



THE LAY EXPRESS



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

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"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



"If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward". Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

We all can hide behind one reason or another. If we don't speak up and let our voices be heard, how will someone know they have our support?

We, members of the African Methodist Episcopal Church need to get more involved in the community and become more active in the political and social process. We need to speak up when we see or read about injustice, omission or unfair treatment in the social or political arenas. If we do not speak up, injustice and unfair treatment will continue.

It is time for us, as AME's to re-embrace the courageousness of Richard Allen and the Free African Society and the early members of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. They were very courageous men and women who did not sit idly by waiting for someone to speak up for them; they spoke for themselves and they put their words into action. Let your voice be heard at the county commission meetings and at your local school board meetings!

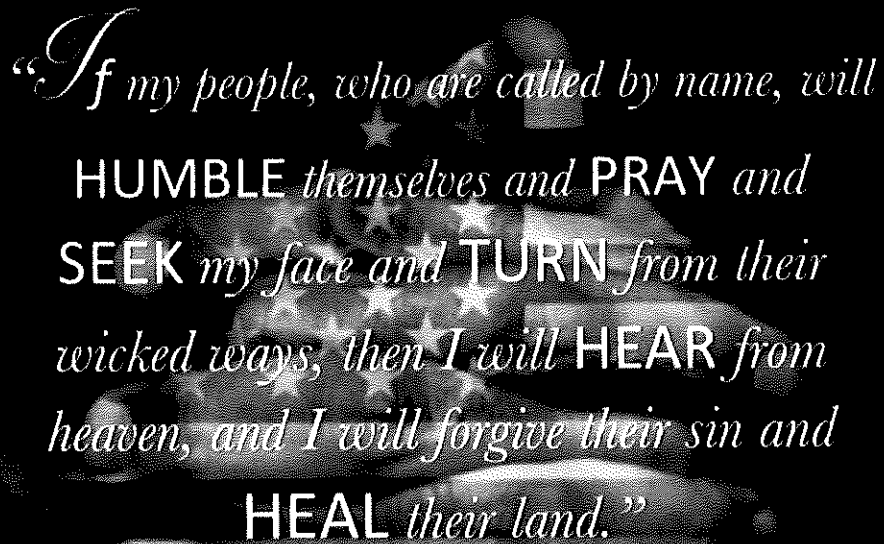
**Exercise your Rights to Vote in the March 2020 Primary
Exercise your Rights to Complete the 2020 Census.**

I encourage you to attend and be an active part of the 2nd Episcopal District AMEC Mid-Winter Meeting on *February 13-15 at the Sheraton Four Seasons, Greensboro, NC*. You are, also, invited to be a part of the *2nd Episcopal District Lay Organization breakfast scheduled on February 15th during the Mid-Winter Meeting*. I look forward to your presence at our next conference lay meeting at *Bethel AMEC, Greensboro, on March 14, 2020 at 10 am*.

Thank you for your willingness to serve!

"LET'S PRAY CHURCH"

HUMBLE - PRAY - SEEK - TURN - HEAR - HEAL



*"If my people, who are called by name, will
HUMBLE themselves and PRAY and
SEEK my face and TURN from their
wicked ways, then I will HEAR from
heaven, and I will forgive their sin and
HEAL their land."*

2 Chronicles 7:14

SECOND EPISCOPAL DISTRICT OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A CALL TO PRAYER FOR OUR NATION AND THE WORLD

We are urging every member of the Second Episcopal District - each generation - to join with us in prayer for our Nation and our World. Currently, we are caught in a vicious cycle of conflict between the United States and Iran; and wars and rumors of wars stemming from social injustice and humanity's disregard for one another.

We believe God's Word, despite what appears to be insurmountable and overwhelming odds. And He hears the sincere prayers of His people. In 2nd Chronicles 7:14, He assures us, *"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."*

This day and in the days ahead, we call upon each of you to put prayer in action and make it a priority on your personal agenda. In the Holy Name of Jesus:

Lift up our President. We know that our leader's heart is in God's Hand. Ask God to guide the head of our nation in the way He would have him go.

