



# THE LAY EXPRESS



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

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From  
*the desk*  
of...

*Penny S. Oliver, President*



I don't know how we (laity) in today's church got the false idea that the preacher is a servant and the folks in the pews (laity, you and I) are just members. No one is a bystander in God's kingdom! All believers are in partnership with the Lord (2 Cor. 6:1). He chose to work through mankind to accomplish the gospel mission on earth. To borrow a biblical metaphor, we are the workers cultivating and harvesting His fields (Matt. 9:37-38).

God gave one or more spiritual gifts to every single believer to aid in the work for His kingdom. We each need this special "wiring" to carry out our unique role in His plan. He knits that spiritual gift into our personality and inborn talents to create a useful and effective servant. And just to be clear, there is no such thing as a non-gifted believer.

Believers are the Lord's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for the purpose of good works. Spiritual gifts are not our own abilities. **The Holy Spirit manifests them through us.** Remember, it is the sap running from the vine into the branches that produces fruit (John 15:5). In the same way, the Spirit lives and works through God's followers to bring forth acts of service. The Lord's power is behind it all. Think of that when you are tempted to shy away from God-given opportunities!

**God's awesome power is present in and available to every believer.** The Holy Spirit equips us to obey the Lord in whatever He calls us. Laity do not waste your life sitting in a pew! Get busy using that spiritual gift. The fields of this world are ripe for harvest (John 4:35). There is much work to be done and it takes both the preacher and the laity to work hand in hand, as partners, to complete the mission of the Church.

We need you! The Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization 2019 membership drive continues! Membership dues are \$6.00 for adults. We encourage each church to report their Lay President's name and membership dues to the Credential/Membership Chair, Sister Shontea Smith, 309 Cherry Grove Street, Durham, NC 27703. This information will be included in the 2019 Annual Conference Lay Night Program.

We, also, encourage you to attend our regular conference lay meeting on March 9, 2019 at Poplar Grove AMEC, 5504 Summit Avenue, Greensboro, NC 27405 at ten o'clock and "May God bless us with the true spirit of Christianity, that we may live together, not as man over man, but Lay persons working with God."

*Thank you for your willingness to serve!*

# LENT IS COMING

HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



**Ash Wednesday**  
is on 6 March 2019  
Day of Fasting and  
Abstinence



**Lent lasts 40 days**  
(excluding Sundays)  
**Lent ends on Easter,**  
21 April 2019



**The three pillars**  
of Lent are:  
prayer, fasting  
and almsgiving.

**Palm Sunday—April 14th**



**Ash Wednesday-March 6th / Good Friday—April 19th**

**Ash Wednesday**  
and **Good Friday**  
are days of fasting  
(one primary meal and  
two lesser meals) and  
abstinence from meat.



**All Fridays in Lent**  
are days of abstinence  
from meat.



# 2019 UPCOMING SECOND EPISCOPAL DISTRICT MEETINGS

Complete Schedule available at: [ame2.com](http://ame2.com)



## March 19 -- 23, 2019 Baltimore Annual Conference

*Bethel AME Church*  
1300 Druid Hill Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21217

## March 26 -- 30, 2019 Washington Annual Conference

*Ebenezer AME Church*  
7707 Allentown Road ~ Ft. Washington, MD



## April 9 -- 13, 2019 Virginia Annual Conference

*RENAISSANCE PORTSMOUTH-NORFOLK  
WATERFRONT HOTEL*  
425 Water Street ~ Portsmouth, VA 23704

## April 23 -- 27, 2019 NC Annual Conference

*Sea Trail Golf Resort & Convention Center*  
75-A Clubhouse Road ~ Sunset Beach, NC 28468



## April 30 — May 4, 2019 WNC Annual Conference

*SHERATON GREENSBORO AT FOUR SEASONS*  
3121 W. Gate City Boulevard ~ Greensboro, NC 27407  
(800) 325 -3535 / (336) 292-9161

**WNCC Lay Night is Thurs, May 2nd at 7:30pm. Please wear navy blue & white.  
Theme: "Laity Walking Humbly with God to do Justice and to Love Kindness"**

## July 7 — 11, 2019 The Summer Summit

*NORFOLK SHERATON WATERFRONT*  
777 Waterside Dr. ~ Norfolk, VA 23510  
757-622-6664 ~ RATE: \$139 plus tax per night  
Reservation Code: AME CHURCH 2nd DISTRICT





# PRAYER BREAKFAST

Western North Carolina Conference  
**LAY ORGANIZATION**  
Prayer Breakfast



**Saturday, September 14, 2019**

*WNCC-LO is accepting bids for our annual Prayer Breakfast, All bids must be submitted before April 6, 2019. For consideration event spaces must seat comfortably at least 250 people.*

See the WNCC-LO website or page 5 to submit your bid.





REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL TO HOST  
PRAYER BREAKFAST 2019  
WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION

**Date of Agreement:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(between host Lay President and WNCCLLO Prayer Breakfast chairperson)

**WNCCLLO Prayer Breakfast Chairperson:** Jackie C. Kanipe  
Phone: # (Home) 828-433-8424 or (Cell) 828-403-1762  
Email: [jconleyk@bellsouth.net](mailto:jconleyk@bellsouth.net)

**WNCCLLO President:** Penny Oliver  
Phone # (Cell) 336-348-3259  
Email: [penny.oliver52@yahoo.com](mailto:penny.oliver52@yahoo.com)

**Date of function:** September 14, 2019 **Location of Function:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Starting time of Function:** 10:00 a.m.

**Approximate Number of Guests:** 250 comfortably

**Total Cost:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount of Deposit:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date Deposit Paid:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Menu:</b>	Meats	Eggs	Other
	Pastry/Bread	Grits	
	Drink(s)	Fruit	

**Program Specifications:**

The host president is responsible for the printing of the WNCCLLO Prayer Breakfast programs **Y/N**

Number of programs to be printed: **250**

Printed Program Review: **2 weeks before printing** Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Room Set-Up Specifications:**

Head Table for how many: \_\_\_\_\_ Entry Table (collection of funds/tickets): **Y/N**

Other Decorations: **Tables (covering for the tables, etc)**

Audio/Visual Equipment: **Microphone**

**Host President or Authorized Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Print Name and Position in Church:** \_\_\_\_\_



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



February 25, 2019

Greetings, in the Name of the Most High God:

Every year we anticipate scholarship time! The Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization provided 9 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.

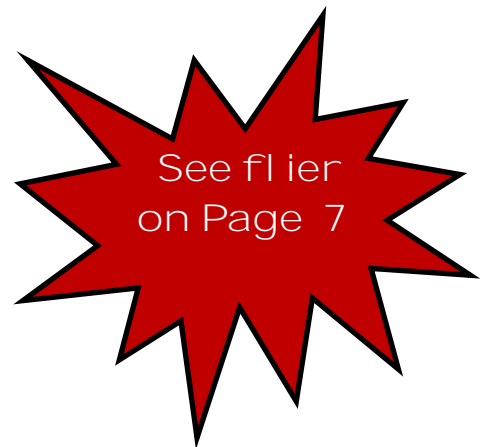
Please have a representative from your church Lay Organization in attendance at the WNCC Lay Organization Meeting at Turner’s Chapel A.M.E. Church, Saturday April 13, 2019 at 10 am. If you are unable to attend the Lay meeting monies can be mailed to *Bro. Woodrow Winchester at 912 Fairgreen Road, Greensboro, NC 27410.*

Also, we ended last year by imploring everyone to **S.L.A.P.** themselves as it relates to the youth and young adult presence or lack thereof in your local church. It is a new year and it is time once again to **Stop, Look around, Assess, and Proceed** with a plan for your local young adults. **The WNCC young adults will have a SPRING FLING on April 13, 2019 at 1:00 pm at Florence Elementary School (located beside Turner’s Chapel A.M.E. Church) to assess and plan! This would be a great time for all young adults to come to the Lay meeting and attend our “SPRING FLING”. We will have icebreakers, games, FOOD and fun while we get to know one another and assess our current state. Our prayer is at the conclusion of our Spring Fling we will have a plan to not only grow the Lay Organization, but our local churches as well. So, if you would like to engage in this epic adventure and have your opinions heard we urge you to come and join us!**

We look forward to seeing you there!

