

# 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*

Have you ever felt overwhelmed and out of balance? Go with me to **Psalm 121 NIV**:

*I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from?*

*My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.*

*He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.*

*The Lord watches over you—the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.*

*The Lord will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.*

I encourage you to keep your eyes on God as we prepare for the Mirroring Ministry in the local churches, YAR Youth Explosion event on April 21<sup>st</sup>, the election of 2018-2020 WNCCLO Officers and the election of delegates to the SEDLO Lay Convention on April 14th. These and other business of great value will be discussed at our bi-monthly conference meeting in Asheville on March 10, 2018 at St. James Asheville, NC with local Lay President, Renee White and Pastor Brent Edwards.

*Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. ~ Psalm 23:6*

Thank you for your willingness to serve!

# HONORING 53 YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE MINISTRY



Presiding Elder J. Bernard Wilder  
SED WNCC Eastern District

*The May 2018 issue of THE LAY EXPRESS will be a collection of memoirs from the laity of the Western North Carolina Conference.*

*If you would like to provide congratulatory wishes, well wishes, memorable moments, quotes, messages of hope, love, etc., please email Angela or Shontea anytime before April 26th.*



**Include your name and church. Please keep your comments brief.**

*Thank You!*



Dear Beloved Second Episcopal District Family

It is with humble gratitude that I thank you for the outpouring of love and financial support for United Negro College Fund (UNCF) and other requests for support to people in need of our help during the last conference year. In unity there is strength and that is what makes the Second Episcopal District so unique. Thank you for a job well done!

Again, we are asking our churches to support our annual love offering for UNCF. We ask your church to take a special offering on the second Sunday in March (**March 11, 2018**) for this worthy cause. Please make your checks payable to the 2nd Episcopal District AME Church and write in the memo line "UNCF". To facilitate this process, we are asking each pastor to submit the church's offering to his/her presiding elder. In turn the presiding elders will report the funds to the Second Episcopal District Office.

As we look at the social and political changes in our nation, now more than ever UNCF needs our support. Investing in these institutions provide the students with a chance to succeed. Many of them are the first in their families to attend college and more than 60% of their family incomes are less than \$25,000. These students will become our teachers, scientists, our engineers, and other professionals. In recent years, UNCF has expanded its iconic motto to read: "A mind is a terrible thing to waste, but a wonderful thing to invest in." This is a sound investment.

Again thank you for your support. May your church continue to thrive and grow as you share God's blessings with others who need our help.

In the Spirit to Empower the People, I remain

James Levert Davis

Servant Bishop

#4REAL



# In the Spotlight

## Hidden Figures



**First African American Sheriff in the South and North Carolina**  
Sheriff John Haywood Baker, Jr. – The Gentle Giant

The first African American Sheriff in the South and in North Carolina since Reconstruction. Sheriff Baker served Wake County for 24 years. Graduate of J.W. Ligon High School in Raleigh, NC and North Carolina College, now known as North Carolina Central University. Played professional football for the Pittsburgh Steelers, Detroit Lions, and Los Angeles Rams. Established the first charter High School for inmates. Sheriff Baker was a member of St. Matthew A.M.E. Church in Raleigh, NC where Rev. Marion Robinson is the Pastor.



**First African American Women WACS**  
Mrs. Christine Stewart

She was one of the first African American women to join the war efforts (WACS) in 1942, World War II. She traveled extensively in the U.S. while serving in the women's medical corp. She has been a working member of Saint Matthew AME Church in Raleigh for more than 85 years where Rev. Marion Robinson is the Pastor.



**1st African American Director NC Parole Commission**  
Mrs. Juanita Hicks Baker

Mrs. Baker was the first African American woman to serve as Director of the North Carolina Parole Commission. She served for more than two decades. She was a trailblazer for women and African Americans in the North Carolina Department of Corrections. She began her career as a teacher for inmates in the Raleigh Correctional Center for women in 1961 and worked her way up to become superintendent of the prison in 1970. She was appointed chairwoman of the state's Parole Commission by Gov. Jim Hunt in 1993. Mrs. Baker, a member of St. Matthew A.M.E. Church in Raleigh, NC where Rev. Marion Robinson is the Pastor.



