on **Jan. 22, 2018** at checkpoints and will be **ENFORCED** by Transportation Security Administration (TSA) on **Oct. 1, 2020** at airport security checkpoints. Federal agencies will also begin requiring REAL ID-compliant licenses and IDs for admission to a variety of federal facilities.

Standards for licenses and ID cards that comply with the REAL ID Act were established by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

## ***Children***

TSA does not require children under 18 to provide identification when traveling with a companion within the United States. Contact the airline for questions regarding specific ID requirements for travelers under 18.

## ***Forgot Your ID?***

In the event you arrive at the airport without valid identification, because it is lost or at home, you may still be allowed to fly. The TSA officer may ask you to complete an identity verification process which includes collecting information such as your name, current address, and other personal information to confirm your identity. If your identity is confirmed, you will be allowed to enter the screening checkpoint. You may be subject to additional screening, to include a patdown and screening of carry-on property.

You will not be allowed to enter the security checkpoint if your identity cannot be confirmed, you chose to not provide proper identification or you decline to cooperate with the identity verification process.

TSA recommends that you arrive at least two hours in advance of your flight time.

**If your identity cannot be verified, you will NOT be allowed to enter the screening checkpoint.**

## ***Federally Accepted Documents (Identification at Checkpoints)***

**Adult passengers 18 and over must show valid identification at the airport checkpoint in order to travel.**

Driver's licenses or other state photo identity cards issued by Department of Motor Vehicles (or equivalent)

U.S. passport

U.S. passport card

DHS trusted traveler cards (Global Entry, NEXUS, SENTRI, FAST)

U.S. Department of Defense ID, including IDs issued to dependents

Permanent resident card

Border crossing card

DHS-designated enhanced driver's license

Federally recognized, tribal-issued photo ID

HSPD-12 PIV card

Foreign government-issued passport

Canadian provincial driver's license or Indian and Northern Affairs Canada card

Transportation worker identification credential

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Employment Authorization Card (I-766)

U.S. Merchant Mariner Credential

North Carolina is among many states that have already complied or are becoming compliant with REAL ID standards that require certain types of documentation and additional verification of each customer's identity and residency. **(see page 20)**

**Sources:** Department of Homeland Security - <https://www.dhs.gov/real-id-public-faqs>  
Transportation Security Administration - <https://www.tsa.gov/travel/security-screening/identification>

## **\*\*\* NORTH CAROLINA REAL ID INFORMATION \*\*\***

According to the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicle (NC DMV), NC REAL ID licenses and ID cards are **NOT** mandatory, but **ARE** necessary beginning in 2020 when federal agencies will enforce tougher security standards at airport check-ins and federal buildings, military installations and nuclear facilities.

The NC REAL ID is just like your traditional license or ID but has a gold star endorsement at the top. When you first get an NC REAL ID driver license or ID card, you must take your identity documents to an NC Division of Motor Vehicles driver license office to be added to your DMV record. Once you get an NC REAL ID driver license or ID card, you can renew it online, just like a standard license and ID card.



**There is no added fee for an NC REAL ID license or ID card. The cost is the same as a standard driver license or ID card.**

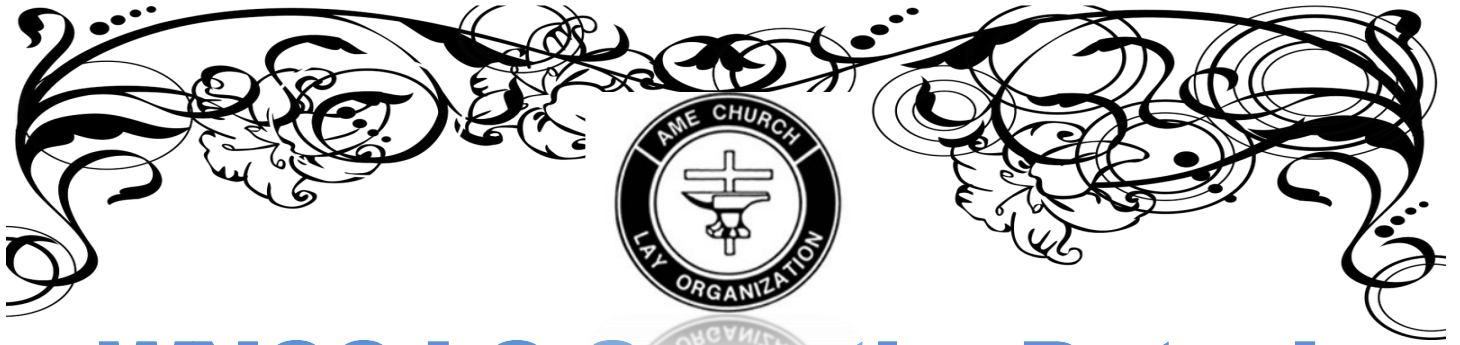
The NC REAL ID will soon make it more convenient for you when you need to board a commercial airplane or visit a military base or other federal facility.

