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From
the desk
of...

Penny S. Oliver, President



One of the greatest things about God is how HE has given gifts and talents to His children. Each one of us is unique. To one He may give the gift of music, yet to another the gift of singing. To one He may give the gift of science, yet to another the gift of athleticism. To one He may give the gift of compassion, yet to another the gift of evangelism. ALL good and perfect gifts come from God! YOUR special gifts and talents come from God. The purpose of your gifts and talents is to better serve and glorify God with your life. God does not give us gifts and talents to hide them, to hoard them, but to USE THEM for HIS GLORY!

Sister Bobbie Hague did just that. She blessed us with her many gifts and talents as the WNCC Public Relations Director whereas one of her responsibilities was in producing the WNCC *Lay Express* newsletter. Sister Bobbie spent countless hours producing the *Lay Express* newsletter for which we are grateful and applaud her efforts. For personal reasons, Sister Bobbie has decided to pass the baton so that another could run this race. At the August 12, 2017 WNCC Lay Organization, I made the plea for a volunteer to assist us with the *Lay Express*. God heard the plea and blessed us with two volunteers, Sister Angela Elam (Hunter's Chapel-Mebane, NC) and Sister Shontea Smith (St. Joseph-Durham, NC). Thank you, God! Thank you, Sisters! Please send all newsletter articles to our volunteers!

Sister Angela Elam ~ allendur@aol.com ~ (919) 225-1111

Sister Shontea Smith ~ shonteasmith@gmail.com ~ (336) 214-1036

To God be the Glory for the great things He has done and is doing in ALL of our lives for kingdom building. "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." ~ *1 Corinthians 2:9 (KJV)*

Thank you for your willingness to serve!



August 29, 2017

Dear Second Episcopal District Family,

You are well aware that so many across our nation and the globe are experiencing the devastating impact of catastrophic disasters. Hurricane Harvey's fury produced overwhelming flooding conditions, and continue to wreak havoc on people and communities in such places as Houston, Texas and Louisiana. In Sierra Leone, the deadly mudslides have submerged houses and turned streets into churning rivers. Our brothers and sisters in those regions are suffering and are desperately in need of our help.

As has become our custom for responding to these kinds of disasters, we have greater impact when we pool our resources. Therefore, I'm asking each church in the Second Episcopal District to take a benevolent offering for disaster relief on this **upcoming Sunday, September 3, 2017**, for those who are victims of these catastrophic events. All checks are to be written to the **Second Episcopal District - Disaster Relief**. Cash and gift cards are also acceptable.

To facilitate this process, we're asking each pastor to please submit your church's offering to your presiding elder as quickly as possible. The presiding elders will report and submit each church's gift to me on Tuesday (*September 12th*) before the 3rd Sunday in September 2017. As we have done in the past, each church's contribution will be acknowledged in a report provided by the District Office at the Mid-Year Convocation.

Please be assured that there are organizations and mechanisms already in place whereby your contributions will be distributed appropriately to needy persons in these areas. We sincerely appreciate your generous gifts in the past to worthy causes and your response to this immediate request. You have been most gracious in supporting the local and global world community for those who have experienced misfortunes beyond their control.

With God's help and your support, we will continue to pool our resources to assist our brothers and sisters at home and abroad in putting their lives back together and rebuilding their communities. **"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'**" (*Matthew 25:40* (NIV))

May the peace and blessings of our God, our Savior Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit smile upon each of you as you demonstrate the true meaning of being my brothers' and sisters' keeper!

In the Spirit of Empowering the People, I remain

James L. Davis, Servant Bishop
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DR. JEFFERY COOPER
AME GENERAL SECRETARY

Greetings!

Please find below a message from Bishop Vashti M. McKenzie, Presiding Prelate, 10th Episcopal District:

**MESSAGE RE:
TEAM TEXAS TACKLES HARVEY**

In the wake of Hurricane Harvey along with damaging tornadoes catastrophic rain and flooding in the Texas southern region, the 10th Episcopal District is organized to provide recovery assistance. We are soliciting funds to purchase gift cards for victims of this disaster. The people in the affected areas can then purchase needed food, clothing, hygiene products, repair materials, medicines, personal products, school uniforms and supplies.

Send monetary donations and gift cards to the 10th Episcopal District Office 4347 S. Hampton Rd., Suite 245. Dallas, Texas 75232. (214) 333-2632.