**First African American Postmaster**  
Ms. Marylene McCain

In the year 2000, Ms. Marylene McCain became the first African American Postmaster of the Prospect Hill Post Office in Prospect Hill, NC. In 2005 she became the second African American Postmaster and the first African American female Postmaster in her hometown of Semora, NC until she retired in 2009. Ms. Marylene McCain has been a member of Macedonia A.M.E. Church in Milton, NC for more than 40 years.



# In the Spotlight

## Hidden Figures

**\*\* CONTINUED \*\***



**First African American Fireman  
Mr. Earl Jeffreys**

In 1973, Mr. Earl Jeffreys became involved with the Semora Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Jeffreys was on call 7 days a week while working 3<sup>rd</sup> shift at Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company in Danville, VA. He became one of the 1<sup>st</sup> African Americans to join the Fire Department in Semora, NC. He began as a Fireman and worked his way up to become the 1<sup>st</sup> African American Lieutenant, 1<sup>st</sup> African American Captain and 1<sup>st</sup> African American Assistant Chief. He was voted unanimously as Chief but declined because of his busy schedule and family. In 1983, Mr. Jeffreys was chosen as Fireman of the Year. Mr. Jeffreys is proud of the Semora Fire Department because they pioneered the involvement of blacks from the very beginning. He retired after 21 years of service. Mr. Jeffreys is a member of Macedonia A.M.E. Church in Milton, NC.



Does your church have members (living or deceased) who have done exemplary things in the community or who are/were trailblazers in their profession(s)?

Please send the individual's name, layperson or clergy within the WNCC, a picture (if available), and a very brief description of the Hidden Figure.

# Congratulations!

## SISTER TONI SHAW



Image by: Kendrick Brown

Sister Shaw is a Photographer and Fine Art painter from Greensboro, NC. She is the primary photographer and owner of Shaw Photographer Group and was chosen by *Expertise* as one of the Top 11 Best Maternity Photographers in Greensboro. Sister Shaw is a member of Clover Garden A.M.E. Church in Burlington, NC where Reverend A. O. Carmichael is the Pastor.



Check out some of her images below featured in **shutter magazine**, "one of the leading professional photography magazines on the planet!". <https://www.behindtheshutter.com/shutter-magazine/>

In addition, to see more of Sister Shaw's excellent work, spotlighted features and credits, visit her website at [www.shawphotographygroup.com](http://www.shawphotographygroup.com).



### Why These Maternity Photographers?

Our goal is to connect people with the best local experts. We scored maternity photographers on more than 25 variables across five categories, and analyzed the results to give you a hand-picked list of the best maternity photographers

<https://www.expertise.com/nc/greensboro/maternity-photographers>



### Selection Criteria

- **Reputation:** A history of satisfied customers giving excellent recommendations
- **Credibility:** Established in their industry with licensing, accreditations, and awards
- **Experience:** Masters of their craft, based on years of practical experience and education
- **Engagement:** Approachable and responsive to clients and available for new business
- **Professionalism:** Dedicated to providing consistently quality work and impeccable customer service

The selection process is performed annually across business categories and geographies.

# **BLACK HISTORY YEAR**

## **by Sister April Silvera**



When I came into this world...

***I WAS BLACK***

Every day that I walk God's green Earth

***I AM BLACK***

When I am called home to glory

***I WILL STILL BE BLACK***

They picked the shortest month out of the whole year to celebrate my blackness

But guess what; come March 1st

***I WILL STILL BE BLACK***

February is 7.67 % of 365 which leaves about 92.33% of my year with NO celebration

Today I challenge you to take back your 92.33% and add it to your 7.67%

And we're gonna call it ***BLACK HISTORY YEAR***

Embrace your skin no matter the shade

Pay homage to those who paved the way

Not just this month but ***EVERY SINGLE DAY***

Because you know what.....

You came into this world...***BLACK***

You walk around this world...***BLACK***

And when you are called home to glory

You will still be ***BLACK, BLACK, BLACK***

Sister April Silvera is a member of Emmanuel A.M.E. Church in Durham where Reverend Anita Thompson is the Pastor.



