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WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION
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From
the desk
of... Penny S. Oliver, President



Where has the time gone? The leaves are turning colors, Thanksgiving is just around the corner... and I refuse to think *about that holiday* in December! Take a deep breath... that's it! Let your shoulders relax. Think about all the things that make you smile. Think of your favorite color. Taste. Smell. We don't need those to live, but we have them. Cherish those joys. It's going to be ok. Love Life and Stay Strong!

My cup runneth over with happiness... as I reflect on the 12th Annual Prayer Breakfast. Thank you, Presiding Elders, Laity, Preachers, Prayer Breakfast Committee, DOLA Jackie Kanipe, Sister Emma White, Rev. Patrice Fields, St. Matthew's AMEC family of Burlington, NC for a job well done! At the breakfast, we paid homage to the past presidents of the WNCCLO that are still with us. It was a joy for us to come together and worship the Lord in song, dance, prayers, and fellowship.

On October 7, 2018, Bishop James L. Davis, our Servant Leader of the 2nd District, requested that all churches collect Hurricane Florence Disaster Relief Love Offerings. I ask that we graciously support this effort and bring it closer to home with the laity also collecting cleaning supplies and personal hygiene items for our Sisters and Brothers of the North Carolina Conference. I ask that you bring these items to our **October 13th meeting at St. James AME Church, Winston-Salem, NC.** I will deliver the collected items on Lay Witness Sunday to Bethel AME Church, Selma, NC.

“Laity Walking Humbling with God to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with God.” Micah 6:8.

Thank you for your willingness to serve!





SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2018

**Second Episcopal District REQUEST
for DISASTER RELIEF
Love Offering**

“We are asking each congregation to lift a generous love offering on the first Sunday, October 7, 2018. Your offerings will be utilized to provide relief for our brothers and sisters in those areas that are hardest hit by Hurricane Florence. Please encourage everyone to be as generous as they possibly can in our collective effort as a District to provide comfort and hope in these times of calamity.

**Thank you in advance for
demonstrating the love of Christ for our
brothers and sisters in their time of
need.”**

***James L. Davis, Servant Bishop
Arelis B. Davis, WMS Supervisor***

CONGRATULATIONS!



**Newly elected President of
the Second Episcopal Dis-
trict Lay Organization!**

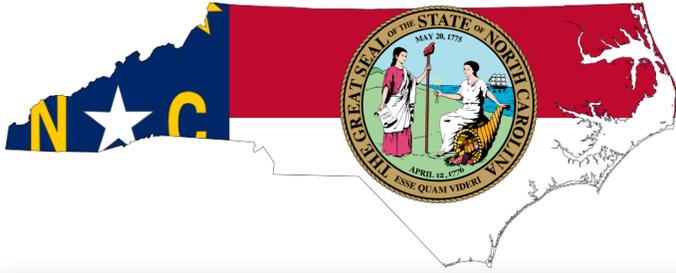
MATTHEW DOUGLAS

Matthew Douglas was born in the District of Columbia; He is the Youngest Child of the late Presiding Elder Goodwin Douglas and Mary C. Douglas.

He has been an official member of Reid Temple AMEC since 2001, where he has served on the Prison Ministry, the YPD, Boyz to Men, Fishes and Loaves Ministry and the Angelo's Ministry and is an active member of the James A. Parker Lay Organization. He currently serves as support to the Executive office of the Pastor.

At the 60th Session of the Washington Annual Conference, Matthew was installed as the new and youngest President of the Washington Conference Lay Organization. Under his presidency Matthew continued to find ways to bridge the age gap in the Church arena and strengthen the pulpit to pew relations. He was dedicated to continuously working not as man over man, but working collectively to Edify The Kingdom, Equip the Saints and To Empower our Communities. Under his leadership the Washington Annual Conference Lay Organization was able to undertake numerous initiatives, have meaningful programs and support many projects.

