



THE LAY EXPRESS



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WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION**

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There are so many things that clamor for our attention and devotion: our jobs, our kids, our spouses, our hobbies—the demands and distractions of life. And we must be careful not to let them become more important or more of a priority than our relationship with God. Yet how many of the things that occupy our time, money, thoughts and attention have taken the place where God is supposed to be?

Anything can become a god to us—anything we worship or put an excessive amount of time into. Even your feelings can become a god if you allow them to control you. We need to ask ourselves, “Am I bowing down to God and His Word or to my feelings?”

Make it your Resolution to have a deep, intimate relationship with God. Let Him into every area of your life. If you constantly look to other people for answers and validation, pray and ask the Lord to help you to stop and instead look to Him. (See 1 Thessalonians 2:4.) As we live to please God, He promises to bless our lives and make us prosper.

When you make the choice to serve God with your whole heart and make Him first in your life, your soul will prosper, and your joy and peace will increase. Remember to lean on Him more than anything else, and tell Him, “God, I want to do this, but I can’t do it without You.” He doesn’t expect you to live for Him in your own strength or ability, and He understands when you make mistakes.

So, if you make the wrong choice, don’t be discouraged and let it hold you back; confess it and keep going. God will give you grace to do what you need to do. One day at a time, you and God together can do anything!



Our Lay Membership campaign is in full swing! (see Page 3). Please join us at our next regular conference meeting at Permission Grove AMEC, Greensboro, NC, January 12, 2019 at 10 am.

Thank you for your willingness to serve!

Penny S. Oliver, President



“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.”

Proverbs 3:5-6



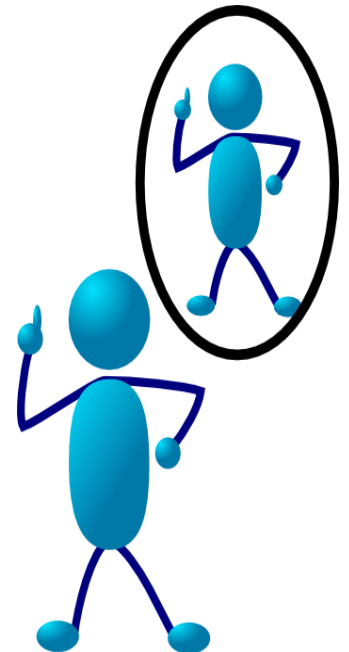
Happy
New Year

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“I DARE YOU TO TRUST GOD - LET’S DO IT AGAIN”

In the *On 2nd Thought Second Episcopal District Monthly Newsletter / October 2018* edition, Bishop James L. Davis, of the Second Episcopal District, announced that once again, we will focus on the following five areas:

Resources
Witness
Body
Intellect
Relationships



For more information, please visit the Second Episcopal Website: <https://www.ame2.com/>
Select “*On 2nd Thought October 2018 Newsletter*” found in the middle of the page.

BOOK NOW! Deadline is January 18, 2019! **LIMITED ROOMS!**

Second Episcopal District 2019 Mid-Winter Gathering

Hotel Block of Special Rate
Rooms Now Open!

Special SED Group Rate
119.00 USD/NIGHT

**Renaissance
Portsmouth-Norfolk
Waterfront Hotel**
425 Water Street,
Portsmouth, VA 23704
Phone: 1-888-839-1775

February 21-23, 2019

Join or Renew Your Membership



The Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization 2019 membership drive has begun! Membership dues are \$6.00 for adults. Membership dues must be current for voting and election privileges. The election of WNCC delegates to the 36th Biennial Session of the Connectional Lay Organization (CLO) of the African Methodist Episcopal Church is scheduled for **March 9, 2019** at Poplar Grove AME Church, Greensboro, North Carolina.

