

Western NC Conference Lay Organization Meeting
Clapps' Chapel AME Church
Whitsett, NC - October 12, 2019

President Penny Oliver **called the meeting to order** at 10:05 AM.

Devotion

Brother Woodrow Winchester was our Devotion leader. Brother Brandon Owens lead the Lay body in singing, "*Jesus on the Main Line*," followed by *prayer* by Sister Shontea Smith. The *scripture*, *23rd Psalm*, was recited in unison by the Lay Body.

Welcome

The Local Lay President, Sister Carlene Timmons and Local Pastor, Reverend Wanda L. Howell, both extended us a hearty welcome.

Roll Call of Officers – Diane Foy

(All Officers were asked to stand, once their name was called)

Present

Excused

Penny Oliver, President
Betty Parker, 1st Vice President
Adam Johnston, 2nd Vice President
Diane Foy, Recording Secretary
Joy Grandy, Asst. Recording Secretary
Barbara Smith, Corresponding Secretary
Woodrow Winchester, Treasurer
Jessie Cardwell, Chaplain
Bobbi Hague, Parliamentarian
Jacqueline Kanipe, Director of Lay Activities
Angela Elam, Director of Public Relations
Mary Royster-Harris, Young Adult Representative
Bettie Duell, Eastern Dist. Coordinator
Shontea Smith, Credentials/Membership Chair

Kenneth Woods, District Chaplain
Gertrude Upperman, Ex-Officio Officer
Starr Battle, 3rd Vice President, Connectional

Barbara Myers, 3rd Vice President
Mozell Weston, Financial Secretary
Sonia Barbre, Western Dist. Coordinator
Mary Dasher-McAdams, Ex-Officio Officer
James Hill, Ex-Officio Officer
Dwight Patterson

Minutes

President Oliver called for review/corrections of the last minutes, which were posted to the WNCCLO website and distributed in the packet earlier. After no responses President Oliver brought to the attention of the Lay Body two additions to the last set of minutes. Under **Old Business**, it stated that the Constitution and By-Laws had been approved by SEDLO President Matthew Douglas. President Oliver noted that President Matthew cannot approve them without the Constitution and By-Laws Committee of the SEDLO, we will continue using our previous By-Laws (The By-Laws that we should use are on our website www.wncclay.org).

Minutes – (continued)

In the last minutes under **CLO Biennial Delegates Updates**, President Oliver noted we are to always send a YAR representative, age 18-35, officer or not. *(The statement in the last set of minutes was shared)*. President Oliver expressed a personal heartfelt apology, as well as, an apology from the WNCC Lay Organization to Sister Tasha Duell for not being our Young Adult Delegate, and to other laity between the age of 18-35 that met the qualifications with the clarifications being misinterpreted. This time was taken as a *teaching moment for future reference*. After sanctions and amen's from the Lay Body; It was moved to accept the minutes by John Smith, with the necessary corrections, seconded by many.

Officers with Written Reports

Public Relations – Angela Elam

Since the last report **August 10, 2019**, September and October 2019 newsletters were emailed 222 people, (4 additional subscribers).

(See Attachments 1 and 2)

- Please make note of Church Spotlight Schedule
- What is N.C. Real ID?

If you are having a *Lay Witness Day*, at a later date, give the date to Sister Angela Elam to print.

Corresponding Secretary – Barbara Smith

Sister Smith read a “thank you” card received from Sister Emma Devine & Family, in the recent death of her grandson, Brother Frederick Ray.

Treasurer’s Report – Woodrow Winchester

Brother Winchester distributed a copy of the finance statement and shared a listing of the churches that have made contributions to our Scholarship Fund for 2019. The contributions are very much appreciated and to God we give all the glory and praise!

OLD BUSINESS:

WNCCLO Shirts –Shontea Smith

This could be a fundraiser, as a result of the Bi-ennial, when President Oliver originally purchased these shirts. The design was pinned by Sister Smith and larger sizing for women, is one of the criteria's. The original vendor no longer carries this shirt, *(a sample of shirt was on hand, but, this shirt has been washed four (4) times/durable)*. A new vendor is being sought after, since some lay persons have already expressed interest and paid their funds.