1. **Pray that God would surround our President with wise counsel--men and women of moral integrity who place our Creator's agenda and the good of this great nation and the world above their own and whose motives are for that which is right.**
2. **Pray that God would give our President discernment, understanding, and knowledge so that our country and world may know stability internally and abroad.** Thank God in advance for working through him, so that we might lead peaceable lives in godliness and honesty.
3. **Lift up our Congress and Senate, State and Local Government Officials.** Pray that by God's Holy Power, our legislative bodies would make laws Pray they would make right decisions concerning politics, social welfare, and the economics of our country. Pray that God's hand and not their own personal concerns will motivate them.
4. **Pray for the men, women and families of those serving in the armed forces. Pray for Protection those who are being deployed** and have been deployed to areas where wars are being fought. Give them wisdom to make decisions that would strengthen and prosper our nation and the world. Guide their minds and hearts so that all people may one day live in true peace and freedom. Fill them with your saving grace, and the gospel of peace that they may be a shining example of your love.
5. As your Church, give us the strength to respond to the call for justice in the world and to love deeply in difficult times, in a complex world, where injustice is vile in so many places. Grant us, O Lord, peace in our days, peace to souls, peace to community and peace among nations.

Finally, as your ambassadors and Kingdom builders, may we be peacemakers in our church, school, family, community, nation and the world. **We pray for peace on earth.** And may it begin in each of us. Amen.

James L. Davis, Servant Bishop

Arelis B. Davis, WMS Supervisor

Prayer Request for Sister Valerie Gary Bell



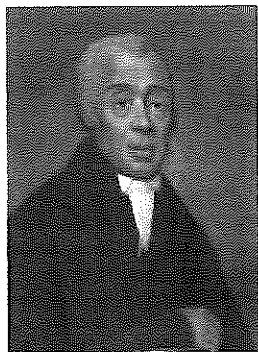
This memorandum comes requesting each member of the Second Episcopal District to join in prayer for Sister Valerie Gary Bell, Global President of the Connectional Lay Organization, African Methodist Episcopal Church, as she recovers from severe pneumonia. Pray for her husband and family, the physicians and all who have responsibility for her care.

God is faithful and His word says, *"Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up"*. --- James 5:14-16 NIV

James L. Davis, Servant Bishop

Arelis B. Davis, Episcopal Supervisor

Reflections of Reverend Richard Allen



Having grown up in the African Methodist Episcopal Church we learned about special days to commemorate, observe and celebrate. One special day that is observed is "Founder's Day" or it may even be called "Allen's Day" commemorating the birth of the founding Father of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the Right Reverend Richard Allen. Bishop Allen was born on February 14, 1760.

He has been described as one of the most gifted Americans of his generation. In reading an article written by Gary B. Nash, that was published in the A.M.E. Review, he states, at the age of twenty, a few months released from slavery, Richard Allen was preaching to mostly white audiences and converting many of them to Methodism. At the age of 27 he was one of the founders of the Free African Society in Philadelphia. This was the first organization of free Blacks in the United States. Before Allen was 35, he became a spiritual leader of what would grow into Philadelphia's largest congregation, Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Though Allen did not have formal education, he became an accomplished eloquent writer, penning and publishing sermons, tracts, addresses, compiled a hymnal; and drafted articles of organization and governance for various organizations. He lived past his 71st birthday, dying in 1831, leaving a legacy that is remembered and celebrated today.

The second Sunday in February, the A.M.E. Churches celebrate the establishment of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Picture this scene at St. George's Methodist Episcopal Church, "blacks being pulled off their knees while praying." This incident was instrumental in the formation of Bethel A.M.E. Church. Allen led a small group who resolved to remain Methodist. In 1794, Bethel A.M.E. Church was dedicated with Richard Allen as Pastor. To establish Bethel's independence from interfering white Methodists, Allen, a former Delaware slave, successfully sued in the Pennsylvania courts in 1807 and 1815 for the right of his congregation to exist as an independent institution. Black Methodists in other middle Atlantic communities encountered racism and desired religious autonomy. Allen called them to meet in Philadelphia to form a new Wesleyan denomination, the African Methodist Episcopal.

