

#### THE LAY EXPRESS

Second Episcopal District ~ African Methodist Episcopal Church WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION



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From COSK Penny S. Oliver, President



Jesus died and He rose again so that you and I may have life and have life more abundantly!

I want to share with you the words of Luther Barnes in his song "It's Your Time" because I believe the words are fitting and true for all of us who trust and believe in the Resurrection of Jesus the Christ.

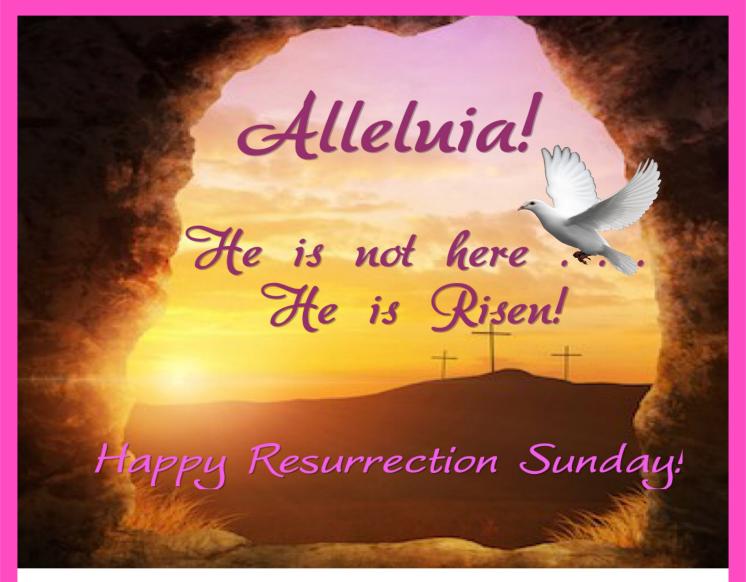
This song is dedicated to all of you who have been working in the vineyard for the Lord for what seems like a lifetime. You have dreamed and you've worked towards things that you've wanted to accomplish for yourself. But somehow your biggest goals always seem to be just out of your reach. But the Lord told me to tell you He knows who you are. Yes, He's seen your work and He's also seen your tears. And He wants you to know that you are not forgotten. He's here to reward you for all your faithfulness. For He said in His word if you will delight yourself in Him, He will give you the desires of your heart. In other words, not only will He give you what you need, but He promised to give you whatever you want. So don't get discouraged. So don't give up. Hang in there and prepare yourself for your blessing. It's your time now.

You've been faithful, you've been true. And you've done all that you can do. And for your faithfulness, it's your time.
You applauded for the rest. Now it's your time to be blessed.
And for your faithfulness, it's your time.

You've waited for so long. But you held on, and you were strong. And for your faithfulness, it's your time. You encouraged everyone else. When you needed it for yourself. And for your faithfulness, it's your time!

I encourage you to fellowship with one another, pray for and with one another and love one another. IT IS YOUR TIME! Join us on April 14th at Springdale AMEC, 5554 NC Hwy 62 South, Burlington, NC at 10 am for the election of WNCC – Lay Organization Officers, followed by the election of delegates to the 17th SED – Lay Organization Convention in Newport News, Virginia. Also, on April 21st we will *Praise God* with songs during the Youth Explosion – For Your Glory at Turner's Chapel, 7615 Florence School Road, High Point, NC.

Thank you for your willingness to serve!



Beloved Family,

Happy Resurrection Sunday!

It is a day to celebrate and commemorate the resurrection of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ! He is not dead, **He lives!** 

It is important for all of us to turn our eyes from the cross to the empty tomb. That is the hope of our faith! That is the meaning of Resurrection Sunday! It is the dawn of a new day; another opportunity to empower the people for the mission for which God made them — bringing others into the right relationship with His Son, Jesus.