(an abbreviated 2017 Black History article from the Times-News. To read the article in its entirety see the link <http://www.thetimesnews.com/news/20170219/collection-inspires-exhibit>)

## Collection inspires exhibit

**By Isaac Groves / Times-News**

Posted Feb 19, 2017 at 1:00 AM

**SNOW CAMP** — Michael Garner has been collecting black history items for about 20 years and for three years, he’s made an exhibit at his home church, Rock Creek AME.

“I learn about stuff by putting my hands on it,” said Garner, 55.

Garner collects a lot of things like thousands of vinyl records. This collection just grew out of the hunting urge that seems to drive him to flea markets and antique stores throughout the country. A small fraction of this collection is spread out on shelves and tables in the church’s vestibule and a room near the back of the building on Coble Mill Road right off N.C. 49, he said. It’s an impressive fraction, though not always pretty.

One shelf has several cans of loose tobacco sold by different companies going back to the 1900s. More than one company used what we now call the “N-word” in their product names, which did eventually fall out of fashion. One company changed its name to “Bigger Hair” though the image on the can, of a black woman with a big afro and a ring in her nose, stayed the same.

“It’s not pretty, but it’s history,” Garner said. “History is history. A lot of people like the good points about history, but I like history the way it should be told — the truth of it, not just the good, but the bad also.”

There are less well-known figures from history as well. Garner has a figurine of Henry Flipper, the first African-American to graduate from West Point, in his cadet’s uniform. There is now an award named after him to honor the graduate who best exemplifies “the highest qualities of leadership, self-discipline and perseverance in the face of unusual difficulties while a cadet.”

There also is a figurine of Kathy Williams, who went by the name William Kathy to enlist in 1866 and serve as a Buffalo Soldier. She was exposed as a woman when she was hospitalized.

There are examples of people who did get a chance, though that didn’t always mean getting treated right.





Hattie McDaniel won an Oscar for playing “Mammy” in “Gone with the Wind” and accepted her Academy Award in the Coconut Grove nightclub in the segregated Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, but sat at a segregated table afterward instead of with her fellow cast members.

While a shocking stereotype by modern standards, McDaniel’s character was a much kinder image of black women than seen in earlier years. Garner has an old shipping box for Aunt Jemima syrup from sometime after 1908 with a shockingly crude drawing of her face, a glass bottle from the 1950s with a more realistic face but the same kerchief and apron, and that was not the last update.



“In the ’80s, they got rid of the rag on her head and gave her a perm,” Garner said.

African-American faces were used to sell a lot of products, especially sweets and Garner has examples from Gold Dust washing powder to Famous Amos Cookies. In Asia, there was a toothpaste called “Darkie” with an image of a black man with a top hat and a big smile. It was also later sanitized and the name changed to “Darlie,” Chinese for black man.

There are personal connections in the collection. An extensive display on the Tuskegee airmen includes figurines, dolls, models of planes, posters of the movie “Red Tails” and a photo of six men in uniform posing in front of a plane. A little black arrow points to a man in the back row on the left — Dr. Willie Byrd Jr.

“That’s my wife’s father,” Garner said.

There was also an article about John Hatcher with the Pearl Harbor collection — a church member’s grandfather who survived the attack in 1941.

Also included is a photo of Garner’s father, Weldon “Dud” Alexander Garner, a barber, and his manually operated clippers in a display with other barbershop figurines. That display includes dentists because, Garner said, once upon a time the barber and dentist was the same person.

Garner also made a tribute to his wife’s mother, Edwina Haith Byrd, with a black teacher Barbie doll set next to a book she used in class called Negro History and Culture with the face of Frederick Douglas over an American flag.

“People can learn about ... our heritage, our black history,” Garner said. “That’s about it.”

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# MARCH EDITION

**March 1, 1994** - Leonard S. Coleman, Jr. elected president of the National Baseball League.

**March 2, 1867** - U.S. Congress enacts charter to establish Howard University.

**March 3, 1865** - Freeman's Bureau established by federal government to aid newly freed slaves.

**March 4, 1965** - Bill Russell of the Boston Celtics honored as NBA most valuable player for fourth time in five years.

