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Penny S. Oliver, President

The response to COVID-19 by the world has been full of confusion! Due to the unfortunate fact that 2020 is a Presidential Election year, matters of public health have become politicized in ways that have expanded the dividing lines that pull our country apart. By-the- way, I hope you got into "Good Trouble" by VOTING!

Masks have become apolitical issue, but, truly—wearing them is intended to be a neutral practice to promote public health. As we all navigate the balance of being responsible citizens and maintaining our sense of freedom, which is vital to the health of our nation, it is important that we make decisions guided by the lens of our faith first. John 13:34 says "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

Overall, the idea is that when we all wear masks, we help keep more of our germs to ourselves, making them most useful when everyone complies. I protect you and you protect me. When we use the filter of showing love during a pandemic, it seems that the simple act of wearing a mask can show care, compassion, and understanding for those around you who may be struggling with extreme levels of anxiety and fear.

From The Desk of The President, Continued

This is where we can use our discretion as Christ-followers. A mask can be a tool to allow us to regain access to desperately-needed human interaction during this turbulent time. Just like we have all had to use Zoom to safely connect, masks can be that next step closer to something that feels more like normal. Especially if it leads to you being able to be a testimony to someone in desperate need of encouragement in this very isolating season. Remember our responsibility is first to Jesus, and how we are being his hands and feet during this dark time.

Registration is open for our 1st Virtual Clergy and Lay Institute – Church During Unprecedented Times: "Doing A New Thing in Christ!" Look! I'm doing a new thing..." Isaiah 43:19 on November 14th at 10 am. We will have an open dialogue with the Presiding Elders in understanding the Pastor's Compensation and share how our churches are "ministering outside the 4 walls. Online reservation is available as well as the traditional way (churches sending names and checks to Jackie Kanipe). MAIL IN REGISTRATION https://form.jotform.com/202434119221139

ONLINE REGISTRATION https://form.jotform.com/202405676176053

Help protect your family and neighbors from COVID-19. <u>Know the 3 Ws. Wear. Wait.</u> <u>Wash.</u>

Penny Oliver, President

The Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization will present the virtual edition of the Clergy & Laity Institute on Saturday, November 14, from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

The flier that has been created and circulated for the past few months is full of information about the institute. Registration is open but time in drawing close to closing...November 7, 2020. You may register for the mail in registration for \$10.00 or online registration paying by PayPal, credit or debit card for \$15.00.

We know that you do not want to miss the discussion of the "Pastor's Compensation package" and the overall conversation with our Presiding Elders, the Rev. Conrad K. Pridgen, Western District and the Rev. Anita Thompson, Eastern District. The theme: "The Church During Unprecedented Times: Doing a New Thing in Christ" with the scriptural reference Isaiah 43:19 "Look! I'm doing a new thing...."

Pastors and laity have worked to develop creative ways to present the worship services to observe the mandates of keeping our congregations safe and as protected as possible. You will see what has been going on throughout our Western North Carolina Conference.

The committee has worked very hard over the last several months to create, edit, develop and do all that is necessary to take care of the finished product that will be ready for presentation. Committee members are: Penny Oliver, Shontea Smith, Mary Harris, Gertrude Upperman, Dwight Patterson, Azzie Conley, Bettie Duell, Brandon Owens, Kenneth Woods, Betty Parker Sonia Barbre and Adam Johnston. During our time of planning and development some of us have had personal challenges yet we keep on going. Thank you so much committee members for all that you did to glorify God with your gifts and talents.