REGISTER, then VOTE on NOVEMBER 6th



ELECTION.....Tuesday, November 6th

REGISTRATION DEADLINE.....Oct. 12th

ABSENTEE VOTER DEADLINES

Application by mail.....Oct. 30th

Submission by mail.....Nov. 5th

EARLY VOTING

Begins.....Oct. 18th

Ends.....Nov. 1st



<http://www.amev-alert.org/>

Dr. Moore was a prominent leader in his profession, community, and church, St. Joseph's AME Church in Durham, North Carolina. He is the Uncle of Sister Sandra DeGeneste, President of the Lay Organization at Emmanuel AME Church in Durham, NC. For additional information about Dr. Moore, check out the February 2018 edition of [The Lay Express](#).

<http://www.wncclay.org/minutes.php>

You're Invited
OCTOBER 24, 2018
to the
DONALD T. MOORE, MD
ENDOWED LECTURE
Durham Armory (Downtown Durham)
5:30 PM



Duke OB/GYN is proud to present the inaugural Donald T. Moore, MD, Endowed Lecture honoring the legacy of the esteemed physician, educator, community leader, and member of St. Joseph's AMEC.

featured speakers
Henry Foster, MD
Professor emeritus and former Dean, School of Medicine at Meharry Medical School.

Louis Sullivan, MD
Former Secretary, US Dept. of Health and Human Services (1989-1993).

Dr. Donald T. Moore
May 4, 1933 - July 15, 1991



God's Work,
Our Hands

NC CONFERENCE NEEDS OUR
HELP! PLEASE BRING
CLEANING SUPPLIES AND
PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS

Lay Organization Meeting

OCTOBER 13, 2018 - 10:00 a.m.
Saint James AME Church
1501 N. Patterson Avenue
Winston-Salem, NC

Rev. Shelton T. Miles, Pastor
Bro. Byron Barbre, Local Lay Pres.



**LAY INSTITUTE
NOVEMBER 10, 2018**

TOPICS OF INTEREST:

★ *Dialogue with WNCC
Presiding Elders:*

Reverend Conrad Pridgen
Western District

Reverend Anita Thompson
Eastern District

★ *How To Bridge the Gap
Between Clergy & Laity*

★ *The Lay Electoral College*

Rev. Henry Davis, Pastor
Rev. Arnita Davis, Co-Pastor

Brother Woodrow Winchester
Local Lay President

Mount Zion AME Church
1452 Huffine Mill Rd - Greensboro, NC



Lay Witness Sunday

This year, the Connectional Lay Organization will compile a list of the various Lay Organizations who observe Lay Witness Sunday. Officially, the Connectional Lay Witness Day was designated for observance throughout the AME Church on the 2nd Sunday during the month of October, at the Eleventh Biennial Session, in 1969. Lay Witness Sunday provides laypersons with the opportunity to witness about their faith in Jesus Christ and their commitment to fulfilling His mission in the world. This event was established for lay persons to carry out morning worship services at their respective local churches. Traditionally, Lay Witness Sunday recognizes the work and mission of all laity, which takes place within and outside the walls of the AME Church.

The Quadrennial theme approved by Connectional Lay Organization (2017-2021) is: **“Laity Walking Humbly with God to Do Justice and to Love Kindness.”**

The scripture reference is *“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 (NASB)*

Starr L. Battle
3rd VP, Connectional Lay Organization

OCTOBER 14th — 11:00 a.m.
 Macedonia AME Church
 4164 Yarborough Mill Rd, Milton, NC
 Rev. Kelvin Royster, Pastor
 Sis. Earnestine Hamlett, Speaker

OCTOBER 14th — 10:00 a.m.
 Emmanuel AME Church
 2018 Riddle Road, Durham, NC
 Rev. John D. Burton, Pastor
 Bro. Dwyane Elam, Speaker

OCTOBER 14th — 11:00 a.m.
 Lincolnton AME Church
 6400 Chapel Hill Rd, Raleigh, NC
 Rev. Dr. Wayne E. Beatty, Pastor

OCTOBER 14th — 11:00 a.m.
 Mt. Zion AME Church
 Hwy 86 North, Hillsborough, NC
 Rev. Dr. Steven L. Lyons, Pastor