As you read this today, Jesus is **RISEN** from the dead! **He is ALIVE** and therein is our Hope and **POWER!** He is Lord of lords and He is the King of kings! He is Alpha and Omega! He is God of all ages. *Alleluia! Alleluia!* 

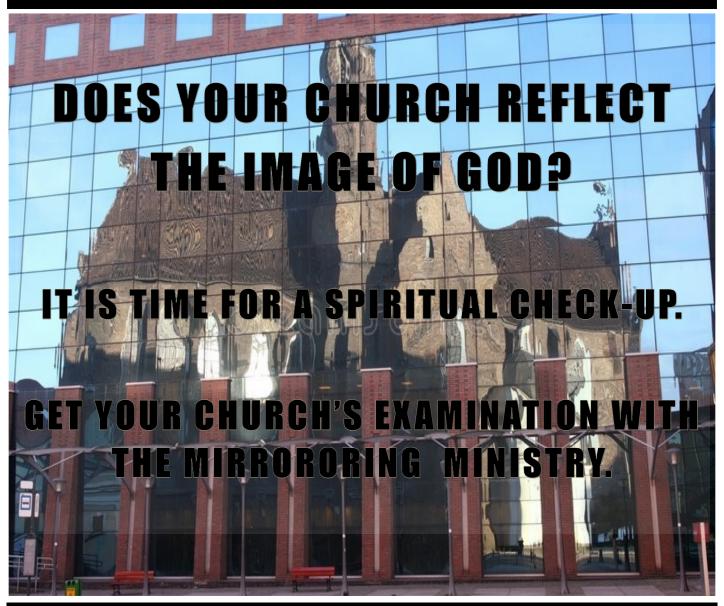
Have a Blessed Resurrection Day! Let His life empower you for the days ahead.

In the Spirit of Resurrected Power,

James and Arelis Davis

Servant Leaders



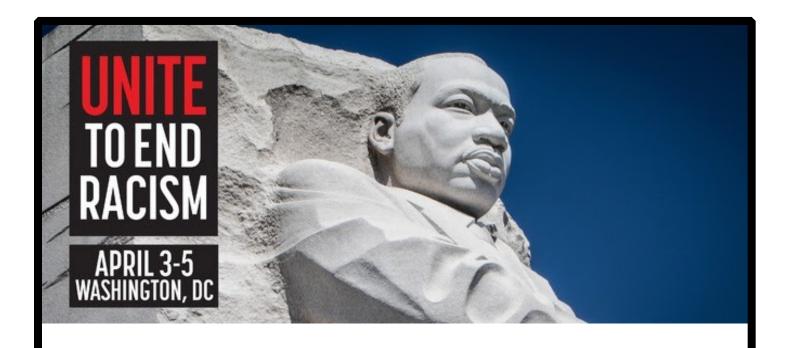


Get tools to use in the implementation of the mirroring ministry in your local church at wncclay.org.

Pastors the name(s) of the member(s) responsible for facilitating the discussion, organizing, compiling, etc. are due NOW. If you have not already submitted the names, please forward this information to Penny Oliver ASAP for distribution to Bishop Davis.

Rev. Michael Bowden, Rev. Dr. Allonia Holmes and Rev. Jacqueline V. Robertson are the Pastors assigned to assist with this ministry.

For more information contact Penny Oliver at: penny.oliver52@yahoo.com.





April 3-5 is only the beginning. Our #rally2endracism is the launch of a comprehensive, multi-year program to address racism in our nation.

- **AWAKEN** ourselves to the truth that racism is ever-present, deeply rooted in American culture, and profoundly damaging to our communities.
- **CONFRONT** racism, speak truth to ourselves, our communities and institutions, and stand against injustice.
- **TRANSFORM** the hearts, minds, and behaviors of people and structures that shape society.

### Schedule At-A-Glance for April 3-5, 2018

Tuesday, April 3: Prayer

- 6:00 p.m.: Orthodox Christian Bridegroom Service of Holy Tuesday
- 8:00 p.m.: Then and Now: An Ecumenical Gathering to End Racism

Location: Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 2815 36th St., NW, Washington, D.C., 20007 – Click here for parking info

Wednesday, April 4: ACT to End Racism Rally on the National Mall

- 7-8 a.m.: Silent Prayer Walk to the National Mall
- 8-9 a.m.: Interfaith Service
- 9 a.m.-3 p.m.: Rally and Call to Commitment

Thursday, April 5: National Day of Advocacy & Action

• 8:30 a.m-11 a.m.: Workshop on Organizing Effective Legislative Visits 11 a.m.-5 p.m.: Workshops and Legislative Visits (click here for details)

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**TODAY** 

## REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 42118

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.