Make checks payable to the 10th District AMEC, Disaster Relief on the memo line.

You'll will be able to **donate online** through our website <http://www.10thdistrictame.org> later this week.

Please do not send clothes. But, for those who are sending water, diapers baby products, personal hygiene products or cleaning supplies you can send to our two staging areas in San Antonio:

Bethel AME Church
225 North Swiss Street
San Antonio, Texas 78202
Dr. Raymond Bryant, Pastor, Relief Chair

Emmanuel AME Church
1600 Semlinger Road
San Antonio, Texas 78220
Rev. Carl Garmon, Pastor

Distribution church sites have been identified in the Houston and Galveston areas. Those locations will be announced once the rain has stopped and flood waters recede to be sure we have clear safe access for residents and volunteers.

Recovery takes time. You can help with a gift today that will help make tomorrow better.

By the Grace of God,
Team Texas
Bishop Vashti M. McKenzie

Peace,
Jeffery Cooper
General Secretary/CIO
African Methodist Episcopal Church



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Connectional Lay Organization



***** CONGRATULATIONS! *****



Praise God! The election is over, and I thank you for electing me to serve as the 12th President of the Connectional Lay Organization.

I wish to thank Bishop James Levert Davis, my Supervisor, Mother Arelis Bevers Davis, and the entire constituency of the Second Episcopal District, especially the Second Episcopal District Lay Organization. I received your unanimous endorsement in February 2017, and the support has never wavered. I am also grateful to my husband Donald, my family and loyal supporters throughout the Connectional Church who walked with and encouraged me.

My Brothers and Sisters who share in the ministry of the Lay Organization, we have a Great work to do. I campaigned on a simple platform :

1. Redirect our focus to Evangelism and Discipleship, if souls are not saved, nothing is saved.
2. Return to our mission of teaching and training to better equip our Zion to focus on Evangelism and Discipleship
3. Rebuilding the team necessary for this assignment. The team of youth and young adults, the team of Clergy and Laity together and the inclusion of Episcopal District Presidents, all Episcopal District Presidents 1-20, because we are a Global Church.

This election reflects a mandate for immediate change, initially in these areas, and later in others in our organization. Jesus said in John 14:12, "If you believe in me and the works I am doing, then you will be able to do GREATER WORKS."

Please join me on this journey, "*Onward to Greater Works.*"

Valerie Gary Bell
President, Connectional Lay Organization
clopresident535@gmail.com

CONGRATULATIONS TO SISTER STARR J. BATTLE!

Sister Battle was re-elected 3rd Vice President of the Connectional Lay Organization. She participated in the Plenary Session at the 35th Biennial Session of the Connectional Lay Organization in Columbus, Ohio. Here's an excerpt of her speech:



RECLAIMING WHAT IS OURS: WE ARE THE MAJORITY

Matthew 28:17-18 - John 10:10

“I am putting Satan on notice, I am taking back EVERYTHING that the Devil thought he stole from us. “Take thou authority” is a phrase meant for more than Bishops and Pastors. It’s time for the laity to take thou authority, time is out for doubting.”

1. *...RECLAIMING OUR TIME*

“Ecclesiastes 3 informs us that there is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens. What time is it, Lay Organization, yes, its hump day but it’s time to get off our sits of do nothing to ensure that our people are trained. What time is it, Lay Organization it is time for the laity to care when our brothers and sisters are marching in the streets protesting for better. What time is it Lay Organization it is time for us to cut out the fluff when we come to the Biennial and be as succinct as possible.”

2. *RECLAIMING OUR RESOURCES*

“We must deal with church hurt. How is it that the Bible tells me I am of a royal priesthood, my momma told me I am a Nubian queen, my husband tells me I am his rib and I get to certain meeting and I am treated like a pawn on the chessboard. People remember how you treat them. Church hurt is sending our members away. There are people in here there are sitting on their gifts because of what somebody else said. There is plenty of good room in the inn. Let them in.”

WE ARE RECLAIMING OUR RESOURCES.”