OCTOBER 14th — 11:00 a.m.
 Johnson Chapel AME Church
 431 Woodlawn Road, Mebane, NC
 Rev. Timothy Boone, Pastor
 Ms. Frances McCallum, Speaker

OCTOBER 14th — 11:00 a.m.
 Hunter’s Chapel AME Church
 201 Buckhorn Road, Mebane, NC
 Rev. Vernon P. Burns, Pastor

OCTOBER 14th ~ 11:00 a.m.
 St. Paul AME Church
 443 Finley Avenue, Lenoir, NC
 Rev. Byron Grayson, Pastor
 Sis. Sonia Barbre, Speaker

NOVEMBER 4th — 11:00 a.m.
 St. Matthew’s AME Church
 1136 Apple St, Burlington, NC
 Rev. Dr. Patrice Fields, Pastor

OCTOBER 28th — 11:00 a.m.
 Springdale AME Church
 5554 NC 62 Hwy S., Burlington, NC
 Rev. Bridgette Gloster, Pastor
 Sis. Penny Oliver, Speaker

OCTOBER 14th — 11:00 a.m.
 St. Paul AME Church
 101 N. Merritt Mill Rd, Chapel Hill
 Rev. Michael Cousin

UPCOMING *Mark Your Calendars* EVENTS



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| <p>100 Women in Red Masquerade</p> | <p>Willow Tree AME Church Rev. W. L. Howell, Pastor 2500 Willow Tree Church Avenue Morganton, NC</p> | <p>October 6, 2018, 7:pm 12 noon // Afternoon Delight Smorgasbord 2pm //Worship Service \$15.00 Seed Offering For more information call: 828.301.3771</p> |
| <p>Fall Revival</p> | <p>Macedonia AME Church Rev. Kelvin Royster Pastor 4164 Yarborough Mill Road Milton, NC</p> | <p>October 8-10, 2018 7pm nightly For more information call: 336.234.8731</p> |
| <p>Gospel Choir Anniversary</p> | <p>Macedonia AME Church</p> | <p>October 20, 2018 ~ 4pm</p> |
| <p>98th Church Anniversary Celebration Rev. David P. Lowe, Guest Preacher Gaines Chapel AME Church, Efland, NC</p> | <p>Johnson Chapel AME Church Rev. Timothy Boone, Pastor 431 Woodlawn Road Mebane, NC</p> | <p>October 21, 2018 ~ 3pm For more information call: 919.304.2457</p> |
| <p>Annual Steward Day Rev. Michael Bowden, Guest Preacher Turner Chapel AME Church, High Point NC</p> | <p>Maxwell Chapel AME Church Rev. Tamara Kersey. Pastor 835 Moores Chapel Cemetery Rd Graham, NC</p> | <p>October 21, 2018 ~ 2:30pm For more information contact: call: 336.376.6362</p> |
| <p>Family and Friends Day Rev. Leon Parker, Guest Preacher First Baptist Church, Raleigh NC</p> | <p>Emmanuel AME Church Rev. John D. Burton Pastor 2018 Riddle Road Durham, NC</p> | <p>October 28, 2018 ~ 10am For more information 919.596-8896</p> |
| <p>3-Day Revival Rev. Dr. Cornelius E. Battle Sr. Ebenezer Miss Baptist Church, Durham NC Rev. Dr. Steven L. Lyons Pastor Mt. Zion AME Church, Hillsborough, NC Rev. Solomon D. Missouri Kyles Temple AMEZ Church, Durham, NC</p> | <p>Emmanuel AME Church</p> | <p>October 29-31, 2018 7pm nightly</p> |



MEDASSIST
Mobile Free Pharmacy Events
Over the Counter Medicine Giveaway

<https://medassist.org/otc-give-away-day/>

Forsyth County

Friday, November 2, 2018
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Location TBD

Event made possible by Novant Health

Rowan County

Friday, November 9, 2018
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Location TBD

Event made possible by Hunter & Everage Law Firm PLLC

Burke County

Friday, November 16, 2018
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Location TBD