WNCCLO Meeting Locations President Oliver

- January 11, 2020 - Persimmon Grove, Greensboro, NC
- March 14, 2020 - Bethel, NC, Greensboro, NC
- April 11, 2020 - Saint James, Winston Salem, NC
(The Election will be held at this location)

- All Meetings Begin at 10:00 A.M. -

Meeting Locations may also be found on website

Prayer Breakfast Update - Jackie Kanipe & Committee

Sister Kanipe asked the Lay Body to give the local President of Macedonia and Congregation a round of applause, for hosting the Prayer Breakfast this year and for a job well done. The Men's Group was outstanding and as always the food was plentiful and delicious. Information will be sent out after the November meeting to determine the 2020 year Breakfast location.

2020-22 Officers Nomination Committee – Gertrude Upperman, Chairperson

This committee will meet immediately following the closing of this Lay Meeting today to finalize materials that will be available to anyone who wishes to run for a lay position the 2020 election. Before your Letter of Intent is accepted for the position, your information will be verified. The Letter of Intent will be available in the WNCCLO Lay Organization Newsletter.

YAR EVENT – Mary Harris & Committee

This committee has had two conference calls since the last meeting and has decided to continue asking the churches for \$300 for the scholarship to be turned in on April 13th on or before WNCCLO Lay Organization meeting. They are so thankful to all the churches who gave this past year!

The committee is working on an event for the laity to fellowship together on **April 20, 2020 – “Sip and Paint”** Much discussion followed. (*Attachment 5*)

Lay/Clergy Institute Update – Jackie Kanipe & Committee

Institute will be held November 9th at Saint Matthew AMEC, Burlington, NC; Sis Bonita Brown, Host Lay President and Rev. Patrice Fields, Host Pastor. We encourage pre-registration, by churches, make checks payable to WNCCLO; \$10/Person. The registration forms are available in your packets and will be sent out this week by email and the presiding elders have forms, also. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., program starts at 9:00 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lay Witness Sunday

President Oliver recognized Starr Battle, *Connectional 3rd Vice President*, for comments. She proceeded to thank the Western North Carolina Conference for their participation in providing their Lay Witness Sunday schedules; twenty-one (21) was reported. If you have Lay Witness Sunday videos, photos, please send to Sister Battle to report on the connectional level. (*Attachment 8*) is a listing of churches that she received). Our president further added that Sister Emma Devine has the Lay Scarves with her, if anyone is interested in purchasing one for \$25.

Lay Night – Jackie Kanipe

A new committee has not been formed as of this meeting, however, a host church has not been designated and usually the host local lay president is a part of this committee. Lay Night will be held, ***Thursday, May 7th***. The Bishop has initiated a program for Lay Night entitled, “*New Lives in Christ*” who have given their lives to Christ during this conference year and have joined the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Bishop Davis requested that this be a *spirit-filled* event. T-Shirts will be worn and a “*New Lives in Christ*” banner will be shared from conference-to- conference. For further information, see *Attachments 11 and 12* on **New Lives in Christ**.

President Oliver announced that the **Mid-Winter’s Meeting** will be held at the *Sheraton, Greensboro, NC in February 13th-15th*. You may begin making your reservations now. An email will go out giving the registration code that must be used and 1-(800) #. This information is also on the WNCCLO website.

- **Connectional Devotional Booklets:** We are responsible for 20 @ \$10/each; please check with Jackie Kanipe, *DOLA*, if interested.

- **Ward Miller Services**

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Goler Memorial AME Zion, 620 N. Patterson Avenue, Winston-Salem, NC

Visitation: 11 am - Funeral: 12 noon

Please keep his wife in prayer. In lieu of flowers, contributions are asked to be made in his memory to: **Community Care Center**

Brother Winchester asked, what do we usually do as an expression from the Lay Organization? President Oliver stated that an Acknowledgement is sent to the family. Sister Battle suggest we give a monetary donation in his memory to the charity since he served as conference lay president. A lengthy discussion followed concerning his years of service to the Lay and position as President. President Oliver asked for a motion.