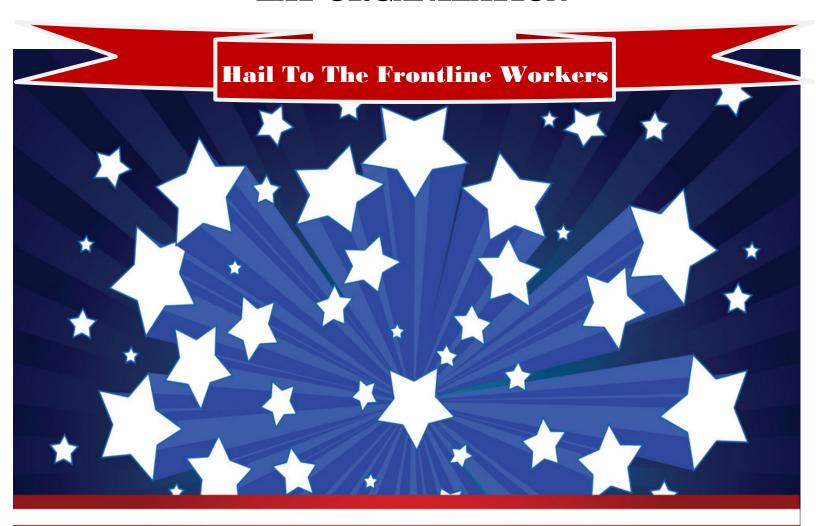
In the meantime, please do not hesitate to give me a call, 828-433-8424 should you need to do so with inquiries, comments, and/or tell us about the new thing you are doing for Christ. "Whatever you do, do it enthusiastically as something done for the Lord." (Colossians 3:23)

May God always bless!

Jackie
Jacqueline C. Kanipe
Director of Lay Activities

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

LAY ORGANIZATION



Despite the hardships and health risks, millions of essential frontline workers continue to do their jobs during the COVID-19 pandemic. These hardworking heroes are keeping Americans fed, picking up their trash, providing them life-saving medicine, delivering their groceries and packages, preparing their food, cleaning their hospitals, caring for those who are most vulnerable, and keeping us safe—often while earning low wages and few benefits. Though these past seven months have been unprecedented, we can always rely on "The Team" to rise to the challenge. Hail to Western North Carolina Laity Frontline Workers.



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- ➤ Lelia Jackson Day Care Teacher
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- Jerry Parker Truck Driver
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- ➤ Renee Wright Bus Driver for Guilford County School System
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- Alisha Tuck-Brown Teacher
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- > Trenton Brooks Amazon









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- > Jadala Ragland -CNA Brain Center- Yanceyville, NC
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- > Tanya Richmond-Teacher- RCS- Yanceyville NC
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- > Joseph Harris-USPS Driver-Greensboro, NC
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- > Marcia Witherspoon
- > Joy Grandy
- > Anitra Dula
- > Jaylan Michaux
- > Marsha Bowick
- > Imani Bowick
- > Tavannya Warren
- > Karmen Logan
- > Mary Ann Patterson
- > Collette Shade
- > Carnell Ferguson
- > Helen McCorkle
- > Cecil Hartso
- Billy Grandy
- > Carly Patterson
- > Angelica Dula

Office Staff

- > Barbara Smith
- > Glenda Bowers

Nurses/CNA

- Patricia Lipford
- > Margaret Smith

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➤ Linda Sloan

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- > Rev. Kim E. Moss
- > Ajaila Corpening
- > Rev. Dorothy Hartso

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- > Anthony Logan
- > Tikavien Corpening

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- > Donnie Corpening









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- Mary L. Roseboro CNA I Instructor, Caldwell Community College
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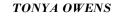
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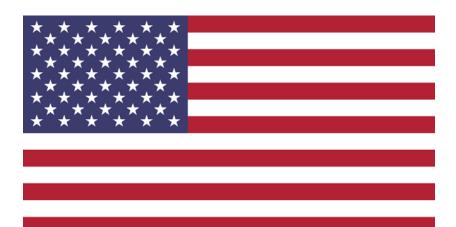
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- Donald Davis Firefighter/First Responder
- > Tim Corpening Firefighter/First Responder
- Alexander Corpening Fire Chief/ First Responder
- Kenneth Corpening Firefighter/First Responder
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- > David Whiteside Law Enforcement-Magistrate
- ➤ Helen McElrath Teacher
- Herbert Corpening Marion Correctional Superintendent