Event made possible by Partners Behavioral Health

Johnston County

Saturday, November 17, 2018
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Location TBD

Event made possible by Event made possible by Alpha Kappa Alpha, New Generation, Delta Sigma Theta.; Dr. Gettys Cohen; Johnston Medical Supply; Kappa Alpha Psi

Mecklenburg County

Friday, November 30, 2018
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Camino Community Center
201 Stetson Drive, Charlotte, NC 28262
Event made possible by Atrium Health

Yancey County

Wednesday, December 12, 2018
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Burnsville Town Center
6 South Main Street, Burnsville, NC 28714
Event made possible by Yancey County Dept of Social Services. Prescription paid by Pharmacy of Burnsville, Mtn Comm Health Partnership

Alamance County

Friday, October 5, 2018
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Trinity Worship Center
3157 S Church St, Burlington, NC 27215
Event made possible by Trinity Worship

Macon County

Thursday, October 11, 2018
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Macon County Community Facilities Bldg
1288 Georgia Road, Franklin, NC, 28734
Event made possible by Carolina Complete Health

Caswell County

Friday, October 12, 2018
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Caswell County Parks and Recreation
228 Cty Park Rd, Yanceyville, NC 27379
Event made possible by Cardinal Innovations Healthcare

Gaston County

Saturday, October 20, 2018
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Erwin Community Center
913 Pryor Street, Gastonia, NC 28052
Event made possible by Atrium Health

Cleveland County

Friday, October 26, 2018
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Shiloh Baptist Church
914 Frederick Street, Shelby, NC 28150
Event made possible by Atrium Health

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION PRAYER BREAKFAST— September 8, 2018



The WNCCLLO prayer breakfast was held at St. Matthew's AME Church in Burlington, NC where Rev. Dr. Patrice Fields is the Pastor and Sis. Emma White is the local Lay President. The Lay Breakfast was a success! To God be the Glory! There were over 200 people in attendance. Two extra tables were added to accommodate guests. There were several



out of town guests and the Presiding Elders of the WNCC, Rev. Anita Thompson and Rev. Conrad Pridgen, were also present. The food was awesome and the mime dancers, Anointed Vessels 2nd Generation of Poplar Grove AMEC, danced to the glory of God! The legacy of the WNCCLLO is still standing strong with salutes to our past and present presidents: Gertrude Upperman, Woodrow Winchester, Dr. James W. Hill, Mary Dasher-McAdams, Ward Miller, Dwight Patterson, and Penny Oliver who were all present. Special "THANKS" to



ALL who participated, in whatever capacity, in the planning and production of this Lay Prayer Breakfast. WHAT A MIGHTY GOD WE SERVE!

WNCC LAY ORGANIZATION

2018 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES

Congratulations!



Dr. James C. Johnson Scholarships Awardees

Robert Lee Wilson, Jr

Attending: NC A & T State University
Major: Civil Engineering
Church: Lincolnville AME, Raleigh, NC
Pastor: Reverend Dr. Wayne E. Beatty

Rodney Boykin

Attending: NC A & T State University
Major: Civil Engineering
Church: Poplar Springs AME, Sanford, NC
Pastor: Reverend Dr. Sandra Bullock-Hunter

Rita Alexandra Furbert

Attending: Louisburg College
Major: Pre-Occupational Therapy
Church: St. Joseph AME, Durham, NC
Pastor: Reverend Dr. Ronald L. Owens

DAVIS/MCKINNEY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES

Faith Latta

Attending: NC A & T State University
Major: Social Work/Psychology
Church: Mt. Zion AME, Greensboro, NC
Pastor: Reverend Henry Davis

KITTRELL-ALLEN-ADAMS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES

Christian Rich

Attending: Morehouse College
Major: Finance
Church: St. Joseph AME, Durham, NC
Pastor: Reverend Dr. Ronald L. Owens

Ellecia Donnell

Attending: University of NC at Charlotte
Major: Biology
Church: St. Matthew AME, Burlington, NC
Pastor: Reverend Dr. Patrice Fields