Membership dues must be received on or before February 25, 2019 or postmarked no later than February 23, 2019 for election and voting privileges. Please send your membership dues and names to the Credential/Membership Chair, **Sister Shontea Smith, 309 Cherry Grove Street, Durham, NC 27703.**

**127th Session of the Western North Carolina
Annual Conference
April 30 - May 4, 2019**

**Book your room
TODAY!**



**SHERATON GREENSBORO AT FOUR SEASONS
KOURY CONVENTION CENTER**

3121 W. Gate City Boulevard ~ Greensboro, NC 27407

Reservations: (800) 325 -3535 or (336) 292-9161

Reservation code: WESTERN NC AME

A block of rooms is available at \$129 plus tax per night

Additional information on the annual conference is forthcoming

March 19-23

203rd Session of the Baltimore Annual Conference

Bethel AME Church, Baltimore, MD – *Rev. Dr. Patrick Clayborn, Pastor*

March 26-30

69th Session of the Washington Annual Conference

Ebenezer AME Church, Ft. Washington, MD

Rev. Dr. Grainger Browning, Pastor and Rev. Dr. JoAnn Browning, Co-Pastor

April 9-13

153rd Session of the Virginia Annual Conference

Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Waterfront Hotel, 425 Water Street, Portsmouth, VA

April 23-27

150th Session of the North Carolina Annual Conference

Sea Trail Golf Resort and Convention Center

75-A Clubhouse Road, Sunset Beach, NC 28468

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

WNCC LAY ORGANIZATION



For those of us who serve as an officer for the Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization, we may need to be reminded of our duties and responsibilities. As updates have been made in the Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization

Constitution and Bylaws (Article V – Officers), we want to create a corner in the newsletter to keep us abreast of our purpose as an officer for the Lay Organization.

In Article VII – Election of Officers, Section 3. Term Limitation, it states: “The elected officers of the Western North Carolina Conference-Lay Organization, shall serve no more than eight consecutive years in the same office.” Regardless of the division of the A.M.E. Church Lay Organization, we have the Holy Bible, The Doctrine and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Constitution and Bylaws to keep us abreast of our duties and responsibilities.

The office of First Vice President shall:

- Be responsible for Membership Recruitment, Retention/and Coordinate such duties as assigned by the President.
- Assume the complete duties of the President during an absence or when it has been determined by the Executive Board that the President can no longer perform the duties.

The office of Second Vice President shall:

- Be responsible for Strategic Planning and coordinate such duties as assigned by the President and the Executive Board and
- Serve in the absence of the President and First Vice President, preside at the meetings and assume all duties of the President.

The office of Third Vice President shall:

- Coordinate such duties as Personal Evangelism and coordinating those efforts with the appropriate departments, within the church, and in the absence of the President, First Vice President and Second Vice President preside at the meetings and assume all the duties of the office of President.

“Whatever the task, let us do it heartily unto the Lord.” (Colossians 3:23 paraphrased)

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



Gain skills and experience while making a difference to those in crisis in our community!

VOLUNTEER TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

BECOME A CROSSROADS VOLUNTEER ADVOCATE!

A Volunteer Advocate is often the first point of contact for those affected by sexual assault. You can make a difference by providing much-needed support to victims and their friends and family members.

We offer 24 hours of specialized training for hotline volunteers, giving you the tools to feel comfortable and successful in this important position. Crisis intervention and counseling skills are developed through discussion, role-plays and feedback.

- Provide much-needed support to victims of sexual assault, human trafficking and child sexual abuse.
- Accompany victims to the hospital or law enforcement when necessary.
- Interact with experts and connect with other volunteers who care about these issues.
- Provide community education to schools and civic groups.



Training Dates/Times

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Monday, Feb. 11th
Wednesday, Feb. 13th
Monday, Feb. 18th
Wednesday, Feb. 20th
Monday, Feb. 25th
Wednesday, Feb. 27th
Monday, March 4th
Wednesday, March 6th

Volunteer as an advocate on the 24-Hour Crisis Hotline using your cell phone!

Bilingual volunteers needed!

Both men and women welcome!

For more information contact:

Julie Budd

Phone: 336 228 0813

Crossroads@CrossRoadsCares.org

CrossRoads
1206 Vaughn Road
Burlington, NC 27217

REAL ID requirements will begin on Jan. 22, 2019 at checkpoints, but will be ENFORCED by Transportation Security Administration (TSA) on Oct. 1, 2020 at airport security checkpoints



The N.C. REAL ID will make it more convenient to board a commercial airplane or visit a military base or other federal facility.

Beginning October 2020, federal agencies will ENFORCE tougher security standards at airport check-ins, federal buildings, military installations and nuclear sites.