### HONORING 53 YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE MINISTRY



Presiding Elder J. Bernard Wilder SED WNCC Eastern District



The Special Edition 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., email Angela or Shontea

before April 26th.

Include your name and church.

Please keep your comments brief.

Thank You!

The Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization

St. Matthew AMEC— Raleigh Present SAVE THE DATE





"enlightening"

"entertaining"



ANNUAL LAY WITNESS SERVICE

Thursday May 17, 2018 7:30 pm

North Raleigh Hilton 3415 Wake Forest Road Raleigh, North Carolina 27609 Bad to the Bone, Bad for a Season,

Bad for a Moment, But, with God's Grace, Not Bad Forever.



## 126<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

WMS Annual Convention

Wednesday - Saturday, May 16 - 19, 2018 **Business, Training & Worship** 

Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 10:00a.m. **Opening Annual Service** 

#### Hotel Accommodations Hilton North Raleigh/Midtown



3415 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh, NC 27609 Room Rate: \$117.00+ Taxes (Single/Double Occupancy)

(800) 446-6677

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT:**

http://www.ame2.com/2018-annual-conferences

Rev. Robert L. Hodges, Sr., Host Pastor
Saint Paul AME Church, Raleigh, NC, Host Church
Reverend J. Bernard Wilder, Host Presiding Elder
Reverend Conrad Pridgen, Associate Host Presiding Elder

#### SAVE THE DATE



## ANNUAL LAY

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FORTHCOMING

## 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 WNCCLO
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



Please complete the registration form and return with a check or money order to:
Barbara R. Smith
2060 Cranberry Ct.
Lenoir, NC 28645.

The Convention Registration deadlines are:
Regular Registration \$150.00 until 6/30/18
\$75.00 Young Adult (18-35) until 6/30/18
\$175.00 Late Registration 7/1/18-8/1/18
\$200.00 On-site Registration 9/27/18.
Please do not mail registrations after 5/31/18.

For hotel reservations, please call 757-873-9299 Reservation for Lay Organization, A.M.E. Church. Room rate is \$124.00 plus tax.

Should you have any questions contact Sister Barbara Smith phone:828-292-9718 email: smithbarbarar@bellsouth.net.





Have you purchased the Second Episcopal District Lay Organization Lapel Pin? If not, it is not too late.

The pins are \$10.00 each. Checks should be made payable to the WNCC-Lay Organization.

Contact Jackie Kanipe by email, jconleyk@bellsouth.net or telephone call, 828-433-8424.

If you would like to reserve several for members of your organization, please inform Sister Kanipe as soon as possible.

#### Thank You!!!

#### Mrs. Prosa Parks



"The only tired I was, was tired of giving in."



"I have learned over the years that when one's mind is made up, this diminishes fear; knowing what must be done does away with fear."



"I would like to be known as a person who is concerned about freedom and equality and justice and prosperity for all people."

The Alabama House of Representatives on, March 22, 2018, passed the Rosa Parks Holiday Bill unanimously! ... "The first day of December of each year is designated as Mrs. Rosa L. Parks Day in this state. All citizens of this state are requested to devote some portion of Mrs. Rosa L. Parks Day to commemorate the accomplishments of Mrs. Rosa L. Parks, a woman of great courage, vision, love and faith who helped usher in the modern civil rights movement on December 1, 1955, by refusing to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama."



#### **Hidden Figures**

#### Wayman Chapel — Graham



Mrs. Muriel Warren Tarpley started working for the Ala-County Register mance Deeds in July 1981 and was the 2nd African American to be employed in the office. Tarpley worked in every area of the office through December 2004, completing 23 years of employment in the office. November 2000, Mrs. Tarpley became the first African American to be elected and serve as The Register of Deeds of Alamance County. She is a member of Wayman Chapel AME Church in Graham, North Car-

olina where Rev. Milton O. Battle is the pastor. Mrs. Tarpley serves as a Steward and financial secretary for the church.