**March 5, 1770** - Crispus Attucks becomes one of the first casualties of the American Revolution.

**March 6, 1857** - U.S. Supreme Court issues [Dred Scott](#) decision.

**March 7, 1965** - U.S. Supreme Court upholds key provisions of the [Voting Rights Act of 1965](#).

**March 8, 1977** - [Henry L. Marsh III](#) becomes first African American elected mayor of Richmond, Va.

**March 9, 1941** - [Amistad](#) mutineers freed by U.S. Supreme Court.

**March 10, 1913** - [Harriet Tubman](#) dies.

**March 11, 1959** - Lorraine Hansberry's "A Raisin In the Sun" opens at Barrymore Theater, New York, the first play by a Black woman to premier on Broadway.

**March 12, 1932** - [Andrew Young](#), former U.N. ambassador and former mayor of Atlanta, born.

**March 13, 1773** - [Jean Baptiste Pointe Du Sable](#), black pioneer and explorer, founded Chicago.

**March 14, 1965** - [Montgomery bus boycott](#) ends when municipal bus service is desegregated.

**March 15, 1988** - [Eugene Antonio Marino](#), first Black archbishop, assigned to Atlanta.

**March 16, 1846** - Rebecca Cole, second Black female physician in America, born.

**March 17, 1885** - William F. Cosgrove patents automatic stop plug for gas and oil pipes.

**March 17, 1890** - Charles B. Brooks patents street sweeper.

# We've Come this Far by Faith

Celebrating Black History  
365 Days a Year

**MARCH Continues**



**March 18, 1822** - The Phoenix Society, a literary and educational group, founded by Blacks in New York City.

**March 19, 1971** - [Rev. Leon Sullivan](#) elected to board of directors of General Motors.

**March 20, 1883** - [Jan. E. Matzeliger](#) patents shoe-making machine

**March 20, 1912** - [Carter Woodson](#) receives doctorate from Harvard University.

**March 21, 1965** - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. leads march from Selma to Montgomery, Ala., for voting rights.

**March 22, 1898** - J.W. Smith patents lawn sprinkler.

**March 23, 1873** - Slavery abolished in Puerto Rico.

**March 24, 1837** - Canada gives African American citizens the right to vote.

**March 25, 1843** - Explorer Jacob Dodson sets out in Search of the Northwest Passage.

**March 26, 1872** - Thomas J. Martin patents fire extinguisher.

**March 26, 1911** - William H. Lewis becomes U.S. assistant attorney general.

**March 27, 1930** - Of the 116,000 African Americans in professional positions, more than two-thirds were teachers or ministers.

**March 28, 1870** - Jonathan S. Wright becomes first Black state Supreme Court justice in South Carolina.

**March 29, 1898** - W.J. Ballow patents combined hat rack and table.

**March 30, 1870** - Fifteenth Amendment ratified, guaranteeing voting rights to African Americans

**March 31, 1988** - [Toni Morrison](#) wins Pulitzer Prize for Beloved.

<http://www.theblackmarket.com/march.htm>



Mark Your Calendars

# EVENTS



**March 10, 2018 ~ 10:00 a.m.....WNCC Lay Organization Meeting**  
St James AME Church ~ Asheville, NC  
Rev. Brent Edwards, Pastor / Sis. Renee White, Lay President

**April 14, 2018 ~ 10 a.m.....WNCC Lay Organization Meeting (Election of Officers & Delegates)**  
Springdale AME Church ~ Burlington, NC  
Rev. Robert L. Goode, Pastor / Sis. Penny Oliver, Lay President  
**(“Letter of Intent” to run for an WNCC Lay office. Deadline: March 14th — See PAGE 18)**

**April 21, 2018 ~ 9:00 a.m-1:00 p.m.....YAR Gospel Explosion “For Your Glory”**  
Turners Chapel AME Church ~ High Point, NC  
Rev. Michael R. Bowden, Pastor  
**(formerly “Jack and Jill” event)**

**May 16-19, 2018.....WNCC Annual Conference**  
North Raleigh Hilton ~ Raleigh, NC

**May 17, 2018 ~ 7:30 p.m.....WNCC Annual Lay Witness Service**  
North Raleigh Hilton ~ Raleigh, NC

**July 16-19, 2018.....Summer Summit 2018**  
Embassy Suites, 1700 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA  
Block under “2nd Episcopal District Summer Summit” ~ 757.827.8200  
**(See SED website for room rates and other information. <http://www.ame2.com>)**