Completely optional, the N.C. REAL ID is just like a traditional license or ID but has a star at the top. Driver licenses and IDs without a gold star are noted "Not for Federal Identification." (see examples below)

A person without an N.C. REAL ID will still be able to board flights or enter federal facilities, but they will have to provide [additional documentation](#) with their traditional license or ID.

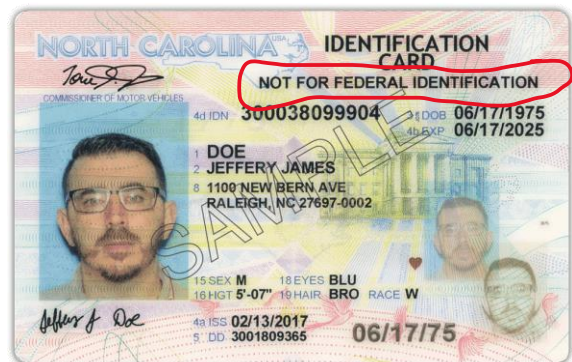
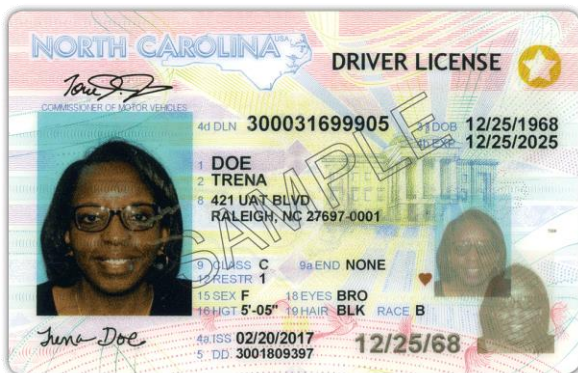
Getting a N.C. REAL ID

Getting a N.C. REAL ID driver license or ID card [costs the same as getting any other license or ID for the first time](#), and the process is similar. [First-time drivers](#) must also provide proof of liability insurance to receive a driver license.

Individuals can change a driver license or identification card to an N.C. REAL ID at [any time](#). The cost is the same as a [renewal](#), if the REAL ID is obtained within six months of expiration. A vision test is required, and a new photo will be taken. If the REAL ID is obtained outside of the renewal period, the cost is the same as a duplicate (\$13). A new photo will be taken, but no tests are required.

Visit [an N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles driver license office](#) with the [required documentation](#). Download and print the [N.C. REAL ID brochure](#) as a reference when collecting your required documents.

N.C. REAL IDs are only available by visiting a driver license office, where an individual's required documents will be scanned and permanently stored, as required under federal law, in the individual's NCDMV record.



Source: <https://www.ncdot.gov/dmv/driver/realid/>

Additional documentation to use with Traditional Driver's License or ID (without a ★)

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

- Driver's licenses or other state photo identity cards issued by Dept of Motor Vehicles
- U.S. passport OR U.S. passport card
- DHS trusted traveler cards (Global Entry, NEXUS, SENTRI, FAST)
- U.S. Department of Defense ID, including IDs issued to dependents
- Permanent resident card
- Border crossing card
- DHS-designated enhanced driver's license
- Federally recognized, tribal-issued photo ID
- HSPD-12 PIV card
- Foreign government-issued passport
- Canadian provincial driver's license or Indian and Northern Affairs Canada card
- Transportation worker identification credential
- U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Employment Authorization Card (I-766)
- U.S. Merchant Mariner Credential

A weapon permit is not an acceptable form of identification. A temporary driver's license is not an acceptable form of identification.

Children

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

Forgot Your ID?

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

You will not be allowed to enter the security checkpoint if your identity cannot be confirmed, you chose to not provide proper identification, or you decline to cooperate with the identity verification process. ***TSA recommends that you arrive at least two hours in advance of your flight time.***