One of the main objectives for the Lay Organization is to keep the memory of Richard Allen alive. What will you do this second Sunday in February to remember Bishop Richard Allen. If nothing else, share with the members that he is the founder of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

He was elected the church's first bishop in 1816 and published the first Discipline in 1817.

Allen and Absalom Jones started the Free African Society in 1787.

Allen's remains are buried in "Mother" Bethel AME Church, Philadelphia.

Richard Allen, William Paul Quinn, Daniel Alexander Payne and Henry McNeal Turner are called "the Four Horsemen of the Liberation Movement.

Flora Allen (1768-1801) the first wife of Richard Allen and his partner in deeding property to "Mother" Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1799, struggled to move from slavery ---through indenture---to freedom in the 1780's and 1790's. They married October 19, 1794 at Old St. George Church. Flora died in 1801.

Richard Allen married Sarah Allen, evidently after 1801.

Resources used to gather information:

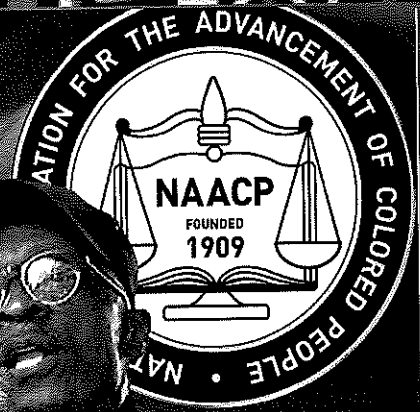
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The A.M.E. Church Review, January - March 2005 edition

Jacqueline C. Kanipe
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For More Info Visit:
ncaacp.org or
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WHEN WE **VOTE...WE WIN**

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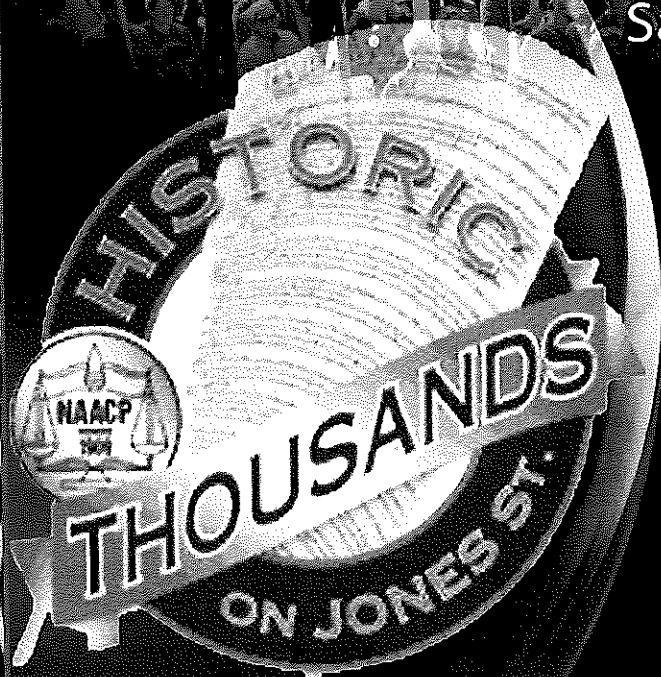
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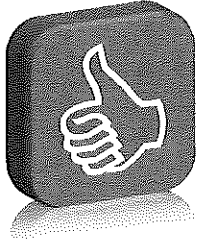
"When we **VOTE**, We Win:
Save Our Democracy"

FEB 8, 2020

- 8:30 AM Begin Gathering
- 9:00 AM Pre Rally/People's Assembly
(Corner of Wilmington and South Streets
Near Shaw University)
- 10:00 AM March Begins followed by
Rally/People's Assembly

#MORALMARCH2020





OUR VOICE, OUR VOTE:
DO YOU KNOW YOUR VOTE COUNTS?