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  
Brandon Owens, Committee Member  
Shontea Smith, Committee Member  
Jacqueline Kanipe, WNCC-LO Director of Lay Activities  
Penny S. Oliver, President of Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization



*Penny S. Oliver, President*

*Betty Parker, 1st Vice President*

*Diane Foy, Recording Secretary*



#ISSALAYORGANIZATION YOUNG ADULT

# SPRING POWER GATHERING

CONVO | GAMES | LUNCH | DESSERT BAR



**Are You Age 18-45?**

**Saturday**  
**4|13|19**  
**1:00pm**

**Florence Elementary School**  
(Located behind Turner's Chapel)  
7605 Florence School Dr.  
High Point, NC 27265

**Is Your Generation  
Missing From Your Church?**

**HELP YOUR FELLOW YOUNG ADULTS WRITE  
A VISION TO CLIMB TO GREATER HEIGHTS  
AND STOP AGE GAPS IN OUR CHURCH**



*How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!*

*Psalm 133:1*



**2019 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.**

(Please print legibly or type)

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

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 or plan to attend:	Date of enrollment	# Credit hours completed	Grade Point average 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> \_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**

Mother/Guardian _____	Income _____	Phone # _____
Father/Guardian _____	Income _____	Phone # _____
Other sources of household income \$ _____	Single parent household Yes ___ No ___	
# of dependents including you _____	# in college _____	Are you employed? Y ___ N ___ If yes, state monthly income _____



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List all financial aid (amounts) you have received including scholarships/awards, grants, and loans:

Scholarships/Awards	Grants	Loans

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

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**ESSAY**

**Biographical Essay** (written by the applicant in the first person): The essay (not to exceed 500 words) should provide biographical information about you - including family, school, AME Church, community involvements and future goals.

**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 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, and submitted on/before the **July 22, 2019** deadline. Completed applications include the following:

1. Signed Application (original signatures) with all requested information (including income and financial aid information)
2. Biographical Essay as required
3. Official Copy of high school or college transcript in sealed envelopes
4. Two current letters of recommendations from **nonrelatives** (One of your recommendations must be your Pastor or a Church Official and the second should be from a mentor, teacher, counselor, friend, etc).

**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** on or before **July 22, 2019**. (Applications via email will not be accepted).



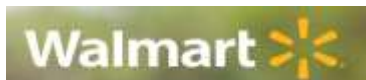
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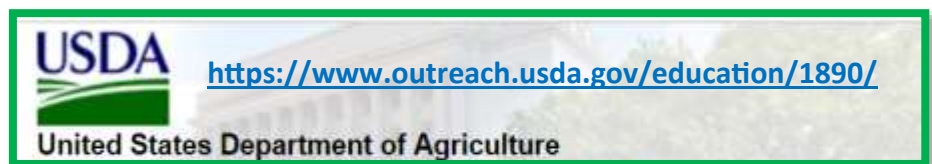
<https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-type/minority-scholarships/african-american-scholarships/>

**USDA 1890 National Scholars Program** is a partnership between the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and 1890 Historically Black Land Grant Universities. For more information, visit the "scholarships.com website link — <https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarship-directory/employer/usda/usda-1890-national-scholars-program>



**Walmart Dependent Scholarship Program**

<http://programs.applyists.com/walmartdependent/>



**Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCF)** is the nation's largest organization exclusively representing the Black College Community. Through scholarships, capacity building and research initiatives, innovative programs and strategic partnerships, TMCF is a vital resource in the PK-12 and higher education space. The organization is also the source of top employers seeking top talent for competitive internships and good jobs. TMCF is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, charitable organization.

TMCF awards nearly **500** scholarships a year to high-achieving students.

<https://www.tmcf.org/our-scholarships/current-scholarships>

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<https://www.tmcf.org/our-scholarships/current-scholarships/tmcf-sidney-b-williams-jr-scholarship-intellectual-property-law-scholarship/8304>



<https://www.uncf.org/programs/uncf-koch-scholars-program>



## Chancellor's Message: Renaming Administration Building



February 27, 2019

Dear NCCU Students, Faculty, Staff and Alumni:

Today, the North Carolina Central University Board of Trustees voted unanimously to un-name the Clyde R. Hoey Administration Building and rename it to be the Dr. James E. Shepard Administration Building, effective today, February 27, 2019.