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)?

Well... the Lay Express want to know who they are, and what they did.

Each month the *Lay Express* will highlight a church in the Western North Carolina Conference and feature the church's "Hidden Figures"

Just send the individual's name (layperson or clergy), a picture (if available), and a very brief description of your church's "Hidden Figures".

You never know when your church will enter the spotlight, so *the SOONER* you submit your "Hidden Figure(s)" *the BETTER!* 



## 365 DAYS OFBLACK HISTORY

The April Edition

#### April 1

1867-- Blacks voted in municipal election in Tuscumbia, Alabama. Military officials set aside the election pending clarification on electoral procedures.

1868-- Hampton University was established as a school for blacks.

#### April 2

1984-- Coach John Thompson of Georgetown University becomes the first Black coach to win the NCAA basketball tournament.

#### April 3

1888-- A. B. Blackburn invented the spring seat for chairs, which became patent #380,420

1950-- Carter G. Woodson died.. Part of his legacy is the recognition of Black History Month.

#### April 4

1967-- Speaking before the Overseas Press Club in New York City, Revered Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr, announced his opposition to the Vietnam War.

1968-- Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

#### April 5

1856-- Booker Taliaferro Washington (Booker T. Washington) was born on this day in Hale's Ford, Virginia.

#### April 6

1798-- James Beckwourth, Pioneer/fur trader was born in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

1846-- Dred Scott and his wife Harriet filed an unsuccessful suit against Irene Emerson for their freedom. When the case was heard before the US Supreme Court, Chief Justice Roger B. Taney declared the law of the land deemed that blacks "had no rights which the white man was bound to respect; and that the negro might justly and lawfully be reduced to slavery for his benefit. He was bought and



 $\mbox{Mr.}$  Dred and  $\mbox{Mrs.}$  Harriet Scott

sold and treated as an ordinary article of merchandise and traffic, whenever profit could be made by it."

#### April 7

1717—Twenty-seven Blacks organized a violent resistance to enslavement in New York that resulted in stricter slave codes.

1915-- Blues singer, Billie Holiday, was born in Baltimore, Md.

#### April 8

1960— The Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) was organized.

1965—Sixteen year old Lawrene Bradford of New York City was the first Black Page appointed to the US Senate.

#### April 9

1898-- Paul Leroy Robeson was born in Princeton, New Jersey.

1939-- Marian Anderson performs for 65,000 on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial after she is refused admission to the Daughters of the American Revolution's Constitutional Hall

#### April 10

1816-- Richard Allen made Bishop of the AME Church.

#### April 11

1899-- Chemist Percy Julian, whose research helped create treatment for arthritis was born in Montgomery, Alabama.



Bishop Richard Allen

#### April 12

1869-- North Carolina legislature passed anti-Klan Law.

1983 - Harold Washington elected the first Black mayor of Chicago, Illinois.

#### April 13

1891 - Harlem Renaissance novelist, Nella Larsen is born in Chicago, Illinois

1965 - Leontyne Price, world renowned opera singer, is awarded the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic.

#### April 14

1873 - The US Supreme Court decision in the Slaughterhouse case begins to diluting the civil rights afforded Blacks with the ratification of the Fourteenth Amendment.

1964 - Sidney Poitier becomes the first Black male to win an Academy Award.

#### April 15

1889 - A. Philip Randolph was born in Crescent City, Fl.

1947 - Jackie Robinson becomes the first Black to play Major League baseball.

#### April 16

1862 - Abraham Lincoln freed slaves in Washington, D.C.

1868 - Louisiana voters approved new constitution and elected its first Black lieutenant governor, Oscar J. Dunn, and its first Black state treasure, Antoine Dubuclet.

#### April 17

1990 - Civil Rights leader Ralph Abernathy died.

#### April 18

1967 - Bill Russell signs a contract to become the first Black coach in the NBA.

1980 – Cardiac surgeon, Dr. Levi Watkins, Jr. performed the first implantation of an automatic defibrillator into a human heart.