Starr Battle moved that the WNCCLO give \$100.00 as a donation, in honor of Ward Miller; seconded by Lamont Upperman/numerous others; so moved.

A vote was taken to determine if majority was in favor of this motion, the results; for the \$100 gift 50 - oppose 7. President Oliver stated going forward a Benevolence committee would be appointed to address this issue.

Membership Update – Shontea Smith

Collected - \$335.00 with 67 Attendees

We had an additional 14 persons that paid their dues today for 2019; dues for 2020 are not due until January. The additional 14 brings our **membership total** to **1,406**.

Laity Teaching Moments - Jackie Kanipe, DOLA

Study Guides are \$25, plus shipping & handling, for 2020-2021. She would like to order through Lay Presidents and need the names of all local Directors of Lay Activities, before she leaves today.

Please refer to the write-up entitled, “*Local Church Leadership*,” on the website which details the qualifications, responsibilities of a leader and states what a lay leader does. Sister Kanipe read parts of the passages which had been shared earlier at the Summer Summit; very important information.

Announcement – President Oliver shared that the Legislative Task Force will be meeting along with Bishop Davis at Third Street AME Church, Norfolk, VA at 11:00 a.m. This meeting is for everyone not just Delegates and Alternates for the General Conference.

Praise Reports were given by Kenneth Woods, Dale Wragg, Audrey McCain and Angela Elam. Please continue to pray for the bereaved families; Sister Emma Devine, (*Grandson’s death*), President Valerie Bell, (*death of her Mother*), Reverend Giboney, (*death of her Mother*) and President Penny Oliver (*death of former Husband, Teddy Oliver*).

Sister Bobbi Hague led the Lay Body in the Closing Prayer and Blessing of the Meal. Afterwards, Sister Diane Foy led in singing the *Lay Benediction*. The meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane T. Foy

Attachments



AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ~ SECOND EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
LAY ORGANIZATION
Sister Penny Oliver, President

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT ~ SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2019

Sister Angela Elam- allendur@aol.com ~ Director of Public Relations

Sister Shontea Smith ~ Credential/ Membership Chair and Public Relations Volunteer

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Special Note: Union Bethel AMEC in Cary (Oct. spotlight) new website became live Oct. 2nd. <https://www.unionbethelameccary.org>

CHURCH SPOTLIGHT SCHEDULE



Bethel AMEC
Greensboro



St. James AMEC
Raleigh (Method)



Gaston Chapel AMEC
Morganton



White Cross AMEC
Efland

Will your church be the next one in the **SPOTLIGHT?**



What Is N.C. REAL ID?

Beginning Oct. 1, 2020, federal agencies will enforce the REAL ID Act, which requires a REAL ID, U.S. passport or another federally approved identification to board commercial flights and enter secure federal buildings.

The N.C. REAL ID is a REAL ID Act-compliant driver license that 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."

N.C. REAL ID Is Completely Optional

You **do not** need an N.C. REAL ID driver license or identification card to do any of the following:

- Drive
- Vote
- Apply for or receive federal benefits (e.g., Veterans Affairs, Social Security Administration, etc.)
- Enter a federal facility that does not require an ID (e.g., a post office)
- Access a hospital or receive life-saving services
- Participate in law enforcement proceedings or investigations (e.g., serve on a federal jury, testify in federal court, etc.)

An N.C. REAL ID, however, might be helpful for anyone who frequently:

- Boards a commercial airplane
- Visits nuclear sites
- Visits military bases
- Visits federal courthouses, federal prisons or other federal facilities

An individual without an N.C. REAL ID or U.S. passport will still be able to board flights or make visits to the facilities mentioned above, but they will have to provide **additional documentation** with their traditional license or ID.

This information was obtained from "The Official North Carolina DMV Website".

<https://www.ncdot.gov/dmv/license-id/nc-real-id/Pages/default.aspx>

What Is N.C. REAL ID?