At today's Board meeting, NCCU Board Chairman George Hamilton shared the following information on the history of the building's name and the process that preceded this change.

The Clyde R. Hoey Administration Building, dedicated in 1939, has served as a center for many of the administrative units of campus, including the offices of the chancellor, provost, legal affairs and administration and finance. The building was named for former North Carolina Governor Clyde Roark Hoey. During his tenure, which lasted from 1937-1941, the state provided the resources for North Carolina College and other Historically Black Colleges to offer their first graduate courses.

In the years since, North Carolina Central University has grown to become an even more diverse and inclusive campus community attracting students, faculty and staff from various backgrounds. Additionally, the university has remained steeped in the ideals of "Truth and Service" that were set forth by the institution's founder, Dr. James E. Shepard, more than a century ago. The values we have promoted and embraced for more than 108 years, including developing individuals of character and providing exemplary academic training, remain true today not only for our campus community, but also for our partners and community stakeholders.

Along with growth and progress for our university comes the opportunity for reflection and change. With this new lens, the Student Government Association requested the renaming of the Hoey Administration Building. Upon receiving the request, NCCU's Administration initiated a process that engaged the university's constituents and provided both the SGA and the NCCU Alumni Association Inc. with the steps needed to formally rename the building.

A series of forums took place and surveys were distributed to students, faculty, staff and alumni beginning in Spring 2018. The findings were presented to the NCCU Board of Trustees on April 23, 2018.

The following next steps directed by the NCCU Board of Trustees were to:

- Review the documented, official history of Clyde Hoey with the assistance of Professor of History Dr. Jerry Gershenhorn and Coordinator of University Archives Mr. Andre' Vann.
- Research the proper protocol for changing the name of a state-supported institution.
- Research other buildings and structures on campus that may be candidates for name changes.

# Chancellor's Message: Renaming Administration Building

(continued)

On June 26, 2018, Dr. Gershenhorn and Mr. Vann provided the Board of Trustees with Governor Hoey's biography and official history as it related to NCCU. The Board requested to have additional information, as well as suggestions for a name that would strongly reflect the values that are inherent to North Carolina Central University, its founder, its founding principles and the institution's prominence as a regional, national and global hub for intellectual dialogue and academic distinction.

In the months following, SGA and the Alumni Association gathered suggestions for the name and provided them to the Board and respondents overwhelmingly selected the Dr. James E. Shepard Administration Building. Dr. Shepard was a visionary leader who had a tremendous impact on the educational landscape here at NCCU and throughout the country. His central vision focused on training and cultivating moral leadership, which still remains a priority of our institution. Today, when young men and women walk pass the Dr. James E. Shepard Administration Building, it will be a place that honors our founder and stand as a point of pride for generations to come.

Mr. Davanta Parker, NCCU Student Government Association president, stated: "The renaming of the Dr. James E. Shepard Administration Building is monumental in NCCU's history as we move forward in our mission of promoting diversity, and ensuring that our campus is fulfilling the true values of both truth and service. This decision shows that the voice of the student body truly matters and when we speak up we can make significant change."

Mr. Samuel Cooper, NCCU Alumni Association Inc. president, commented: "Today marks the re-shaping of history for NCCU with the renaming of the Dr. James E. Shepard Administration Building. I commend the students of North Carolina Central University for their fortitude in spearheading this effort. We will continue to move forward in encouraging students, alumni and the larger community to execute initiatives that reflect the values of the university."

In Truth and Service,

Johnson O. Akinleye, Ph.D.  
Chancellor

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by Associate Vice Chancellor, Ayana D Hernandez

<http://www.nccu.edu/news/index.cfm?ID=E8CE5AD2-ACE6-AC9F-C91873292CA087B4>





# Teachable Moment

The Biennial Convention of the Connectional Lay Organization is a working convention. The delegates have very little time for relaxation, entertainment or anything else that is not a part of the scheduled program. No event or project that may conflict or compete with the scheduled program can be authorized.

This 36<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention will be held in Seattle, Washington from June 30, 2019 to July 4, 2019.

What are the objectives of the Biennial Convention?