3. *RECLAIMING OUR TERRITORY*

There was supposed to be a Young Adult who ran for every office on the CLO. Not saying that we would have got them all, but we recognize that we would have received some. A young person can type listen and write minutes. A young person can keep order, A young person can preside. A young person can be a general officer. Where is the Lay Organization succession plan. And we are not talking about being a pawn in your game, Oh saying, we brought some people here but all we need them to do is move chairs. Oh we have 1 young adult who is working in a district of 600. Oh saying, we know that district 14-20 are growing by leaps and bound with regard to young adults but we refuse to listen to their plan of actions because they are district 14-20. We are reclaiming our territory.”

And now, I find myself a tenure-track Assistant Professor and as I am in the full throes of this new season in my life, I am aware that this season of service, in my life, has ended. Many asked why I did not run again. I offer this explanation to you, just because you can, does not mean you should. We can never reach a level of effective and efficient ministry, if we are too arrogant, to acknowledge that we are leading out of season. I have learned a number of lessons in this season and leave these lessons for us to ponder moving forward:



- We must take seriously rethinking the ways in which we meet and do business. The model we employ at this time is not conducive for young adults or working class people. This in essence, restricts access to participation and leadership roles, not by skill sets, but by privilege and economic status. We must ask ourselves if we want a representative body or an oligarchy.
- We must take seriously the development and support of women lay leaders. We must teach and engage with our young women laity in a way that lets them know that their gifts and their value is not tied to a whether or not they don a wedding band to a man who wears a clergy collar. We must stop readily assuming women who rise to heights of lay leadership got their position through the use of any other part of their body than their minds and God given gifts. And we must call to the carpet the messages and thinking of male clergy and leadership that to ask them to do so, is a reasonable request.
- We must embrace the diversity of our body. Let us not take on the mindset of the oppressor that justifies the marginalization and ostracization of our LGBTQ brothers and sisters. We either love our neighbor as our self or we love our neighbor that is most like ourselves. Only one is a tenet of our Christian faith.
- We must take seriously the cause of social justice. Laity can lift up the banner of God-inspired fights for justice without waiting for clergy to tell us to do so. We must work with our community partners, clergy, and other faith communities to do a work of global justice. Global justice. Global justice.



Sister Felecia Commodore
Former Connectional Lay Young Adult Representative



Travel Vouchers

Dear 2nd Episcopal District Family,

The Bishop's Office in coordination with the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) and Southwest Airlines has come together to create a great opportunity to assist college students who are active in the local church of the 2nd Episcopal District.

Eligible students will be able to obtain travel vouchers from Southwest Airlines for approved air travel between home and school during the semester.

To obtain the travel vouchers students will need to send an email to the Bishop's office detailing:

- **How the travel assistance will be helpful to the student.**
- **Dates and locations of travel**

This information can be emailed to the Bishop's office @ jld123bishop@yahoo.com.

Emails can be sent immediately, regardless of when travel is anticipated, since travel vouchers are limited and will be awarded on a first come, first served basis.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact Rev. Vernon Ware at (240) 375-0379 or by email @ RevWare@reidtemple.org.

God Bless,

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DENNY'S HUNGRY FOR EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

APPLICATIONS PERIOD OPEN EFFECTIVE

September 1, 2017 thru December 31, 2017

How to Apply

- Step 1: Go to dennyshungryforeducation.com and select the appropriate link to the category that applies to you (K-12, High School or College). Then select the partner organization through which you wish to apply for the scholarship.
- Step 2: When the partner window opens, click "Apply Now".
- Step 3 : Complete the Denny's Rewards form (optional). Upon completion, you will be enrolled as a Denny's Rewards member and will automatically receive a FREE Denny's breakfast coupon on your birthday along with other exclusive offers throughout the year.
 - If you're already a Denny's Rewards member, click "Press Here" to skip this step and go directly to Step 4.
- Step 4: After completing the Denny's Rewards sign-up, go to the dropdown menu at the bottom of the page. Click on the specific HFE partner organization through which you want to apply for the scholarship. You then will be redirected to the partner's website to complete the application.