**September 8, 2018.....WNCC Lay Organization Prayer Breakfast**  
St. Matthew A.M.E. Church, Burlington, NC  
Rev. Patrice Fields, Pastor / Sis. Emma White, Lay President

**September 27-29, 2018.....SED Lay Organization Convention, TBA**

A WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE LAY  
Y.A.R. EVENT  
(Young Adult Representatives)

# **GOSPEL EXPLOSION** *For Your Glory*



REGISTRATION BEGINS AT

**9AM**

**4|21|18**

**Featuring:**

**"My Praise Is For Real" Rap Session**

Rev. Anthony Radcliff  
9:30 a.m.

**"Battle of the Choirs" Competition**  
Western District versus Eastern District

Youth & Young Adult Categories  
10:30 a.m.



**"Crown Mr. & Miss Gospel Explosion"**

**Turner's Chapel A.M.E. Church**  
7615 Florence School Drive  
High Point, N.C. 27265



The proceeds from choir registrations for this event benefit youth scholarships.



2nd Episcopal District African Methodist Episcopal Church

# 2018 Annual Conferences Schedule

Bishop James L. Davis, Presiding Prelate | Arelis B. Davis, Episcopal Supervisor

**Join Us**

*"The Annual Conference shall be composed of all traveling elders, deacons, and licentiates and all local elders and local deacons, presidents of the Conference Lay Organization, Missionary Society, Conference Director of Christian Education and YPD Director, Conference Director of Music together with one elected lay member and at least one elected lay person between the ages of 18-30, when possible from each charge within its bounds. Travel and expenses shall be paid by the local church" Source: The Doctrine and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church (2012).*

May 16-19 2018 Rev. Robert L. Hodges, Sr., Host Pastor  
St. Paul AME, Raleigh, NC



Due to growth, the Western North Carolina Annual Conference formed November 19, 1892. The General Conference was held in Wilmington, NC (1896) and the Second District was designated Baltimore, Virginia, D.C, Western North Carolina, North Carolina, Hayti (Haiti) and Santo Domingo under Bishop James A. Handy.



126th Session  
The Second Episcopal District

## The Western North Carolina Annual Conference

Reverend J. Bernard Wilder, Host Presiding Elder  
Reverend Conrad Pridgen, Associate Host Presiding Elder

March 21-24, 2018 Reverend Dr. Jamal H. Bryant, Host Pastor  
Empowerment Temple AME - Baltimore, MD



"The first Annual Conference of the A.M.E. Church met in Baltimore, Maryland, April 12th, 1817. This session was held in the home of Mr. Samuel Williams (a fine two-story building), on High street. Members present were Bishop Richard Allen, who presided; Revs. Daniel Coker, Richard Williams, Edward Waters, Henry Harden.

Bishop Edward Waters  
State Archives of Florida



# The Baltimore Annual Conference

Reverend Cordell E. Hunter, Sr., Host Presiding Elder  
Reverend Ernest L. Montague, Sr., Associate Host Presiding Elder

April 10-14, 2018 Reverend Dr. Lee P. Washington, Host Pastor  
Reid Temple AME - Ft. Washington, MD



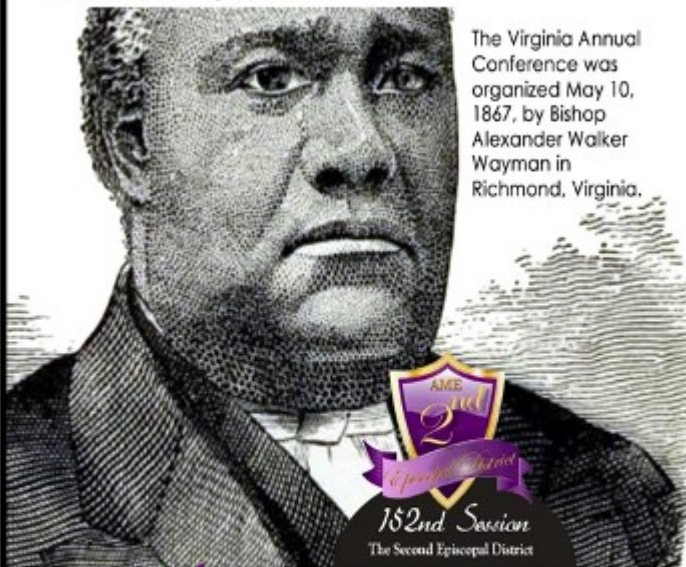
Mount Gilboa Chapel was built in 1859 by free Black people as the replacement of an earlier log chapel.