- ⇒ *To set policy*
- ⇒ *discuss & recommend legislation to the general Church, and update the Lay Constitution for the next biennial.*
- ⇒ *Participate in workshops to understand, promote and guide members of the organization to become better informed about the African Methodist Episcopal Church.*
- ⇒ *Disseminate information through lectures, discussions and special workshops for leadership training and to stimulate more effective participation in the church and community.*
- ⇒ *Promote fellowship among church members and leaders to help maintain organizational identity and commitment.*
- ⇒ *To plan, structure, organize, manage and promote the convention as a public information vehicle to inform, educate and enhance all work among Church members and the public.*

The program and activities planned are often changed to conform with the facilities available. These working notes shall form a guide to prevent overlapping of duties and responsibilities.

*(Information from the Lay Organization Handbook, by the late Dr. Joseph C. McKinney, October 1999)*

Sister Jacqueline C. Kanipe, Director of Lay Activities  
Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization

# History of Poplar Grove

## African Methodist Episcopal Church



Poplar Grove African Methodist Episcopal Church is a significant factor in the life of the surrounding Community. From its inception in 1882, one hundred thirty **six years ago, it has functioned as a “beaconing light” guiding and molding Christian** character. Its founding fathers, led by Rev. John E. Green, endowed with great faith, were concerned that a suitable place of worship be provided. It is also significant that these founding fathers established the Poplar Grove Elementary School as a base for providing educational opportunities for the youngsters of the community about the same time, short of twenty years after the Emancipation Proclamation.

The first service for the congregation was held under a brush arbor near a large Poplar Tree; hence, it was called Poplar Grove. The church was later erected near the same site. The first building was modest by some standards, consisting of four windows and one door, but it was a great accomplishment for our founding fathers and the active hardworking congregation. The community could now boast of a school and church, both of which grew and flourished under the able leadership of Rev. Green as school teacher and spiritual leader.

Rev. Green later led the congregation to purchase a burial ground which bears his name today, known as The Green-Hall Cemetery.

Some of the past Pastors of Poplar Grove African Methodist Episcopal Church were Rev. John E. Green, Rev. Sloan, Rev. Verber, Rev. John Tate, Rev. Byrd, Rev. Woods, Rev. Easterling, Rev. C. C. Ferguson, Rev. Crumpton, Rev. J.A. Hunter, Rev. Thomas, Rev. Nelson, Rev. Robinson, Rev. P.O. James, Rev. E. D. Bailey (11 years), Rev. M. L. Johnson (27 years), Rev. Leroy Miller, Rev. P. R. Cousins, Rev. P. R. Weaver, Rev. Carl Arrington, Rev. Martha Silver Knight (the first woman pastor appointed from the Western North Carolina Conference), Rev. Vernell McAdoo, Rev. Anita Thompson, Rev. Dr. George A. Pass, Rev. Dr. Mary F. Peterson and presently Rev. Anthony E. Radcliff.

Some of the sons of the Poplar Grove Church in the ministry are Bro. Henderson Reid, Bro. John Reid, Bro. Marvin Hayes, Rev. W. H. Morrison, Bro. Clarence Humphrey, Rev. Patricia Hopkins-Washington, Rev. Jason D. Thompson, Rev. Tamara O. Kersey, Minister Jimmy Doggett, Minister JoAlice Doggett Smith, and Rev. Percy T. McIntyre.

During the pastorate of Rev. E. D. Bailey, the church was destroyed by fire; however, this did not deter the spirit of the few dedicated members. Through united efforts they rebuilt the church on its present site. Yet, after these efforts, the church was again damaged by bombing during the tenure of Rev. M. L. Johnson.