Scholarship Requirements:

- All applicants must be enrolled in an accredited educational institution (K-12, high school and college) in the United States or Puerto Rico.
- All applicants must be citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. or Puerto Rico.
- If an applicant under the age of 18 is selected as a potential HFE scholarship recipient, in order to be confirmed as a winner, the student's parent or legal guardian must sign an Affidavit of Eligibility and Assignment of Rights.
- Scholarship funds awarded to winners must be used for education, such as tuition and related fees, books, supplies, equipment required for courses at an accredited post-secondary education institution.
- Student must possess a minimum 2.5 GPA (high school and college). NOTE: Each partner organization may have additional requirements; however, GPA level varies.
- Students in K-12 who are applying to AAA or Step Up will need to meet the low-income requirements from each organization and live in either AZ or FL because of the state laws on tax credit donations.
- College students who are applying to the Tom Joyner Foundation will need to meet this organizations application and essay requirements, which may differ from others.
- Students will need to provide a 300-word essay (high school) or 500-word essay (college) on how Denny's can impact childhood hunger in their communities. (Applicants for a scholarship from AAA or Step Up organization [K-12] will be asked to submit an essay; however, it is not required.)



“LISTEN TO THE BLOOD”

*A litany written by The Rev. Dr. Steven L. Lyons, in response to Charlottesville, VA
and the current events of the times. August 2017*

Dr. Lyons is the Pastor of St. James AME Church, Winston-Salem, NC

Leader: Who would have thought in the year of our Lord 2017, we would be experiencing the hatred, intolerance, inequalities and perilous race relations that we have seen over the last few years and especially in the last few weeks. Blood is still being shed today; blood of the guiltless as well as guilt-ridden is needlessly being shed.

People: Listen to the Blood

Leader: When Cain took the life of Abel, God informed the murderous kinsman, “The voice of your brother’s blood is crying out to me from the ground.” Heather Heyers’ blood is speaking from the ground. Emmett Till’s blood is crying from the ground. Trayvon Martin’s blood is crying from the ground. John Lewis’ blood was spilled and has a voice from the ground. Can’t you hear it??? Injustice against anyone is injustice against everyone.

People: Listen to the Blood

Leader: When elected leaders refuse to call outright wrong wrong.... when politicians and democracy professionals seem to skew and misinterpret and misrepresent the words, “all men are created equal” and throw its true meaning to the wind, something has got to be done. Some of them decry let’s just honor the past and look to the future. But, what about the blood?

People: Listen to the Blood

Leader: Racism is wrong. Xenophobia is wrong. Nazism is wrong. The Alt-Right position is wrong. Terrorism is wrong. Hatred is wrong. Murder is wrong. White supremacy is wrong. Wrong is wrong and must be named. It must be called out. We take no joy in having those words, those names fall from our lips but we do so invoking the spirit of God to right the wrongs, the negativities of bigotry, narcissism, egotism, just down right meanness, wherever it is seen.

People: Listen to the Blood

Leader: The innocency of Barcelona, peaceful protestors in Charlottesville, in Georgia, in Maryland, in Kentucky, in Winston-Salem, righteous sympathizers in Durham, those who sit in prayer and intercession in their homes, those who are on the right side shall prevail because only what is done in the name of Christ, Christendom and righteousness will last.

People: Listen to the Blood

Leader: There are threats from foreign lands, climate change and environmental issues loom over us, the economy is still not where it needs to be, education concerns and the plight of the academy strongly exists and then the cares and concerns for the fate of man's soul speaks loud and rings true.

People: *Listen to the Blood*

Leader: Too many people are dying; those who have done no wrong, peacefully protesting, without a club or a container full of urine in hand. Even the lives of morally competent and decent law enforcement officers have been snuffed out. A car used as a weapon, the light of tiki torches with the faces of supremacists glowing in the dark, opposing sides not taking a moment to hear with the other has to say.... Foolishness being blamed on both sides... REALLY? Smh (shaking my head)... #REALLY?

People: *Listen to the Blood*

Leader: The word of God, the actions of His Son Jesus the Christ, the move of HIS holy Spirit cause us not to sorrow and weep as those who have no hope. Because of the cross of Calvary, the victory of the empty grave and the message of God's mercy, if we but listen to the blood... the blood of Him who died for us all; red and yellow, black and white.... If we but listen to the blood, in the fullness of God's time, all men will be able to see, feel, experience and share God's love. It's not seen in a statue or posted on a blog or expressed in a tweet. It's seen in how we treat one another, respecting differences yet celebrating our humanity. It starts and ends with those who respect the blood.

People: *Listen to the Blood*

Leader: Brothers and sisters, Jew and Gentile, men and women, let's Listen to the Blood. The Blood of JESUS connects, convicts and cleanses us from the sin that separates us from walking together and living together as man with man, man helping man and man honoring God. "What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus."