"And we shall have to do more than register to vote; we shall have to create leaders who embody virtues we can respect, who have moral and ethical principles we can applaud with enthusiasm." Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

VOTER INFORMATION

(ncvoter.org, www.ncsbe.gov or your county Board of Election for additional information)

++Voters will not be required to show photo ID for the March 3, 2020, primary election. In a December 31 order, a federal district court blocked North Carolina's voter photo ID requirement from taking effect. The injunction will remain in place until further order of the court.

2020 PRIMARY ELECTION

North Carolina will hold a Primary Election on Tuesday, March 3rd, 2020.

+In primary elections, voters choose a candidate for each office to represent their party in the General Election in November.

Did you know? Unaffiliated voters can choose in which party's primary they will vote.

IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

**Feb. 7, 2020 – Deadline to submit a regular Voter Registration Form
*BUT you can still register on-site AND vote during Early Voting!***

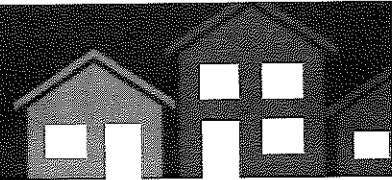
Feb. 25, 2020 – Deadline to request an Absentee Ballot

Feb. 13 – Feb. 29, 2020 – Early Voting Period

March 3, 2020 – Primary Election Day



How the 2020 Census will invite everyone to respond

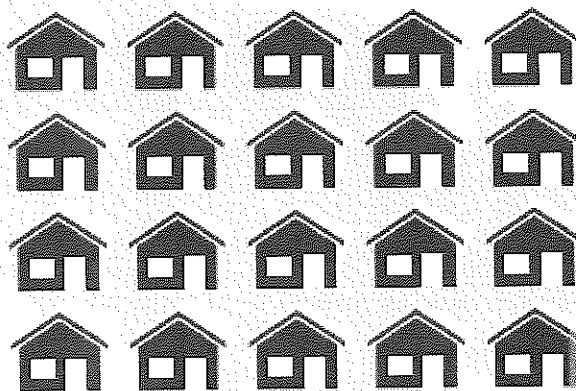


Every household will have the option of responding online, by mail, or by phone.

Nearly every household will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census from either a postal worker or a census worker.



95% of households will receive their census invitation in the mail.



Almost 5% of households will receive their census invitation when a census taker drops it off. In these areas, the majority of households may not receive mail at their home's physical location (like households that use PO boxes or areas recently affected by natural disasters).



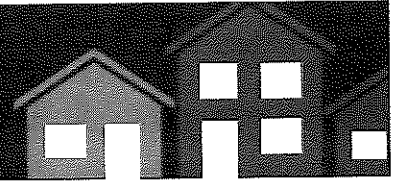
Less than 1% of households will be counted in person by a census taker, instead of being invited to respond on their own. We do this in very remote areas like parts of northern Maine, remote Alaska, and in select American Indian areas that ask to be counted in person.

(This is separate from our follow-up efforts; census takers will visit all households that were invited to respond on their own and haven't.)

Note: We have special procedures to count people who don't live in households, such as students living in university housing or people experiencing homelessness.

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How the 2020 Census will invite everyone to respond



What to Expect in the Mail

When it's time to respond, most households will receive an invitation in the mail.

Every household will have the option of responding online, by mail, or by phone.

Depending on how likely your area is to respond online, you'll receive either an invitation encouraging you to respond online or an invitation along with a paper questionnaire.

Letter Invitation

- Most areas of the country are likely to respond online, so most households will receive a letter asking you to go online to complete the census questionnaire (or to respond by phone).
- We plan on working with the U.S. Postal Service to stagger the delivery of these invitations over several days. This way we can spread out the number of users responding online, and we'll be able to serve you better if you need help over the phone.