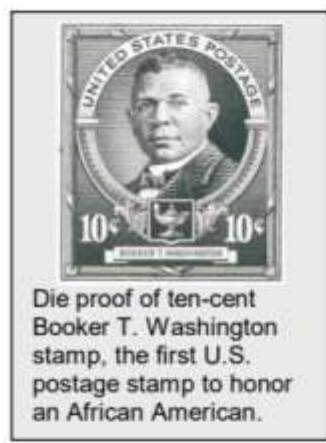
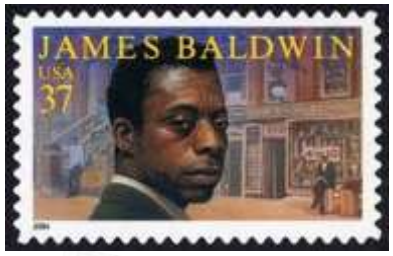
Poplar Grove African American Methodist Episcopal Church is proud of its past. Standing firm on a solid foundation in the present. It looks forward to a future of greater achievements and hopes for continued progressive leadership as it holds fast to its faith in God, bequeathed by its founding fathers.

WE ARE CONTINUING TO MOVE FORWARD IN THE NAME OF JESUS: 136  
YEARS OF BEING BUILT ON A SOLID FOUNDATION IN THE PAST, PRESENT AND  
FUTURE!

*5504 Summit Avenue \* Greensboro, North Carolina \* 27405*



# DID YOU KNOW?



The first U.S. stamp to honor an African American was the ten-cent Booker T. Washington stamp issued in 1940.



## Marvin Gaye

With this new stamp in the Music Icons series, the U.S. Postal Service honors Marvin Gaye (1939–1984) — the “Prince of Soul” — one of the most influential music performers of his generation. The stamp design features a portrait of Gaye inspired by historic photographs. The stamp pane is designed to resemble a vintage 45 rpm record sleeve. One side of the pane includes the stamps, brief text about Gaye’s legacy, and the image of a sliver of a record seeming to peek out the top of the sleeve. Another portrait of Gaye, also inspired by historic photographs, appears on the reverse along with the Music Icons series logo. Art director Derry Noyes designed the stamp pane with *original art by Kadir Nelson.*



RELEASE DATE: 4/2/19 in Los Angeles, CA.



## Gregory Hines

The 42nd stamp in the Black Heritage series honors Gregory Hines (1946–2003), whose unique style of tap dancing injected new artistry and excitement into a traditional American form. A versatile performer who danced, acted and sang on Broadway, on television and in movies, Hines developed the entertainment traditions of tap into an art form for a younger generation and is credited with renewing interest in tap during the 1990s. Art director Derry Noyes designed the stamp, which features a 1988 photograph by Jack Mitchell.



RELEASE DATE: 1/28/19 in New York, NY



<https://store.usps.com/store/home>







# Mark Your Calendars For These Upcoming Events Around the Connection



- March 3, 2019** .....(wear a hat)..... **Stewardess Board Anniversary @ 3PM**  
 Lincolnton—Raleigh, NC— Rev. Dr. Warren Beatty, Pastor  
 Speaker: Rev. Felecia Barwell, Faith Community Baptist Church, Richmond, VA
- March 9, 2019** ..... **WNCC Lay Organization Meeting @ 10AM**  
 Poplar Grove — Greensboro, NC — Rev. Anthony Radcliffe, Pastor
- March 10, 2019**..... **Annual Rosa Horry WMS Program @ 2:30PM**  
 Emmanuel — Durham, NC— Rev. John D. Burton, Pastor  
 Speaker: Sis. Nikki Walker Lyons, WNCC Branch President
- March 10, 2019**..... **Annual Betty Fuller WMS Program @ 3PM**  
 White Cross — Efland, NC— Rev. Myraette McGiboney, Pastor  
 Speaker: Sis. Carlotta Armstrong-Young, WNCC Minnie Pearson Area Chairperson
- March 16, 2019**..... **3rd Annual Health Fair @ 9AM—1PM**  
 White Cross — Efland, NC— Rev. Myraette McGiboney, Pastor
- March 17, 2019** ..... **Annual Lay Day @ 11AM**  
 Dickerson Chapel — Hillsborough, NC  
 Speaker: Sis. Angela Elam, WNCC Public Relations Director
- March 17, 2019** ..... **Annual Alma Galloway WMS Program @ 3PM**  
 Bethel — Reidsville, NC — Rev. Crystally Wright, Pastor  
 Speaker: Rev. Florissa Walker, Associate Minister of Hunter’s Chapel, Mebane, NC
- March 23, 2019** ..... **Fruit of the Spirit Program @ 2PM**  
 Hunter’s Chapel — Mebane, NC — Rev. Vernon P. Burns, Pastor
- March 23, 2019** ..... **Lay Organization NCCU Jazz Vespers Program @ 4PM**  
 Emmanuel — Durham, NC— Rev. John D. Burton, Pastor
- March 30, 2019** .....(\$5 ticket required)..... **Rosa Horry WMS Rainbow Tea @ 2PM**  
 Emmanuel — Durham, NC— Rev. John D. Burton, Pastor
- March 31, 2019** ..... **Family and Friends Day Program @ 2:30PM**  
 Elizabeth — Julian, NC— Rev. Patti Frazier, Pastor
- March 31, 2019** ..... **Annual WMS Day Program @ 3PM**  
 Mt. Zion — Greensboro, NC — Rev. Henry Davis, Pastor  
 Speaker: Rev. Bridgette Gloster, Pastor of Springdale
- March 31, 2019** ..... **Pastor’s Appreciation Service @ 3PM**  
 Bethel — Reidsville, NC — Rev. Crystally Wright, Pastor  
 Speaker: Rev. Shelton T. Miles, Pastor of St. James, Winston-Salem, NC
- March 31, 2019** ..... **Pastor’s Appreciation Service @ 3PM**  
 Mission — Morganton, NC — Rev. David Montgomery Pastor  
 Speaker: Rev. Morris Reddon, Pastor of Greater Bethel, Charlotte, NC