People: *Listen to the Blood. It's screaming.....I am my brother's keeper! In the name of JESUS. AMEN*





SEPTEMBER 30TH!

On July 3, 2017, *The Christian Recorder* reported breaking news from Bishop Frank M. Reid, III Chair and Sister Jackie Dupont-Walker, Director/Consultant of the African Methodist Episcopal Social Action Commission about the withdrawal and disposal of all unsold Richard Allen Commemorative Stamps and collectible items at retail outlets on September 30, 2017.

At the General Board Meeting in Los Angeles, the Council of Bishops lead the way by purchasing all 22,000 stamps sold in the United States Postal Service Pacific Region. If you would like to purchase the stamp and/or collectible items, please do one of the following:

- Visit your local post office
- Call the USPS Retail Center – 1-800-782-6724
- Visit <http://www.usps.com/stamps/richard-allen.htm>

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Bishop Vashti M. McKenzie, Chair of the General Board Commission on Publications

Rev. Roderick D. Belin, President/Publisher of the AME Sunday School Union

Mr. John Thomas III, Editor of The Christian Recorder

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“It Could Be Worse”

by LaMar Asim McNeil

“It could be worse,” they say. Because we’re not struggling every way on a dollar a day, we **shouldn’t help pay for healthcare, a living wage, or a college stay.**

Because the other candidate is something worse, instead of fighting for a true Liberal, we go for someone just less perverse.

Because we’re not tied up in chains. We tolerate them inflicting pains. Shooting black people, left and right. Yet the White man, nor especially the White woman Never gave the police a fright.

And when do we ever choose to open our heart. Give to charity; Do our part. We ignore the people in our own assemble.

But it could be worse, right?

(LaMar is the Son of Sister Shontea Smith. He is an 11th grader at the NC School of Science and Math and member of St. Joseph AME Church in Durham)

HAVE YOU JOINED? IF NOT, ARE YOU READY?

The Body of Christ (GIVE GOD YOUR HEART)
Proverbs 23:26: "My son, give me thine heart, and
let thine eyes observe my ways."

My God



I give my heart to you.

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*The Western North Carolina
Conference Lay Organization*
(GIVE THE LAY YOUR TIME)

<http://wncclay.org>

**69 out of 84 churches in the
WNCC are active.**

That's 82%!

1403 Adults/26 youth
(as of August 24, 2017)

**Western North Carolina Conference
LAY ORGANIZATION**
2017 Membership Card



Website: www.wncclay.org

Living Waters A.M.E. Church History

3309 Cedar Springs Drive, Raleigh, NC 27603

Church Name:

John 7:38 “He that believeth on me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living waters.

Church Vision:

Isaiah 58:12 “And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.”

Church History:

Pastor Allonia Holmes is God’s visionary for Living Waters African Methodist Episcopal Church. As founder and Pastor since March 11, 1990, her obedience to heavenly mandates has taken this congregation into places of favor that may bewilder many believers.

The first service was conducted with 14 people in attendance: Pastor Allonia, Dr. Jim, Jacquelyn Holmes and Tony Daniels; Brenda, Bobby, Tiffany, Kim and April O’Neal; Deborah Crouch, Greg and Annice Williams; Linda Badger and Karina Hardy. These individuals who grasped hold of the vision that God was birthing within Pastor Holmes joined together in the



basement of Pastor and Dr. Jim’s home at 102 McNair Glen Court in Garner, N.C. to officially birth Living Waters Fellowship Center. As a result of their faith and steps of obedience, God worked many miracles. Within nine months from the birth, we purchased two acres of land and an 800 square foot building, which was renovated into a church to seat approximately 75 people. God’s wisdom of kingdom building that was imparted through Pastor Allonia to the Living Waters foundational families, resulted in them experiencing deliverances, healings, and souls being set free. Due to a miraculous growth in 1993, the sanctuary, the overflow area in the hallway and in the classrooms, on many occasions could not accommodate the people.