Source: TSA - <https://www.tsa.gov/travel/security-screening/identification>

Mark Your Calendars
UPCOMING EVENTS



- January 12, 2019.....WNCC Lay Organization Meeting**
Persimmon Grove AMEC, Greensboro, NC ~ 10am
- February 21-23, 2019.....SED Mid-Winter Meeting**
Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Waterfront Hotel, Portsmouth, VA
- March 9, 2019.....WNCC Lay Organization Meeting**
Poplar Grove AMEC, Greensboro, NC ~ 10am
- April 13, 2019.....WNCC Lay Organization Meeting**
Turner’s Chapel AMEC, High Point, NC ~ 10am
- April 30 - May 4, 2019.....127th Session of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference**
Sheraton Greensboro at Four Points (Koury Convention Center), Greensboro, NC
- June 9, 2019.....2019 Pentecost**
Baltimore, MD
- June 14-15, 2019.....Springdale AMEC Bus Trip to Washington, DC**
National Museum of African American History and Culture
Rev. Dr. Bridgette Gloster, Pastor
Contact: Penny Oliver, (336) 565-0367
- June 30 - July 4, 2019.....36th Biennial Session of the Lay Organization**
Hyatt Regency Bellevue, Seattle, WA
- July 23-27, 2019.....Connectional YPD Quadrennial Convention**
Greater Columbus Center, Columbus, OH
- July 28 – August 1, 2019.....Connectional WMS Quadrennial Convention**
Greater Columbus Center, Columbus, OH
- July 8-20, 2020.....AMEC 51st Quadrennial Session**
Orlando, FL



WNCC local church

UPcoming EVENTS

<p>Unlocking the Book of Revelation</p> <p><i>Facilitator:</i> Dr. Lynn Huber Professor of Religious Studies Elon University, NC</p>	<p>HOST: Maxwell Chapel AME Church Rev. Tamara O. Kersey, Pastor 835 Moores Chapel Cemetery Rd, Graham, NC</p>	<p>January 2, 2019, 7:00pm AND January 9, 2019, 7:00pm</p>
<p>All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast & Membership Drive</p> <p><i>\$10 donation (includes Lay Organization membership fee)</i></p>	<p>St. Paul AME Church Rev. Robert Hodges, Pastor 402 W. Edenton Street Raleigh, NC</p>	<p>January 13, 2019, 9:30am</p>
<p>Class Leader Program</p> <p><i>Speaker: Sister Angela Elam Director of Public Relations WNCC Lay Organization</i></p>	<p>St. John AME Church Rev. George Pass, Pastor 6466 Carmon Road Gibsonville, NC</p>	<p>January 13, 2019, 3:00pm</p>
<p>Lay Organization Annual Day</p> <p><i>Speaker: Sister Jessie W. Cardwell Chaplain, WNCC Lay Organization</i></p>	<p>White Cross AME Church Rev. Myraette McGibboney, Pastor 4604 Lebanon Road Efland, NC</p>	<p>January 20, 2019, 3:00pm</p>
<p>YES: Youth Exploration Services, St. Paul AME Church-Raleigh:</p> <p>Rev. Robert Hodges, Pastor</p> <p>“A Tribute to African Americans in Theater and Films”</p>	<p>N.C. Museum of History 5 East Edenton Street Raleigh, NC</p> <p>Auditorium Stage, Daniels Auditorium, Level 1</p>	<p>January 26, 2019, 11-11:30am</p> <p>Arrive early to get a seat!</p>
<p>Freedom Talks – Black History Month Program</p> <p>Hosted by Maxwell Chapel AME Church Rev. Tamara O. Kersey, Pastor</p>	<p>Haw River Ballroom 1711 Saxapahaw-Bethlehem Church Rd – Saxapahaw, NC</p>	<p>February 10, 2019, 3:00pm</p>

Celebrate!

18th African American Cultural Celebration

FREE EVENT!

African American Cultural Celebration

Saturday, January 26, 2019
10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

CELEBRATE
Culture, Kinship, and Community
"The Ties That Bind"

NORTH CAROLINA MUSEUM OF HISTORY
A Smithsonian Affiliate

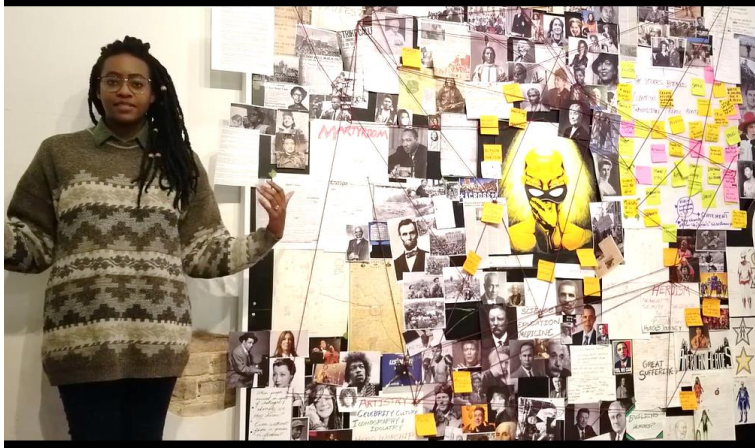
5 East Edenton Street, Raleigh
919-807-7900
ncmuseumofhistory.org