Nia Rae Mebane

Attending: Wingate University
Major: N/A
Church: Gaines Chapel AME, Efland, NC
Pastor: Reverend David P. Lowe

Ajalía Marshe Corpening

Attending: NC A&T State University
Major: Political Science
Church: St. Paul AME, Lenoir, NC
Pastor: Reverend Dr. Byron J. Grayson

Destiny Reyes

Attending: University of NC at Greensboro
Major: Psychology
Church: Emmanuel AME, Durham, NC
Pastor: Reverend John D. Burton

Lauran Jones

Attending: University of NC at Wilmington
Major: Creative Writing/Math Education
Church: St. Joseph AME, Durham, NC
Pastor: Reverend Dr. Ronald L. Owens

Second Episcopal District
17TH ANNUAL **LAY**
CONVENTION
 Newport News, VA
 Marriott at Center City
 September 27-29, 2018

Reverend William Lamar, Pastor of Metropolitan AME Church Washington, DC, brought the Word for the Morning Meditation session.

“The Church That God Can’t Stand”
 Amos 5:21-24 ~ *The Message*



congratulations!

ADAM



PENNY



Sister Starr Battle, 3rd Vice President, Connectional Lay Organization, delivered the luncheon speech. “Have you accepted the Call?” Go back to your local churches and grow your Lay Organization.



Maxwell Chapel A.M.E Church History

Although no official written history has been kept, the historical sketch of Maxwell Chapel AME Church has been based on the recollection of some of the oldest surviving members as well as current active members. The recollections give the following account:

The people in this area were without a place to worship. They chose to attend a meeting place located on the Supthin Mill Road known as Bowden Meeting House. They congregated there until a Mr. Thompson sought to give those meeting in this space (African Americans) a place to worship. This site was given to a Mr. Alvis Alston to use as long as it remained a church site. Sometime thereafter, a Brush Arbor was built for a place to have service.

The first service was conducted without a pastor. It consisted of Sunday School and a Prayer Meeting. As time expanded, a very noble and gifted gentleman by the name of Mr. Judd Camel moved to this area with the ability to teach and helped the members advance the ministry and a place to hold church services was built.

Mr. Camel organized this small group of people and started building with the men from the Alston family and other men in the community. The foundation for the frame church was soon erected. The building was constructed, a well for water was dug, a wood heater for heat and an outside restroom completed the project. According to the first corner stone, the original structure was named "Maxton Chapel". Eventually, a split occurred within the church and a majority of the Bowdens moved to Burnett's Chapel Christian Church. Maxton Chapel and what is now Wood's Chapel AME Church were together until Wayman's Chapel AME and Woods Chapel AME became a circuit. In 1931, both Maxton Chapel and Morrow's Grove were missions. The names changed from Maxton to Maxwell Chapel and Morrow's Grove to St. Matthew AME Church. These two churches formed the Saxapahaw Circuit.

In the early 1940's, Rev. T.W. White was the pastor. Under his leadership, the members and officials of this church decided they wanted a better and more modern place to worship. The old building was demolished and a block building erected. A cornerstone ceremony was held with the Mason of the Prince Hall Chapter from Burlington, NC. Rev. T.W. White remained the pastor for eight years.

Rev. Stroud served as the minister for one year, Rev. Hunter for one year, Rev. Treadwell for three years after which Rev. CR Malloy served his second term as pastor. He passed away within four months of returning and Maxwell Chapel was without a pastor.

Presiding Elder Dr. J.D. Davis assigned to the Saxapahaw Circuit, a divine and most capable pastor by the name of Rev. Larnie G. Horton. He was more than a preacher; he was a great teacher with a lot of understanding and love. He set up bible school and kids won Sunday School Banners. His leadership will never be forgotten among the young and old. May God forever bless Rev. Horton and may he rest in eternal peace.