Later in 1993, two more acres of land were purchased. In 1995, as God continued to manifest Himself as Jehovah-Jireh, the congregation continued to grow and we were blessed with a new 3000 square foot building, to include a sanctuary with a seating capacity of 250 people. We moved into our new building in November 1995 and had



our first wedding later that month. In 1993, God led us to join The Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship with Bishop Paul S. Morton, founder and thus we officially became known as Living Waters Full Gospel Baptist Church in 1995. In 1998, another two acres of land was purchased and during the early part of 1999, new construction began to expand our existing building to a total of 7000 square feet, which was completed in December 1999. Through the miraculous powers of God, our edifice was expanded to accommodate approximately 350 people in the sanctuary, a baptistery, a dressing room, audio room and a



Pastor's office. A wing was added which consists of multipurpose room with a seating capacity of 125 people, several classrooms, a first aid room and administrative offices. As time progressed and God propelled us to forward mode, Father God said through Pastor Allonia, "Don't Miss the Shift." In October 2004, we began our journey back to our roots of the A.M.E. In June 2005, we officially became: Living Waters

African Methodist Episcopal Church under the leadership of Presiding Elder J. Bernard Wilder of the Eastern District of the WNCC and Bishop Adam Jefferson Richardson, 2nd Episcopal District Prelate. Later in 2005, we began construction of our new daycare wing. In October 2006, Living Waters Child Development Center was dedicated and opened to care for kids ages 5-12.



In the midst of all the miracles of expansion and church, God so graciously allowed Pastor Holmes and church leaders, Brenda O'Neal and Niki Allen, to travel to the continent of Africa and witness in the countries of South Africa, Mozambique and Tanzania. We have also visited the seven churches of Asia Minor; Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Laodicea, and Philadelphia. Souls were won to Christ on the streets of Tver,

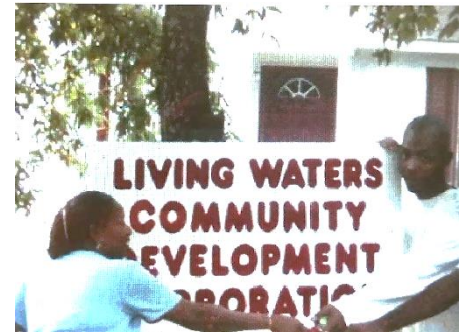
Uglich, Sorsinski, Moscow, Russia; Tokyo, Japan; Beijing, China; Jerusalem, Israel; Vietnam, Turkey, Rome, Italy; Cyprus, and Canada. God has opened many doors for Pastor Allonia Holmes to minister within many states across America and continents around the world.





As the Word of God continues to go forth, the Body of Christ at Living Waters continues to increase through the Power of God and under the leadership of our anointed shepherd, Pastor Allonia Holmes. During our 27 years of existence, the following corporations have been birthed and are a part of our Ministry umbrella; Allo'Hem Ministries, Inc. which includes a Gift Shop and Bookstore, International Mentoring Clinics and Leadership Workshops, Heart to Heart Women Conferences, Men Conferences held in

Canada, Washington DC, New York, New Jersey, Florida, Virginia, Georgia, and South Carolina. Also Living Waters Community Development Corporation, Inc. which consist of a Campus Hope House for those who are transitioning to permanent homes, along with the Chest of Food Pantry which serves not only the members of Living Waters, but provides food and other staples to those in need within Wake County. Living Waters Child Development Center, Inc. was added to the ministry outreach list. This effort served parents and youth within our surrounding communities, providing quality care, a safe, loving, environment for our young to be educated and developed into the men and women God has purposed them to be.



We are most grateful to our Almighty God for the birth and subsequent growth at Living Waters, as He has been Faithful and Just in giving provisions for the visions that He continuously imparts to Pastor Allonia Holmes and the Body of Christ of Living Water. All honor, all glory and all praises to our Heavenly Father for great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!





2017- 2018 WNCCLCLO
Meeting Dates and Location
10:00 a.m.

August 12, 2017

Mt. Pisgah AME Church
Hickory, NC

September 9, 2017

Prayer Breakfast
Macedonia AME Church – Milton, NC

October 14, 2017

Bethel AME Church
Greensboro, NC

January 13, 2018

Greater Bethel AME Church
Charlotte, NC

March 10, 2018

St James AME Church
Asheville, NC

April 14, 2018

Jack and Jill
Venue TBD

April 21, 2018

Springdale AME Church (*election*)
Burlington, NC



“PRAYER BUILDS A SOLID FOUNDATION”

You are cordially invited to the 2017 Western North Carolina Conference Lay Prayer Breakfast and Memorial Service as we pray on behalf of our church, unity, community, youth and world leaders. This is a time when we can draw together in unity and demonstrate our willingness to share, in a single voice, the common need for faith and compassion.