Letter Invitation and Paper Questionnaire

- Areas that are less likely to respond online will receive a paper questionnaire along with their invitation. The invitation will also include information about how to respond online or by phone.

WHAT WE WILL SEND IN THE MAIL

On or between	You'll receive:
March 12-20	An invitation to respond online to the 2020 Census. (Some households will also receive paper questionnaires.)
March 16-24	A reminder letter.
	If you haven't responded yet:
March 26-April 3	A reminder postcard.
April 8-16	A reminder letter and paper questionnaire.
April 20-27	A final reminder postcard before we follow up in person.

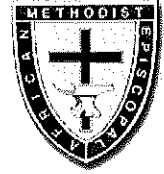
We understand you might miss our initial letter in the mail.

- Every household that hasn't already responded will receive reminders and will eventually receive a paper questionnaire.
- It doesn't matter which initial invitation you get or how you get it—we will follow up in person with all households that don't respond.

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WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION



January 2020

Happy New Year! I greet you in the Mighty and Matchless name of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ!

The Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization 2020 membership drive has begun! Membership dues are \$6.00 for adults. Membership dues must be current for voting and election privileges. **The election of offices for the Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization of the African Methodist Episcopal Church is scheduled for April 11, 2020 at 10 am at St. James AMEC, 1501 North Patterson Street, Winston Salem, North Carolina 27105.**

Membership dues must be received on or before March 20, 2020 or post marked no later than March 18, 2020 for election and voting privileges. Please send your membership dues and names to the Credential/Membership Chair, Sister Shontea Smith, 1808 Chapel Hill Road, Apt A9, Durham, NC 27707.

Let us be in fervent prayer for our nation and its people, as we pray for the world in which we live. Thus, I implore YOU, to join the WNCCLLO, let us put on the Mantle of Unity and use all of our God-given gifts of the Spirit. Let us work together to allow God to be lifted up and glorified as we operate in the mission and purpose of our Lay Organization:

1. To proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ (Mark 16:15);
2. To advance the present ministry of Jesus Christ, particularly as it is embodied by the mission of the African Methodist Episcopal Church (2 Corinthians 5:14-20; see mission, vision, and purposes at <http://www.ame-church.com/about-us/mission.php>);
3. To encourage Bible study and to uphold the Bible as our only source for faith and doctrine (2 Timothy 3:16-17; see article of faith #5 at <http://www.ame-church.com/about-us/beliefs.php>);
4. To promote an understanding of The Doctrine and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church 2012 as an organized source of our laws, government, and belief statements (1 Corinthians 12:4-6; <http://www.ame-church.com/about-us/structure.php>);
5. To teach good stewardship and respect for constituted authority (Matthew 25:14-30; 1 Timothy 2:1-7);
6. To engage the laity in social action ministry, reaching beyond the walls of the Church to champion goodwill toward all (Galatians 6:9-10). The Doctrine and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church 2016.

I thank you for your willingness to serve!

The Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization
Sister Penny Oliver, President



Penny S. Oliver, President

Betty Parker, 1st Vice President

Diane Foy, Recording Secretary

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- gupper@aol.com
4509 Harvard Ave, Greensboro, N. C. 27407 Call 336-337-5495**

Thank you for your willingness to serve!

Sister Penny Oliver,
President WNCCLO

Sis. Gertrude Upperman
Chairperson of 2018 Nominating Committee

Penny S. Oliver, President

Betty Parker, 1st Vice President

Diane Foy, Recording Secretary

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 WNCC Lay 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 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

A fillable form can be found on the
WNCC Lay Organization website.



**WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION
OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

*"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is
For brethren to dwell together in unity!" Psalm 33:1 NKJV*

January 15, 2020

Greetings, in the Name of the Most High God:

Every year we anticipate scholarship time! The Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization provided 10 students with scholarships last year and we could not be more proud of them and their accomplishments.