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- > Jasmine Woodard Health Care
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- > Anita Lamberth Health Care
- Sara LaVerne Lamberth Health Care
- > Tara W. Morrison Health Care
- Denise Freeland Health Care
- > Shamia P. Cobb Dental Hygienist
- Bianica Cheek Medical Asst.
- Yvonne Renae Isley Daycare Mgr.
- Jada McCoy Retail Worker
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- Teresa Parker Postal Worker





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DATE: October 1, 2020

TO: Second Episcopal District Pastor, Clergy, and Congregation

FROM: James Levert Davis and The Council of Presiding Elders

SUBJECT: "RE-ENTERING OUR CHURCHES - Call for Unification and Collaboration"

Let us begin this message of concern with the end in mind. We praise God for all of our SED Pastors/Clergy and Congregations. You have demonstrated creativity and commitment to continue providing an array of spiritual, moral, intellectual, and social service opportunities for church and community. Even though the ways many of you worked have been upended, we are grateful for all you have done, are doing, and will do in these unprecedented times.

Further, we ask that you pray, take time, and let your godly judgment inform your decisions. We are passionately pleading. Do not rush to judgment; and under no circumstances are we encouraging your opening at this time. As God has provided in the past, He will continue to pour out His blessings upon those who trust Him and walk in faith. As the song says, He didn't bring us this far to leave us.

Additionally, we appreciate, respect, and understand your desire to return to the church the building, (we all have that desire to participate in the sweet fellowship); however, we want to be sure that the safety, input, and preparation are factored into your decisions.

Please understand that as the leadership of the District, we cannot control your decisions to open, but as we look at the profiles around what is happening in Black/African American and Latino communities, we would caution that your decisions not necessarily follow the patterns of opening our churches as some of the states have opened. According to the CDC, compared to Whites, African Americans are 2.6x higher in cases, 4.6x higher in hospitalizations, and 2.1x higher in deaths due to COVID-19. Bringing to light the adage that when America catches

a cold, Black people catch pneumonia. We are seeing the consequences as numbers rise.

Another factor to consider is, race and ethnicity are risk markers for other underlying conditions that impact health — including socioeconomic status, access to health care, and increased exposure to the virus due to occupation (e.g., frontline, essential, and critical infrastructure workers). Many Blacks and Latinos are those who are employed in these occupations (CDC, September 15, 2020). Again, we say, we are appealing to your spirituality, morality, and intellect. Our decisions need to be made in the context of our community.

We ask that you utilize the list below as you move forward on this critical issue:

- Have you addressed and adhered to all items on the Re-entry Plan?
- Have you consulted with your attorney and insurance company to be informed on legal ramifications should the church encounter legal judgment?
- Have you exercised power "with" rather than power "over" the pastor and congregation? Is the decision arbitrary or has it been reached in unity and collaboration with pastor and congregation?
- Do you see yourselves as a cohesive group where each person's opinion is valued? Do you feel that you can openly and honestly express your desires without consequences?
- Is there a plan developed by which you will provide spiritual and social service opportunities (virtual, face-to-face, hybrid, etc.) for the entire congregation and community? In a world that seems to increasingly need to witness the impact that loving and respecting one another can have on society, the church is exactly the place where this should be demonstrated.

It is clear that as we continue to coexist with the coronavirus pandemic, there is a need to continue to adjust our approaches as the "new normal" requires. The health, safety, and well-being of all (from infants to seniors) for whom we have responsibility are **our priority**.

We pray God's blessings upon each of you as we work together to bring God's Kingdom to earth as it is in heaven.

In the Spirit of the #4REAL Church-Rising to the Challenge!



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Attending: University of North Carolina of Charlotte

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Pastor: Rev. Dr. Clay Barrow Pastor: Rev. Bridgette V. Gloster

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Sophia L Bowers Donovan E. Chicot

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Church: St. Paul AME

Attending: Tiffin University

Church: Greater Bethel AME

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Pastor: Rev. Dr. Abdue L. Knox

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Attending: Fayetteville State University

Attending: North Carolina A&T State University

Church: New Covenant AME
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UPCOMING EVENTS AND

INFORMATION





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