Saturday, September 9, 2017

10:00 a.m. (promptly); doors open at 9:00 a.m.

Tickets are \$15 per person

Macedonia A.M.E. Church

4164 Yarborough Mill Road ~ Milton, NC 27305

If you need a ticket, please check with your local Lay President. Each church was given ten (10) tickets. At the prayer breakfast, we will be honoring the two oldest churches in the Western North Carolina Conference:

Stoney Creek AME Church in Burlington, NC

St Paul AME Church in Raleigh, NC

Sis. Penny S. Oliver, WNCCLLO President ~ Sis. Jackie Kanipe, Committee Chair
Sis. Joan Brandon, Macedonia Lay President ~ Rev. Kelvin Royster, Pastor of Macedonia

& Memorial Service

Church News

SEPTEMBER 2017

“National Preparedness Month”

“Christian Education Month”

3 rd	Revival – 3pm	Poplar Grove AMEC, 5504 Summit Avenue, Greensboro, NC
3 rd	Homecoming – 11am & 3pm	Willow Tree AMEC, 2500 Willow Tree Church Road, Morganton, NC
4 th - 6 th	3-day Revival, 7:30pm	Willow Tree AMEC, 2500 Willow Tree Church Road, Morganton, NC
5 th	Labor Day Holiday	USA
6 th -8 th	3-day Revival, 7pm	Poplar Grove AMEC, 5504 Summit Avenue, Greensboro, NC
9 th	Annual Music Appreciation Day	St. James AMEC, 1501 North Patterson Ave., Winston-Salem, NC
10 th	Homecoming – 10:30am	St. James AMEC, 520 Method Road, Raleigh, NC
10 th	Women’s Day – 3pm	Macedonia AMEC, 2172 Yarbrough Mill Road, Milton, NC
11 th	Grandparents’ Day	USA
13 th 15 th	Fall Revival – 7pm	Quinn Chapel AMEC, 824 Durham Road, Roxboro, NC
16 th	Annual Lay Breakfast	Clapps Chapel AMEC, 1301 Piney Grove Rd, Whitsett, NC
17 th	Annual Lay Service – 11am	Clapps Chapel AMEC, 1301 Piney Grove Rd, Whitsett, NC
17 th	Missionary Program – 2:30pm	St. James AMEC, 520 Method Road, Raleigh, NC
17 th	“The Hope of Glory” Homecoming – 11am & 3pm	Pearson Memorial AMEC, 805 Washington Street, High Point, NC
17 th	Day in The Park	St. Matthew AMEC, 1136 Apple Street, Burlington, NC
17 th	Family & Friends Day – 11am	Living Waters AMEC, 3309 Cedar Springs Drive, Raleigh, NC
17 th	Family & Friends Day – 3pm	Joseph Temple AMEC, 1134 S. Caldonia Road, Laurinburg, NC
17 th	Women’s Day – 9:45am – “Empowered Women Serving God”	Turners Chapel AMEC, 7615 Florence School Drive, High Point, NC
17 th	Church Anniversary – 3pm	Gaines Chapel AMEC, 4024 US Highway 70, Efland, NC
18 th -20 th	3-day Revival – 7pm	Pearson Memorial AMEC, 805 Washington Street, High Point, NC

More Church News

SEPTEMBER 2017

“National Preparedness Month”
“Christian Education Month”

21 st	International Day of Prayer	St. Matthew AMEC, 1136 Apple Street, Burlington, NC
22 nd	Hour of Prayer in Community – 6:30pm	St. Joseph AMEC, 2521 Fayetteville Street, Durham, NC
23 rd	All Choirs Anniversary – 1pm	Clapps Chapel AMEC, 1301 Piney Grove Rd, Whitsett, NC
24 th	Family & Friends Day Sunday Dinner 10am	St. Joseph AMEC, 2521 Fayetteville Street, Durham, NC
24 th	Ushers’ Anniversary, 3pm	St. Matthew AMEC, 1136 Apple Street Burlington, NC
24 th	Family & Friends Day Celebration – 10am	Emmanuel AMEC, 2018 Riddle Road Durham, NC
24 th	Homecoming – 11am & 3pm	Mt. Pisgah AMEC, 618 1 st Street SW, Hickory, NC
24 th	WMS/YPD Annual Day – 4pm	Living Waters AMEC, 3309 Cedar Springs Dr., Raleigh, NC
24 th	Sunday School Day	St. John AMEC, 3001 Tryon Road, Raleigh, NC
24 th	Women’s Day – 10am -“Praying Women Walking By Faith”	St. James AMEC, 1501 North Patterson Ave., Winston-Salem, NC
25 th -27 th	3-Day Revival, 7pm	Emmanuel AMEC, 2018 Riddle Road, Durham, NC
25 th -27 th	3-Day Revival	Mt. Pisgah AMEC, 618 1 st Street SW, Hickory, NC