Then Rev. C.W. Parker served Maxwell Chapel for five or more years. Rev. George Turner served the church for several years. Under the leadership of Rev. Turner, the church was remodeled; new windows were installed, the outer building was bricked and indoor remodeling completed. We also had the honor of having a great man of God and wisdom leading us to higher heights. Joining with the officials and members of the church and building a new fellowship hall and adding the walkways and shrubs, Rev. R. C. Funderburk joined us in ministry efforts for eight years.

Rev. George Cheek was assigned to Maxwell Chapel and worked very hard and faithfully in our church for two years. He was then assigned to our sister church, St. Matthew which had become a full station church. In 1991, Maxwell Chapel changed from a mission church (two Sundays a month) to a full station charge also.

In 1991, Rev. Lonnie McClain was assigned to Maxwell Chapel AME Church. He led the congregation spiritually and brought Maxwell Chapel closer together in unity.

Currently, Maxwell Chapel has continued to serve and worship God in love, spirit and in truth.

| Presiding Elders | Pastors | Surviving Pastors |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Dr. K.C. Holt | Rev. Nunn | Esther Johnson |
| Dr. A. W. Avery | Lee Pompey | Kerry Rigsbee |
| David Williamson | R. C. Crutchfield | Jas Hemby |
| B.H. Lucas | A. L. White | Leroy Mitchell |
| J. D. Davis | C. L. Steele | Dr. Linda Norflett |
| C. C. Scott | T. P. Moore | Tamara O. Kersey |
| G. W. Larkin | J. A. Hunter | |
| J. N. Shears | T. M. Chrismond | |
| Nathaniel Gaylord | James Thompson | |
| Tyson L. Coble | S. Reddick | |
| Dr. Larnie Horton | C. A. Stroud | |
| Dr. Conrad K. Pridgen | J. D. Treadwell | |
| | J.D.E Smith | |
| | Dr. Larnie Horton | |
| | C.W. Parker | |
| | George Turner | |
| | R. C. Funderburk | |
| | George Cheek | |
| | Lonnie McClain | |
| | Esther Johnson | |
| | Kerry Rigsbee | |
| | Jas Hemby | |
| | Leroy Mitchell | |
| | Dr. Linda Norflett | |
| | Tamara O. Kersey | |

In the Spotlight

Hidden Figure



Mrs. Faye Bryant Mayo is a member of Mt. Zion AME Church, Hillsborough, North Carolina, where the Reverend Dr. Steven L. Lyons is the Pastor. Mrs. Mayo is a native of Wilson, North Carolina and came to Durham to attend North Carolina College, now known as North Carolina Central University where she ascended to the forefront of the Civil Rights Movement in Durham.

In the 1960s, some ordinary people chose to do some extraordinary things which changed the face of our history. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. came to Durham, North Carolina and his poignant speech aroused Mrs. Mayo to become deeply involved in the movement. The students marched and protested the local Sears, Kress, Woolworth and Howard Johnson's who refused to offer service to Blacks. Mrs. Mayo played a prominent role in the student demonstration at the Carolina Theatre when Blacks were forced to climb ninety-seven steps to reach the balcony after having entered through a side door. She participated in the 1963 March on Washington, as well as protests in Mississippi. Mrs. Mayo was even arrested for her part in the

protests. In an interview, she noted that through the protest she discovered what singing does to uplift your soul when you are tired, hot, hungry, or in jail. Mrs. Mayo worked many years in the Durham Public School system as a guidance counselor. During her tenure, Mrs. Mayo planned programs and activities for the students regarding civil rights issues. Mt. Zion AME, Hillsborough salutes our "Hidden Figure" Mrs. Faye Bryant Mayo.

Mrs. Mayo being refused a ticket during protest at Carolina Theatre in Durham, North Carolina





Sunday, November 4, 2018 @ 12:00 a.m.

For additional information on conference events visit the:

Second Episcopal District website

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

WNCC Lay Organization website

<http://www.wncclay.org/>



**WE NEED YOUR “CHURCH HISTORY”,
“HIDDEN FIGURES”, & “CHURCH EVENTS”
FOR PUBLICATION.**

By OCTOBER 26th



Please email your information to Angela Elam ~ allendur@aol.com