# Mark Your Calendars For These Upcoming Events Around the Connection



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April 13, 2019 ..... **WNCC Lay Organization Meeting @ 10AM**  
Turner's Chapel — High Point, NC

April 13, 2019 ..... **Annual Lay Day Program @ 4PM**  
Macedonia — Roxboro, NC — Rev. Kelvin Royster, Pastor  
Speaker: Bro. Kenneth Woods, SED Lay Chaplain

April 14, 2019 ..... **Annual Lay Day Program @ 2:30PM**  
Hunter's Chapel — Mebane, NC — Rev. Vernon P. Burns, Pastor  
Speaker: Sis. Penny Oliver, WNCC Lay Organization President

April 21, 2019 ..... **Annual Women's Day Program @ 11AM**  
Hunter's Chapel — Mebane, NC — Rev. Vernon P. Burns, Pastor  
Speaker: Sis. Angela Elam

April 30-May 4, 2019 ..... **127<sup>th</sup> Session of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference**  
Koury Convention Center/Four Seasons Sheraton —Greensboro, NC

June 9, 2019 ..... **2019 Pentecost**  
Baltimore, MD

June 14-15, 2019 ..... **Springdale Bus Trip visiting Washington, D.C.'s National Museum of African American History & Culture**  
Rev. Dr. Bridgette Gloster, Pastor  
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June 30, 2019 - July 4, 2019 ..... **CLO Biennial 2019**  
Seattle, WA

July 23, 2019 - July 27, 2019 ..... **YPD Quadrennial Convention 2019**  
Columbus, OH

July 27, 2019 - August 1, 2019 ..... **WMS Quadrennial Convention 2019**  
Columbus, OH

July 8-20, 2020 ..... **AMEC 51<sup>st</sup> Quadrennial Session**  
Orlando, FL



# Reminder

- Election of Conference Lay Delegates to Lay Biennial, March 9th, at Poplar Grove, 10am
- **S.L.A.P. Yourself**
- Book Your Rooms for the Annual Conference & the Summer Summit
- **Open an account at a Black Bank**
- Support ERT
- **Take the 90 Day “I Dare You To Trust God” Challenge**



**Sunday, March 10, 2019**

**STOP** When service begins take a moment to just STOP and be present in the moment

**LOOK** around

**ASSESS** your population of 18-35 years old. Are they there? Do you have at least 10 present? Are they actively participating?

**PROCEED** with a Plan based on your assessment



*S.L.A.P. yourself every Sunday until the new year and periodically after. We know there is a decline in the youth and young adult participation in our churches and we need a S.L.A.P. In an effort to grow the youth and young adult membership in our churches at the start of your morning worship service in the coming weeks please S.L.A.P. yourself!*

*Mary Harris, WNCC-LO YAR  
Penny Oliver, WNCC-LO President*

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**BY MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup>**