OCTOBER 2017

“National Domestic Violence”
“National Breast Cancer Awareness”

1 st	120 th Anniversary- 10am	Greater Bethel AMEC, 5232 The Plaza, Charlotte, NC
1 st	Church Anniversary and Homecoming – 11am & 3pm	St. Matthew AMEC, 1136 Apple Street, Burlington, NC
1 st	Homecoming – 3pm	Turners Chapel AMEC, 7615 Florence School Drive, High Point, NC

2 nd – 4 th	3-day Revival	St. Matthew AMEC, 1136 Apple Street, Burlington, NC
2 nd – 4 th	3-day Revival – 7pm	Macedonia AMEC, 2172 Yarborough Mill Road, Milton, NC
2 nd – 4 th	3-day Revival	Turners Chapel AMEC, 7615 Florence School Drive, High Point, NC
7 th	Lay Organization Prayer Breakfast – 9am \$10 donation	White Cross AMEC, 4604 Lebanon Church Road, Efland, NC
8 th	Lay Day – 11am	Poplar Grove AMEC, 5504 Summit Avenue, Greensboro, NC
8 th	Lay Prayer Breakfast – 8am Lay Day	Mt. Zion AMEC, 5124 Highway 86 North, Hillsborough, NC
8 th	Lay Day – 11am Men’s Day – 2:30pm	Macedonia AMEC, 2172 Yarborough Mill Road, Milton, NC
15 th	Christian Education Workshops (Tithing & Know Your Church) - 12:30pm	St. James AMEC, 520 Method Road, Raleigh, NC
15 th	Family & Friends’ Day	Hunter’s Chapel AMEC, 201 Buckhorn Road, Mebane, NC
15 th	Women’s Day	Willow Tree AMEC, 2500 Willow Tree Church Road, Morganton, NC
14 th	WMS Rainbow Tea – 3pm	Gaines Chapel AMEC, 4024 US Highway 70, Efland, NC
22 nd	Family and Friends Day – 11am; Lunch 1pm	White Cross AMEC, 4604 Lebanon Church Road, Efland, NC
22 nd	Christian Education Workshops (Tithing & Know Your Church) – 12:30pm	St. James AMEC, 520 Method Road, Raleigh, NC
22 nd	135 th Church Anniversary/Homecoming - 11am & 3pm	Bethel AMEC, 112 Holderby Street, Reidsville, NC
28 th	Women’s Day Breakfast	Hunter’s Chapel AMEC, 201 Buckhorn Road, Mebane, NC
28 th	Gospel Choir Anniversary – 4pm	Macedonia AMEC, 2172 Yarborough Mill Road, Milton, NC
29 th	Sons of Allen Emphasis Day	St. Matthew AMEC, 1136 Apple Street, Burlington, NC
29 th	Homecoming/Family & Friends Day – 3pm	Poplar Grove AMEC, 5504 Summit Avenue, Greensboro, NC

Don't Miss the

DEADLINE!

September 26th

Submit your church events!

WNCC LAY ORGANIZATION African Methodist Episcopal Church SPECIAL REQUEST

2017-2018 CONFERENCE YEAR

CHURCH NAME: _____

CHURCH ADDRESS: _____

PASTOR: _____

LAY PRESIDENT: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____ CONTACT #: _____

DIRECTOR OF LAY ACTIVITIES: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____ CONTACT #: _____



***DON'T MISS THE BOAT!
REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED BEFORE!***

Please provide your information so you do not miss out on important dates, events, and news from the WNCC Lay Organization. Please feel free to email, call, or mail this form to Sis. Jackie Kanipe, 207 Branch Street, Morganton, NC 28655 / jconleyk@bellsouth.net / (828) 433-8424 or (828) 403-1762.

Sure would like to have this information by: September 26th

Happy Sailing!