We are asking every church in the conference for a \$300 scholarship donation. We are elated about the scholarship awards given last year, but we would love to do more; and in order to do that, we need the support of every local church in the conference. The young adults who have received scholarships from us are change agents on their various campuses, and we are honored to be a part of each of their stories.

Please have a representative from your church Lay Organization in attendance at the WNCC Lay Organization Meeting at St. James A.M.E. Church, Winston Salem on Saturday April 11, 2020 at 10 am. If you are unable to attend the Lay meeting monies can be mailed to Bro. Woodrow Winchester at 912 Fairgreen Road, Greensboro, NC 27410.

Also, we are kicking our efforts off with the first ever WNCC YAR Sip and Paint Event entitled "What's On Your Canvas?"! Where we will gather together for fellowship aimed at nurturing the young adults within the conference, getting to know one another and creating a space where we can dialogue while up building the WNCC Lay Organization and one another. We urge young adults ages 18-35 to mark your calendars and join us on **April 18, 2020** from **3pm-5pm** at Mad Platter in Greensboro, NC. More information will be provided within the next few weeks.

We look forward to seeing you there and bring a friend!

Yours In Christ and Christian Love,

Mary Royster Harris, WNCC- LO Young Adult Representative
Adam Johnston, SED-LO Young Adult Representative
Whitney Johnson Brown, Committee Member
Betty Parker, Committee Member
Brandon Owens, Committee Member
Shontea Smith, Committee Member
Jacqueline Kanipe, WNCC-LO Director of Lay Activities
Penny Oliver, President Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization

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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.

The Second Episcopal District
African Methodist Episcopal Church

FOUNDER'S DAY & MID-YEAR CONVOCATION
GREENSBORO, NC - FEBRUARY 13-15, 2020

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MID-WINTER AGENDA

"LEAVING A Kingdom LEGACY"

<https://www.ame2.com/>

Sheraton Greensboro at Four Seasons



3121 West Gate City Boulevard
Greensboro, NC 27407



The Lay Organization Component meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 14th at 5:00 pm in the Guilford Ballroom.

The Second Episcopal District Lay Organization prayer breakfast on Saturday, February 15, 2020. Roy Governor, North Carolina's 75th Governor appointed Kristi Jones to Chief of Staff at the beginning of his administration. Although this appointment made her the first African American female to serve in this role, she worked as Chief of Staff of the North Carolina Department of Justice for 12 of the 16 years Governor Cooper served as Attorney General. As Chief of Staff, she helps to instigate and execute all aspects of the Governor's vision and directives. She synchronizes the efforts of cabinet secretaries, agencies, senior staff, stakeholders and communities to implement Governor Cooper's vision to make North Carolina better for all.



Kristi Jones, Speaker
SED Lay Organization
Prayer Breakfast



The 128th Session of the Western North Carolina Conference

Tuesday, May 5, 2020
WMS Annual Convention

Tuesday – Saturday, May 5 – May 9, 2020
Business, Training & Worship

Opening Annual Service
Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at 7:00p.m.

Embassy Suites by Hilton Greensboro Airport
204 Centreport Drive, Greensboro, NC 27409