# The Washington Annual Conference

Reverend Dr. Louis-Charles Harvey, Host Presiding Elder  
Reverend Dr. Ronald E. Braxton, Associate Host Presiding Elder

April 25-28, 2018 Reverend Christian J. Savage, Host Pastor  
St. John AME - Norfolk, VA



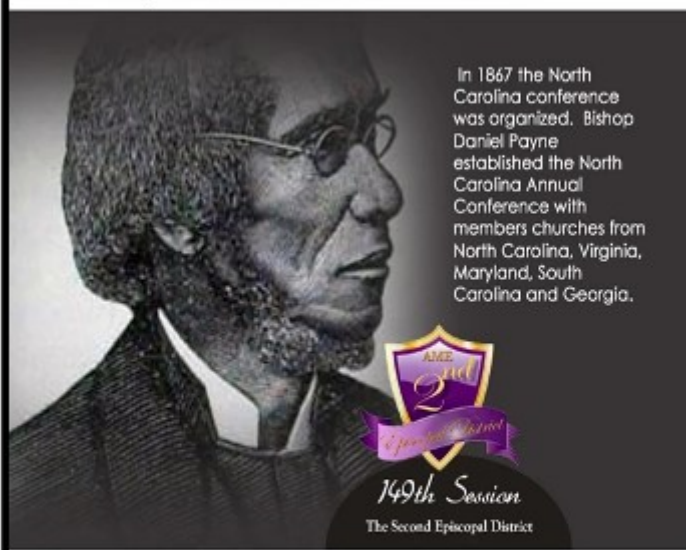
The Virginia Annual Conference was organized May 10, 1867, by Bishop Alexander Walker Wayman in Richmond, Virginia.



# The Virginia Annual Conference

Reverend Chester W. Morris, Host Presiding Elder  
Reverend Quentin White, Associate Host Presiding Elder

May 9-12 2018 Rev. Artie Odum, Jr., Host Pastor  
Sea Trail Golf Resort and Convention Center Sunset Beach, NC



In 1867 the North Carolina conference was organized. Bishop Daniel Payne established the North Carolina Annual Conference with members churches from North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, South Carolina and Georgia.



# The North Carolina Annual Conference

Reverend Evelyn G. Dunn, Host Presiding Elder  
Reverend Gregory L. Edmond, Associate Host Presiding Elder

For more information on the Annual Conferences in the Second Episcopal District, please navigate to <http://www.ame2.com/>.

**SAVE THE DATE**



# **ANNUAL LAY PRAYER & BREAKFAST MEMORIAL SERVICE**



"Laity walking humbly with God to do justice and to love kindness."

**September 8, 2018**

**St. Matthew AMEC  
1136 Apple Street  
Burlington, NC 27217**

**Doors open at 9 AM**

**Program begins at 10 AM**

**Tickets are \$15 per person**



**Ms. Penny S. Oliver~  
President WNCGLA**

**Ms. Jackie Kanipe~  
Chair of Prayer Breakfast  
Committee**

**Ms. Emma White~  
Host Church Lay President**

**Rev. Patrice Fields~  
Host Pastor**

"And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, And to walk humbly with your God?"