N.C. REAL ID driver licenses and IDs carry a gold star in the top right corner.



Without a star, licenses and IDs now carry the stamp "Not for Federal Identification."



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Brother Matthew Douglas, Second Episcopal District Lay Organization President
Sister Penny Oliver, Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization President



2019 Lay Witness Sunday Church Schedules



CHURCH	PASTOR	LAY PRESIDENT	DATE/TIME PROGRAM	SPEAKER
Emmanuel AMEC Durham, NC	Rev. John Burton	Sis. Iris Hux	10/13 @ 10:00 AM	Sis. Mary Royster-Harris, WNCCLO YAR
Gaston Chapel AMEC, Morganton, NC	Re. Alphonso McGlen	Sis. Barbara Myers	10/13 @ 11:00 AM	Sis. Barbara Myers, WNCCLO 3rd Vice President
Greater Bethel AMEC Charlotte, NC	Rev. Dr. Abdue L. Knox I	Sis. Whitney J. Brown	10/13 @ 10:00 AM	Rev. Sekinah Hamlin
Hunter's Chapel AMEC, Mebane, NC	Rev. Vernon P. Burns	Bro. Robert Jones	10/13 @ 11:00 AM	Sis. Shontae Smith
Johnson Chapel AMEC, Mebane, NC	Rev. Timothy M. Boone	Sis. Margie Alston	10/13 @ 11:00 AM	Sis. Starr Battle, CLO 3rd Vice President
Joseph Temple AMEC, Laurinburg, NC	Rev. Brenda Prince	Sis. Lottie Campbell	10/13 @ 11:00 AM	Bro. Robert L. Malloy
Living Waters AMEC, Raleigh, NC	Rev. Allonia Holmes		10/20 @ 11:00 AM	Sis. Tiffany Utley
Macedonia AMEC Milton, NC	Rev. Kelvin Royster	Sis. Joan Brandon	11/10 @ 11:00 AM	Sis. Lynell Royal
McElrath AMEC Morganton, NC	Rev. Milton O. Battle	Sis. Karen Dula	10/13 @ 11:00 AM	Sis. Bettie Duell, WNCCLO Eastern Dist. Coordinator
Mt. Zion AMEC, Hillsborough, NC	Rev. Dr. Steven L. Lyons	Sis. Vivian Latta	10/13 @ 10:00 AM	Sis. Jacqueline C. Kanipe, WNCCLO Dir of Lay Activities
Payne's Chapel AMEC, Hillsborough, NC	Rev. Allen Terrell	Sis. Hazeline Brooks	10/20 @ 2:30 PM	Sis. Beverly Hester-Stephens
Pearson Memorial AMEC, High Point, NC	Rev. Maye E. Riddick	Sis. Anna Marie Mackey	10/13 @ 11:00 AM	Sis. Penny Oliver, WNCCLO President

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Shiloh AMEC Morganton, NC	Rev. Dr. Wayne A. Johnson, Sr.	Bro. Brandon Owens	10/13 @ 10:30 AM	Bro. Woodrow Winchester, WNCCLO Treasurer
Springdale AMEC Burlington, NC	Rev. Bridgette Gloster	Sis. Alison Parker	10/20 @ 11:00 AM	Sis. Greta Foushee
St. James AMEC— Method, Raleigh, NC	Rev. Phyllis T. Royal	Bro. Howard Manning	10/13 @ 11:00 AM	Sis. Chandra Walker
St. John AMEC, Gibsonville, NC	Rev. Dr. Byron J. Grayson, Sr.	Sis. Richetta Road	10/13 @ 11:00 AM	Bro. Britton Foust
St. Joseph AMEC Durham, NC	Rev. Jonathan C. Augustine	Sis. Gerald Logan	10/13 @ 11:00 AM	The Honorable Anita Earls, Associate Justice of NC Supreme Court
St. Paul AMEC Raleigh, NC	Rev. Robert L. Hodges, Sr.	Sis. Carol Davenport	10/13 @ 11:00 AM	Bro. Dwight Patterson, Past SEDLO President
St. Paul AMEC Lenoir, NC	Rev. Kim Moss	Sis. Barbara Smith	10/13 @ 11:00 AM	Sis. LaDawnna Dula, Lay Leader, New Covenant UMC, Lenoir, NC
White Cross AMEC Efland, NC	Rev. Myraette McGibony	Sis. Ghesia M. Yellock	10/13 @ 11:00 AM	Bro. Kenneth Woods, Sr., SEDLO Chaplain
Willow Tree AMEC Morganton, NC	Rev. Anthony Radcliff	Sis. Mary Mathies	11/10 @ 11:00 AM	Sis. Penny Oliver, WNCCLO President