For More Information:
www.ncmuseumofhistory.org/aacc-2019

Source: N.C. Museum of History website



Saxapahaw Black History Month -- February 2019



“Join the Saxapahaw Social Justice Exchange, AME Maxwell Chapel Church, Culture Mill and local Saxapahaw Businesses in the third annual celebration of Saxapahaw Black History Month. Funds will support speaker's fees, film rights, catering, refreshments and guest artists and teachers as a part of the unique and impactful month of community programs.”

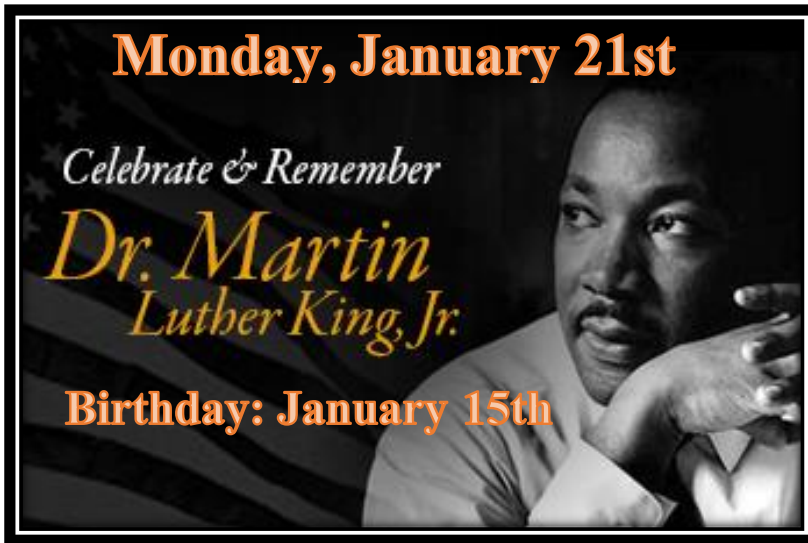
Culture Mill
1616 Jordan Drive
Saxapahaw, NC
<http://culturemill.org/>

Source: Indiegogo website
<https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/saxapahaw-black-history-month-2019>

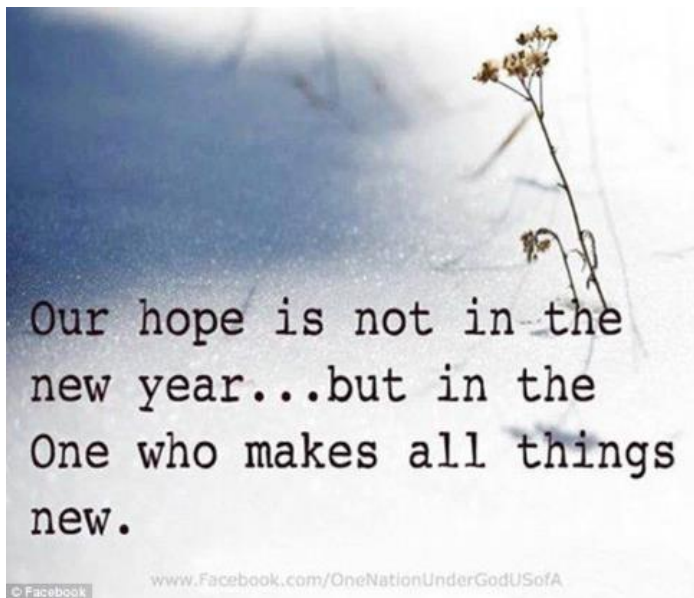
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If your church has NOT been featured in [The Lay Express](#), please submit the history of your church along with any pictures (past or present) of the church. In addition, please submit your local church announcements for **February** and **March 2019**.



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

DEADLINE: JANUARY 26TH

Email to Sister Angela Elam
allendur@aol.com