#### April 19

1780 – Lemuel Haynes enlisted as a Minute man in 1774 and became the first Black man ordained by the Presbyterian Church.

#### April 20

1853 - Harriet Tubman begins the Underground Railroad

1875 - Fisk University founded in Nashville, Tn.

#### April 21

1974 - Lee Elder becomes the first Black professional golfer to qualify for the Masters Tournament.



Ms. Harriet Tubmar

#### April 22

1596 - The first recorded organized slave resistance movement occurs in Stono, SC.

1970 - Yale students protested in support of the Black Panther Party for Self-Defense.

#### April 23

1856 - Granville T. Woods, inventor of automatic air brakes, was born.

#### April 24

1944 – William Hastie argued before the Supreme Court in Smith v Allwright that a "white primary" law which excludes Blacks from voting is a violation of the 15<sup>th</sup> Amendment and thus unconstitutional.

#### April 25

1918 - Singer Ella Fitzgerald was born.

1944 – The United Negro College Fund (UNCF) was founded by Frederick Patterson, President of the Tuskegee Institute, and Mary McLeod Bethune, an advisor to the Franklin Roosevelt Administration.

#### April 26

1844 – Jim Beckwourth discovered a path through the Sierra Nevada Mountains that now bear his name.

1984 - Jazz pianist and musician, William "Count" Basie died.

#### April 27

1803 - Haitian Liberator, Toussaint L'Ouverture died.

Mr. James Beckwourth

#### April 28

1967 – World Boxing Association and New York State Athletic Commission withdrew recognition of Muhammad Ali as world heavyweight boxing champion because of his refusal to serve in the U.S. armed forces.

#### April 29

1899 - Duke Ellington was born in Washington, DC.

1968 - The Poor People's Campaign began in Washington, DC.

#### April 30

1881 – Julian Abele, architect and primary designer of Duke University's West Campus, was born in Philadelphia, PA.



BLACK GIRLS LEAD! Conference is a six-day, residential, international leadership program for young women of color. The mission of the program is to offer girls ages 13-17 tools and resources to become dynamic leaders, innovators, and public servants.

The BLACK GIRLS LEAD! Conference is designed to affirm Black girls' brilliance, to cultivate their leadership skills and to create a safe space for fellowship and sisterhood. Attendees will experience culturally relevant workshops, panel discussions, guest lectures and empowerment circles lead by world-class educators, artists, business moguls, research scientists, entertainers and other influencers.

#### ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS ARE GIRLS WHO:

- 13-17 years old (12th graders/2018 graduating seniors are not eligible to apply).
- In good academic standing (C+ cumulative grade average or above).
- Exhibit strong leadership potential and interest in our learning modules.
- Interested in the African Diaspora and its arts, histories, and cultures.
- Concerned about issues impacting Black women and girls.
- Application and Required Supplemental Documents are due by Sunday, April 29, 2018, at 11:59 Eastern Central Time.
- \$25 Application Fee is due by Sunday, April 29, 2018, at 11:59 Eastern Central Time.

Applicants will be notified of an admissions decision by May 21, 2018.

Questions? Email: blackgirlslead@blackgirlsrock.org

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS



## UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND THE CONNECTION

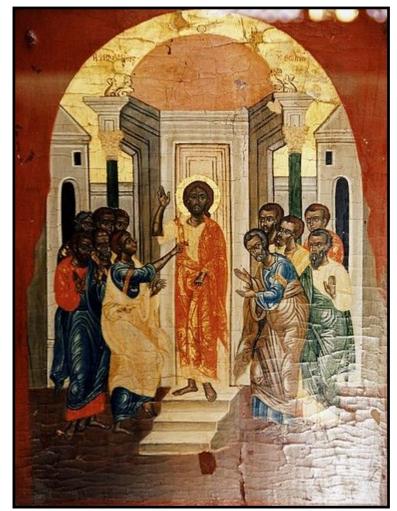


April 14, 2018 ~ 10 a.m.....WNCC Lay Organization Meeting (Election of Officers & Delegates) Springdale AME Church ~ Burlington, NC Rev. Robert L. Goode, Pastor / Sis. Penny Oliver, Lay President April 21, 2018 ~ 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m......YAR Gospel Explosion "For Your Glory" Turners Chapel AME Church ~ 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 **DEADLINE for Room Rate — April 13<sup>th</sup>** 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 Newport News Marriott at City Center, Newport News, Virginia Sis. Barbara Smith, WNCC Registrar November 10, 2018......WNCC-LO Lay Institute Mt. Zion A.M.E Church, Greensboro, NC Rev. Henry Davis, Pastor / Bro. Woodrow Winchester, Lay President