NEW LIVES IN CHRIST

Purpose: Celebrate “New Lives in Christ” who have given their lives to Christ during the past conference year and have joined the African Methodist Episcopal Church family. Through the annual conference series of the Second Episcopal District an experience would be created to introduce the “New Lives” to the wider connectional family. Provide avenues to nurture the “New Lives” as we assist in their preparation for discipleship. We shall offer to them opportunities to study of the Holy Scriptures as well as the study of the rich history and the Doctrine and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Provide support in their quest to do God’s will as you offer yourself to the ministry of your local church and community.

Implementation: There will be an overall standard presentation presented by the conference lay organization to prompt the conference and the institutional organizations. There will be different layers to the implementation process. Some of the key time frames are as follows: immediate, beginning of the year, mid- winter meeting and leading up to the annual conference series. Below are some of the communication, engagement efforts and follow up with the “New Lives,” some of the methods are as follows but not limited to:

- **Create and standardize marketing products.** Ensure that the flyer, bookmark, welcome/follow up cards have the consistent message and allow the individual conferences access to insert their information.
- **Email and US Postal service mail communication** to those persons whose names were via the quarterly conference to the Bishops offices. Provide them with an invitation, details of the events for that evening and the encouragement to attend.
- **Email Communications** to the Presiding Elders, Pastors and Churches to provide details of this initiative, ask them to ensure that the “New Lives” have an opportunity to come and meet their extended family; while allowing them to hear or see what the benefits they are now afforded by being connected.
- **Create a web friendly flyer.** Work with the Bishops office to have the document added to the Second District website for visibility and as an information resource.

Action Items: There will be various task that will be ongoing throughout this process leading up to the annual conferences and charges to the institutional organizations to engage the “New Lives” after the special night of celebration.

- Conference Presidents will need to work with the Annual Conference host or planning committee to discuss this event and the items that are needed. Special seating, a table in the vestibule or in the lobby of the room and the possibility of having a banner hung. Conference Presidents will be responsible for reaching out to the organization heads to provide details and ask for their involvement.

- Lay Conferences will be responsible for securing the special pen handout which is to have the "New Lives" artwork present and conference information. We will encourage other organizations within the annual conference to have information available to be able to distribute to those persons.
- The individual Conference Lay Organizations will provide a ribbon to be pinned on each "New Lives"
- This committee will design the flyer, welcome card, book mark that will be used to promote this event. The bookmark will contain all the conferences components contact information (WMS, YPD, Lay, Son of Allen, RAYAC, etc.)
- The District Lay will design the banner or pop banner. The banner will be used through the five annual conferences and will have to be shipped or travel with the President to be available for use.
- The District Lay will design and purchase t-shirts for those people who will serve as on-the-ground volunteers to direct person on where to go for information or where they are to be seated.

Incentive: To be inclusive and not categorize the efforts of the local church. There is the potential to use information that will be provided to the Bishop's office to help determine how we will honor the churches and pastors who have put in the work to just add numbers to the body of Christ but members who are on their way to being disciples. The 3 different awards can be distributed are as follows:

- The church/pastor who met or exceeded the quota the Bishop gave them during their last annual reporting period. (Regardless of the size, can be determined which church had the most growth. Possible help from the statisticians.)
- The church who brings the most new members to the event.
- The church with the gréatest increase from the previous conference year. (Based upon the Bishops detailed information, it should be easy to capture this data per annual conference.)