The following list is an example of federal facilities and installations in NC that eventually will require NC REAL ID driver license or ID card (or standard driver license or ID card and another federally accepted document for admittance (see [previous page](#)):

Federal Correctional Complex in Butner  
Military bases  
Federal courthouses  
Nuclear power plants

Rather not get an N.C. REAL ID license or ID?

You'll still be able to board flights and enter federal facilities, but you will need to provide your license or ID along with some [additional documentation](#). (see [previous page](#))



# WNCC-LO Save-the-Dates!

*All WNCC-LO meetings begin at 10:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted.*

**January 11, 2020**

*Persimmon Grove, Greensboro, NC*

*WNCC-LO Meeting*

**March 14, 2020**

*Bethel, Greensboro, NC*

*WNCC-LO Meeting*

**April 11, 2020**

*St. James, Winston-Salem, NC*

*WNCC-LO Meeting*



# Mark Your Calendars

## Upcoming Events

### Around the Connection



**November 2, 2019.....9:30AM & 10AM.....St. Joseph Leadership Training for All Members**  
**Lay Ministry: A 21st Century Ministry**  
9:30AM Sign-in & Continental Breakfast / 10AM Training  
2521 Fayetteville Street, Durham, NC  
Rev. Jonathan Augustine, Pastor  
*Sister Kabrina Bass, KWVISION LLC, Guest Presenter*

**November 2, 2019.....5:00PM.....White Cross Youth Explosion**  
4604 Lebanon Church Road, Efland, NC  
Rev. Myraette McGibboney, Pastor

**November 3, 2019.....2:30PM.....Springdale's Mass Choir 19th Anniversary**  
**Hot dog plates —\$5.00**  
5554 South NC 62 Hwy, Burlington, NC  
Rev. Bridgette Gloster, Pastor

**November 9, 2019.....9AM; doors open at 8:30AM.....WNCC-LO Lay/Clergy Institute**  
St. Matthew, Burlington, NC  
Rev. Dr. Patrice Fields, Pastor & Sis. Bonita Brown, Lay President

**November 10, 2019.....Mt. Zion 150th Church Anniversary Celebration**  
5124 Hwy 86 North, Hillsborough, NC  
Rev. Dr. Steven L. Lyons, Pastor

**November 10, 2019.....3PM.....Emmanuel's Male Chorus 40th Anniversary Celebration**  
2018 Riddle Road, Durham, NC  
Rev. John D. Burton, Pastor  
Guest MC: Walther Hatcher "Old Chatham County Boy", WNCU Radio 90.7



# Mark Your Calendars



## Upcoming Events Around the Connection



- November 11, 2019.....9AM-11AM.....Bethel Free Veteran's Day Breakfast**  
200 Regan Street, Greensboro, NC  
Rev. Dr. Clay Barrow, *Pastor*  
*Contact: Bertha Mclendon or Martin Barrow at 336.378.1059 / Administrative: 336.273.5268*
- November 16, 2019 .....Starting at 5PM.....150th Anniversary Gala**  
St. Joseph's, Durham, NC ~ Rev. Dr. Jonathan Augustine, *Pastor*  
Sheraton Imperial Hotel ~ 4700 Emperor Blvd, I-40, Exit 282, Durham, NC  
*Meet/Greet 5pm, Banquet 6pm, Gala 8pm ~ Admission \$50 ~ Attire "Semi -Formal"*  
*Special Guests include Grammy Winning Artist Shirley Caesar and many more!*
- November 17, 2019.....11:00AM.....White Cross Sunday School Program**  
4604 Lebanon Church Road, Efland, NC  
Rev. Myraette McGibboney, *Pastor*
- November 24, 2019.....3:00PM.....White Cross Male Chorus Anniversary**
- December 5-7, 2019 .....Connectional Lay Organizati on Executive Board Meeting**  
Atlanta, GA
- December 14, 2019.....11AM-3PM.....WNCC Christmas Luncheon With The Bishop**  
2521 Fayetteville Street, Durham, NC  
Rev. Jonathan Augustine, *Pastor*
- March 31, 2020 ..... Lay Organization Evangelism Sunday**
- May 5-9, 2020 ..... 128th Session of the WNC Annual Conference**  
Embassy Suites. Greensboro, NC
- May 28-30, 2020 ..... 2nd District Legacy Fest & Planning Meeting**  
Ebenezer— Fort Washington, MD
- July 8-20, 2020 ..... AMEC 51<sup>st</sup> Quadrennial Session**  
Orlando, FL

# IMPORTANT REMINDERS



Sunday, November 3rd  
2:00 a.m.



Monday, November 11th



We are also interested in church members who have been credited with being history makers as the 1st African American (*Hidden Figure*) in a position inside and/or outside the church. Please provide name, information, and picture.

**DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 26<sup>th</sup>**

Email to Sister Angela Elam  
[allendur@aol.com](mailto:allendur@aol.com)

Thursday, November 28th