Conference venue Phone: 336-668-4535



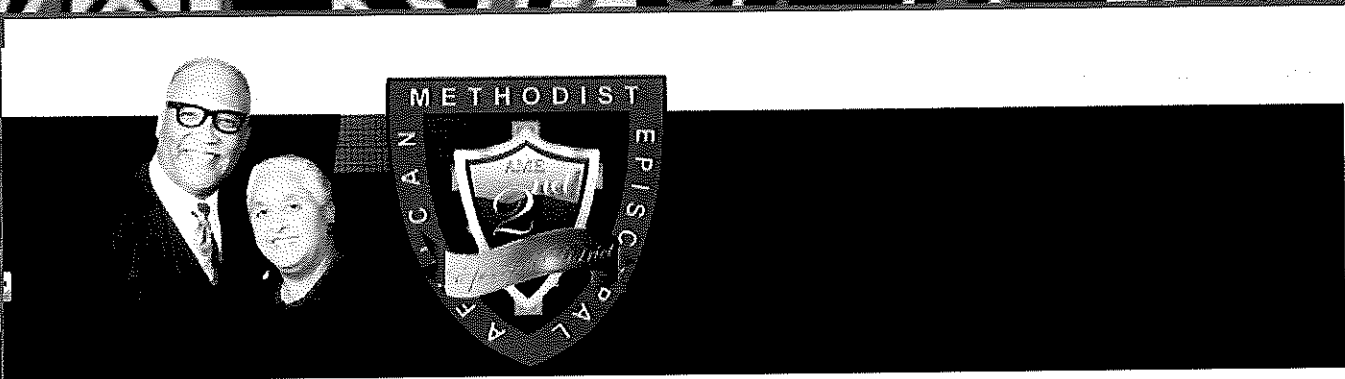
Room rate is \$135.00.
Includes full breakfast and
evening snacks

**Homewood Suites by Hilton Greensboro Air-
port**

Phone: 336-393-0088



Room rate is \$135.00.
Includes hot breakfast and
light evening meal (M-Th)



**2ND EPISCOPAL DISTRICT – LEGACY FESTIVAL
PLANNING MEETING**

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

EBENEZER AME CHURCH, FT. WASHINGTON, MD

DISTRICT ORDINATION WORSHIP SERVICE

Thursday, May 28, 2020

EBENEZER AME CHURCH, FT. WASHINGTON, MD

DEDICATION OF NEW BUILDING

Friday, May 29, 2020

EBENEZER AME CHURCH, FT. WASHINGTON, MD

PENTECOST WORSHIP SERVICE

Saturday, May 30, 2020

EBENEZER AME CHURCH, FT. WASHINGTON, MD

Courtesy of The Second Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal District Website

<https://www.ame2.com/>



SUMMER SUMMIT MEETING

MINISTERS' RETREAT
CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP & TRAINING (CECL)

Monday-Thursday, August 3 - 6, 2020

HAMPTON ROADS CONVENTION CENTER

1610 Coliseum Drive
Hampton, Virginia 23666

EMBASSY SUITES By HILTON

1700 Coliseum Drive
Hampton, Virginia 23666

Group Name – 2nd Episcopal District Summer Summit

Reservation by Telephone: 1-800-362-2779

Reservation by website:

www.hamptonroadsconventioncenter.embassysuites.com

(3 Night Stay Requirement)

Room Rate: \$143.00+ Tax (Double/King Occupancy)

Group Rate Cut-off Date – July 1, 2020

Courtesy of The Second Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal District Website

<https://www.ame2.com/>



Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming Events



February 7, 2020.....11AM-6PM.....St. Paul AMEC-Raleigh Fish Fry
\$10 per plate: Whiting, Green Beans, Potato Salad, Cornbread, Dessert. Eat-in/Drive Thru
 St. Paul AMEC, 402 W. Edenton Street, Raleigh, NC ~ Rev. Dr. Robert L. Hodges, Pastor

February 8, 2020.....12:00PM.....Discussion on Community & Racism
"Listen, Learn & Love Across Difference" with Chief Anthony Godwin & Tru Pettigrew
 Willow Tree AMEC, 2500 Willow Tree Church Ave, Morganton, NC ~ Rev. Anthony Radcliff, Pastor

February 9, 2020.....10:00AM.....Founder's Day
Speaker: Sister Penny Oliver, President, WNCC Lay Organization
 5124 Highway 86 North, Hillsborough, NC ~ Rev. Dr. Steven L. Lyons, Pastor

February 9, 2020.....11:00AM.....Sunday School Program & Shoe Rally
Speaker: Sis. Angela Elam, Eastern District Church School Superintendent
 Allen Chapel AMEC, 12201 Pankey Town Rd, Laurinburg, NC ~ Rev. Willard Rogers, Pastor