Micah 6:8



# Best of March



2 <sup>nd</sup>	World Day of Prayer	Created by Church Women United
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lay Prayer Breakfast – 9 a.m. \$8.00 per person	Hunter’s Chapel AMEC, 201 Buckhorn Road, Mebane, NC
10 <sup>th</sup>	Health Fair – 9 a.m.	White Cross AMEC, 4604 Lebanon Church Road, Efland, NC
10 <sup>th</sup>	2018 Power of Prayer Women’s Weekend ( <b>Saturday</b> ) – 9 a.m.-1 p.m.	Maxwell Chapel AMEC, 835 Moores Chapel Cemetery Road, Graham, NC
10 <sup>th</sup>	WMS Beautiful Women in Hats Program 3 p.m.	Macedonia AMEC, 4164 Yarborough Mill Road, Milton, NC
11 <sup>th</sup>	2018 Power of Prayer Women’s Weekend ( <b>Sunday</b> ) – 11 a.m.	Maxwell Chapel AMEC, 835 Moores Chapel Cemetery Road, Graham, NC
11 <sup>th</sup>	Betty Fuller WMS Day 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.	White Cross AMEC, 4604 Lebanon Church Road, Efland, NC
17 <sup>th</sup>	An Evening of Inspiration & Entertainment (by Women’s Day Committee) – 5 p.m.	Springdale AME Church, 5554 South NC 62 Hwy, Burlington, NC
18 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Women’s Day – 11 a.m.	Springdale AME Church, 5554 South NC 62 Hwy, Burlington, NC
18 <sup>th</sup>	Gospel Choir Anniversary – 2:30 p.m.	White Cross AMEC, 4604 Lebanon Church Road, Efland, NC
20 <sup>th</sup>	First Day of Spring	Spring (Vernal) Equinox
25 <sup>th</sup>	Palm Sunday	Begins Holy week leading to Easter and the resurrection of Jesus Christ
29 <sup>th</sup>	Maundy Thursday (a.k.a. Holy Thursday)	Commemorates Jesus Christ’s last supper and initiation of Holy Communion
30 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday	Passover begins at sundown
April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Easter	Resurrection Sunday



**Send us your APRIL local church events, history , and trailblazers by March 28th!**

Angela Elam—allendur@aol.com

**Shontea Smith**

shonteamsmith@gmail.com

Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization  
2018 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) two 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 April 2018. I have served in this position for \_\_\_\_\_ years beginning in \_\_\_\_\_. According to the Constitution and By-Laws, I cannot serve more than (8) 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 and elective office.*

Listed below are my qualifications for this position that responds to the requirements in the WNCCLO Constitutions and By-Laws (review the Constitution and By-Laws @ [www.ncclay.org](http://www.ncclay.org) that list the requirements and qualifications for your elected office). Feel free to attach another sheet of paper, if needed, for more space.

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Nominee Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Nominee Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Church President Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please mail or email Letter of Intent **by March 14, 2018** to:*

Kenneth Woods ~ 1017 Frazier Road ~ Mebane, NC 27302 ~ [Kwoods6@centurytel.net](mailto:Kwoods6@centurytel.net)

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:**

Bro. Kenneth Woods (Chair)  
Sis Gertrude Upperman  
Sis. Connie Jefferson  
Sis. Audrey McCain  
Bro. Dale Wragg

# **SUMMER INTERN WITH THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY & CULTURE**

## **Summer 2018 Application Details**



- \$600 per week stipend
- Need-based housing and transportation subsidy is an additional \$150 per week.
- 12 weeks (35–40 hours per week)
- Professional development seminars
- Structured mentorship
- Opportunities in Washington, DC, Alabama, North Carolina, Florida & Pennsylvania

The informational webinars scheduled on February 5 have reached capacity. However, a recording may be posted on this page by February 9, 2018.

**APPLY BY 11:59 PM, MARCH 15** Meaningful internships offering hands-on experience in the digital preservation of African American history and culture.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** <https://nmaahc.si.edu/connect/osp/robert-frederick-smith-fund-internship-and-fellowship-program> \



## Robert Frederick Smith Fund Offsite Internship Application Coversheet Summer 2018

*Applications Due by 11:59 p.m. on March 15, 2018*

First Name

Last Name

Email

Phone

College/University

Graduation Year

Permanent Address

Are you authorized to work in the United States?  Yes  No

Please select all internship positions of interest.\* Please note that if you also wish to be considered for a Smith Fund position located at the National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC) in Washington, DC, you must apply through the [Smithsonian Office of Fellowships and Internships online application system](#).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Oral History Transcription<br><i>Bethune-Cookman University; Daytona Beach, FL</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Oral History<br><i>National Center for the Study of Civil Rights and African-American Culture; Montgomery, AL</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Collections Management<br><i>Senator John Heinz History Center; Pittsburgh, PA</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Oral History and Digitization<br><i>Stagville State Historic Site; Durham, NC</i>                                 |

\*To view detailed position descriptions, visit <https://nmaahc.si.edu/RFSInterns>

How did you first hear about the Robert Frederick Smith Fund Internships program?