Dr. James C. Johnson Lay Organization Annual Banquet Theme: Laity Fulfilling the Great Com- mission,— What Part Do You Play.	Mount Zion AME Church 5124 Highway 86 North Hillsborough, NC 27278, in the Mitchell-Vanhook Fellowship Hall. Donations: \$15.00/adult.; \$5.00/ child under 12 years of age.	Sat., April 14, 2018, 5:00 p.m.
2018 Annual Women's Day Worship Service	Emmanuel AME Church 2018 Riddle Road, Durham, NC 27713	Sun., April 15, 2018, 10 a.m.
2018 Annual Women's Day Afternoon Service Theme: Beauty of a Becoming Godly Woman Elder T. Gayle Jones-Foster Fresh Wind Outreach Ministries, Culpeper, VA	Emmanuel AME Church 2018 Riddle Road, Durham, NC 27713	Sun., April 15, 2018, 2 p.m.
28 <sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary Celebration	Living Waters AME Church 3309 Cedar Springs Dr., Raleigh, NC 27603	Sun., April 15, 2018, 4:00 p.m.
Male Chorus Anniversary	Macedonia AME Church 4164 Yarboroughs Mill Rd, Milton, NC 27305	Sat., April 21, 2018, 4 p.m.
136 <sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary Rev. Dr. Steven L. Lyons-Pastor	St. James AMEC -Winston-Salem 1501 Patterson Ave, Winston-Salem, NC 27105	Sun., April 22, 2018, 10 a.m.
Pastor Appreciation Day	Macedonia AME Church 4164 Yarboroughs Mill Rd, Milton, NC 27305	Sun., April 22, 2018, 2:30 p.m.
<b>Leadership Conference</b> Rev. Allonia Holmes, Presenter	St. Stephen AMEC - Wilmington 501 Red Cross St, Wilmington, NC 2840	Sat., April 28, 2018, 10a.m 12p.m.
<b>Ushers Anniversary</b> Rev. Dr. Steven L. Lyons-Pastor	St. James AMEC -Winston-Salem 1501 Patterson Ave, Winston-Salem, NC 27105	Sun., April 29, 2018, 10 a.m.

# REMINDERS



Earliest known image of Jesus Christ, from the Coptic Museum in Cairo, Egypt

- SUBMIT PHOTOS & WELL WISHES FOR A SPECIAL EDITION OF 2018 NEWSLET-TER FEATURING PRESIDING ELDER J. BERNARD WILDER. THIS EDITION WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE
- Register for the upcoming SED Lay Convention Newport News, VA. Registration Form included as page 20.
- Open an account at a Black Bank.

#### For additional information on conference events,

Please visit the Second Episcopal District website, <a href="www.ame2">www.ame2</a>.com, and/or the website of the WNCC Lay Organization, <a href="www.www.wwcclay.org">www.wwcclay.org</a>.

WE NEED YOUR "CHURCH HISTORY",

"HIDDEN FIGURES",

& "CHURCH EVENTS"

BY APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup>

FOR PUBLICATION IN THE UPCOMING NEWSLETTER.

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## 17<sup>th</sup> Lay Convention Second Episcopal District Lay Organization September 27-29, 2018 Newport News Marriott at City Center 740 Town Center Drive, Newport News VA 23606 (757) 873-9299

#### **REGISTRATION FORM (Please Print Clearly)**

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SED Polo Shirt* (\$25.00	) (M or F) men S-6x; ladies S- 3x.				
SEDLO Kente Stole (\$2:	5.00)				
SEDLO Lapel Pins (\$10.	.00)				
Additional Banquet Tick	ets (\$50.00)				
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