February 16, 2020.....11:00AM.....Black History Observance
Speaker: Judge Larry Brown of Alamance County
 Springdale AMEC, 5554 S. NC Highway 62, Burlington, NC ~ Rev. Bridgette Gloster, Pastor

February 22, 2020.....9:00AM.....Lay Organization Prayer Breakfast
Speaker: Bro. Dwyane Elam, Licentiate ~ Emmanuel AME Church
 Hunter's Chapel AMEC, 201 Buckhorn Road, Mebane, NC ~ Rev. Vernon P. Burns, Pastor

February 29, 2020.....1:00-3:00PM.....New Covenant AMEC Heritage Celebration
"Legends and Legacies: telling Our Story"
Speakers: Bro. Dwyane Elam, Licentiate & Sis. Angela Elam~ Emmanuel AME Church
VENUE: Southview Recreation Center, 1720 Vilma St, Charlotte, NC
 New Covenant AMEC, Charlotte, NC ~ Rev. Jacqueline V. Robertson, Pastor

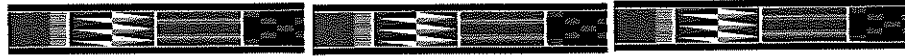
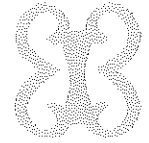
March 8, 2020.....After 11:00AM Service.....African American Historical Production
Dinner.....Drama.....Spirituals.....Dance—Donations welcome at the door
 St. Paul AMEC, 402 W. Edenton Street, Raleigh, NC ~ Rev. Dr. Robert L. Hodges, Pastor

March 14, 202010:00AM.....WNCC Lay Organization Meeting
 Bethel AMEC, 200 N Regan Street, Greensboro, NC ~ Rev. Dr. Clay Barrow, Pastor



Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming Events



March 15, 202011:00AM.....Addie G. Stroud WMS Annual Day
 St. Paul AMEC, 402 W. Edenton Street, Raleigh, NC ~ Rev. Dr. Robert L. Hodges, Pastor

March 28, 2020St. Paul AMEC Gospel Fest
Tickets \$25 General Admission / \$50 VIP
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April 11, 202010:00AM.....WNCC Lay Organization Meeting
 St. James AMEC, 1501 N. Patterson Avenue, Winston-Salem, NC ~ Rev. Shelton Miles, Pastor

April 24, 2020.....6:00PM.....White Cross AMEC 138th Anniversary Banquet
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Conrad Pridgen, WNCC Western District Presiding Elder
 Mebane Arts and Community Center, 633 Corregidor Street, Mebane, NC
 Rev. Myraette McGibboney, Pastor of White Cross AMEC, Efland, NC
 Donations: \$25 / Tickets: Sis. Gail Graves-(336) 675-4345 / Sis. Rosella Crisp-(336) 684-2665 *Please email Bro. Kenneth Woods (kwoods6@centurytel.net) to place an ad in the Anniversary Book*

April 26, 2020.....11:00AM / 3:00PM.....White Cross AMEC 138th Anniversary Program
11AM Speaker: Rev. Myraette McGibboney, Pastor
3PM Speaker: Rev. Dr. Anita Thompson, WNCC Eastern District Presiding Elder
 White Cross AMEC, 4604 Lebanon Road, Efland, NC

May 5-9, 2020 128th Session of the WNC Annual Conference
 Embassy Suites by Hilton (Airport)—Greensboro, NC

May 28-31, 2020 2nd District Legacy Fest & Planning Meeting
 Ebenezer AMEC, 7707 Allentown Road— Fort Washington, MD

July 8-15, 2020AMEC 51st Quadrennial Session General Conference
 Orange County Convention Center, 9800 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32819

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DEADLINE for information considered for the MARCH newsletter: FEBRUARY 24th

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