- Professor (please specify academic department: \_\_\_\_\_)
- University Career Center
- Job Board (please specify: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Student/Colleague/Friend
- Career Fair
- Online Search Engine
- Facebook
- Twitter
- NMAAHC Website
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you need to pay rent during your internship term?  Yes  No

**If yes**, do you want to receive the \$150 per week housing and transportation stipend?  Yes  No

**Application Requirements:**

- o Application Form
- o Cover letter (no more than two pages) detailing your past and present academic history and other experiences which you feel have prepared you for this internship and an outline of what you hope to learn during this internship
- o Resume
- o Unofficial transcript
- o 2 academic and/or professional letters of recommendation. Letters of recommendation should be submitted by the intern applicant along with all other application materials.

Send completed applications to [RFSInternships@si.edu](mailto:RFSInternships@si.edu) with the subject heading: "Internship Application 2018 – First Name\_Last Name". Files should be attached as Word or PDF documents. Applications submitted as Google documents, links to files, or other cloud platform applications will not be considered.

Thank you for your interest in the Robert Frederick Smith Fund Internship Program. NMAAHC will send a confirmation e-mail within two business days of receiving your completed application. If you do not receive a confirmation, please contact [RFSInternships@si.edu](mailto:RFSInternships@si.edu) or call 202-633-4511.

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**OPTIONAL DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION**

The information provided in this section is optional and not part of the selection process. Your responses will have no effect on your consideration.

Gender

Racial Identification(s) Check as many as apply

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- White
- Other

Ethnicity

- Hispanic
- Non-Hispanic

# **2018 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)***

**Part 1: Personal Information** (completed by the applicant)

Gender: Male  Female

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address (City, State & Zip) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### **CURRENT EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION**

Name of High School/GED Program	Graduation Date	GPA on <u>4 point</u> scale

Name and <u>address</u> 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 major \_\_\_\_\_

### **CHURCH INFORMATION**

Name of AME Church in which you are a member \_\_\_\_\_

Location (City & State) \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your activities/organizations/ and positions held in your church: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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If you are a college student, please indicate how you have maintained your involvement with your home church.

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\_\_\_\_\_

Other Activities (school and community): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Name of your Annual Conference    \_\_\_ Baltimore    \_\_\_ Washington    \_\_\_ Virginia

   \_\_\_ Western North Carolina    \_\_\_ North Carolina

**Family and Financial Information**

Parent(s) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Annual Family Income from all sources, e.g. child support, rental property etc. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Single Parent Home Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_ Number of Other Siblings in Household \_\_\_\_\_ Number Older \_\_\_\_\_

Number in college \_\_\_\_\_ Are You Employed? Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_ Your Monthly Income \$ \_\_\_\_\_

List all Scholarships/Awards and the amounts you have received: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

List all Scholarships/Awards for which you have applied that are still pending.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Certification:** I certify that the information contained in **Part 1** is complete and accurate. I certify that I am a member of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. I have requested for my high school/college transcript to be sent to the KAA Scholarship Committee.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Part 2: Biographical Essay** (prepared by the applicant in 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.

The Scholarship Committee **must** receive a completed application packet, as listed below, by **July 31, 2018**

1. Signed Application with all of **Part 1** completed (including income information)
2. Biographical Essay as required in **Part 2**
3. **Official Copy** of high school or college transcript in sealed envelopes
4. Two current letters of recommendations from **nonrelatives**

**Recommendations:** One of your recommendations must be your **pastor or a church official**. Your second reference can be any **nonrelative** who can speak to your character and your involvement in church, community, or school. Please list name, title of reference, e.g. pastor, family friend, teacher, etc. and phone number below:

Name	Title	Phone #
1 _____		
2 _____		

**NOTICE TO APPLICANT:** It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the application is **complete**, with original signature, and submitted on/before the deadline. **INCOMPLETE** and **LATE** applications will not be considered.

*FY:* Applications will be processed during the months of September and October. Checks will be distributed during the month of November. Those 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 31, 2018.** (Applications via email will not be accepted)