



The Connection

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Connectional Lay Council
The A.M.E. Zion Church

COME WITH US TO CHRIST

A Word From Our International President

Dr. Mary J. Matthews



Greetings!
Easter is in the air. Glory to God! Easter gives us another reason to be thankful to God. May the joy of the risen savior

Jesus Christ fill your heart and bring peace into your life.

I continue to appreciate your trust in and support of me as I work to fulfill my duties as International President of the Connectional Lay Council. It is a joy to connect with you through this publication to share all the great things that are happening in the ministry of the Connectional Lay Council.

We are still waiting on Rev. George McKain, Director Public Affairs to provide a location for the Evangelistic Retreat; date October 5-6, 2018. A \$10,000 financial gift has been given to the Hurricane Disaster Relief for persons affected by the devastating storms. Additionally, The Connectional Lay Council has set-up the \$25,000 Dr. Sallie V. Moreland Endowed Scholarship at Clinton College using your financial gifts to the Lay Sunday offerings.

Thank you for all you do in service to others through the ministry of the Lay Council.

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The 124th Clinton College Founder's Day Celebration



Dr. Lester A. McCorn, Acting President

Connectional Lay Council Establish the Dr. Sallie V. Moreland Endowed Scholarship Fund with a Donation of \$25,000



God has a grand and glorious future for Clinton College. Dr. Mary J. Matthews, International President for the Connectional Lay Council attended the 124th Clinton College Founder's Day Celebration and presented the school with a check for \$25,000 to establish the Dr. Sallie V. Moreland Endowed Scholarship Fund. Establishing this endowed scholarship was made possible through financial gifts from the Connectional Lay Sunday offerings and three bishops, who graduated from Clinton College. Bishop George E. Battle, Jr., Senior Bishop gave 5,000; Bishop S. Chuka Ekemam, Sr. gave \$2000 and Bishop George WC Walker, Sr. gave \$500.00. The Founders' Day program celebrates the college's fundraising from its staff, faculty and various districts of the AME Zion church.



Mr. Bakari Sellers, keynote speaker
Former SC State Representative

Clinton College was one of many schools established by the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church during Reconstruction years, to help eradicate illiteracy among freedmen. Clinton is the oldest institution of higher education in Rock Hill, South Carolina.

The College has operated continuously for 120 years. In 1894, Presiding Elder Nero A. Crockett and Rev. W.M. Robinson founded Clinton Institute and named it for Bishop Caleb Isom Clinton, the Palmetto Conference presiding bishop at the time. Incorporated as Clinton Normal and Industrial Institute on June 22, 1909, the school was authorized to grant state teacher certificates. By the late 1940's, the College attracted 225 students per year and owned approximately 19 acres, several buildings, and equipment valued at several million dollars.

Under Dr. Sallie V. Moreland, who retired in 1994 after 49 years of stellar service, the school charter was amended to create Clinton Junior College. When Dr. Cynthia L. McCullough Russell assumed leadership, the school prepared for accreditation, attained during the tenure of Dr. Elaine Johnson Copeland.

2018 CLC Evangelistic Retreat



Leondras "Lele" Davis,
Retreat Chairperson

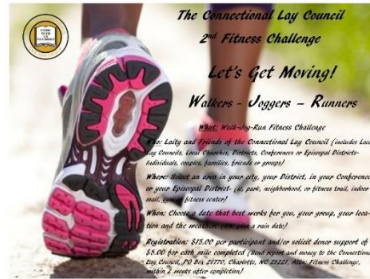
Greetings My
Family in Zion!
**The CLC Question
of the Year:**

Are You Equipped and Empowered to Serve? The Connectional Lay Council is planning the 6th Evangelistic Retreat to be held Friday-Saturday, October 5th & 6th, 2018. (Location information is forthcoming) The Evangelistic Retreat theme is **"Equipped and Empowered to Serve"**. We are excited and delighted to have the Reverend Dr. Otis McMillan; the Reverend Dr. Brian Thompson and the Reverend Dr. Kenneth Q. James as our lead presenters. Dr. Joyce Edwards, Education Chairperson along with the Education Committee are preparing a presentation on the next component of our quadrennial theme: **"Reviewing our Practices"**. The planning includes a Challenge Breakfast and an Empowerment Luncheon. Mrs. Dottie Stevens, Young Adult Chairperson (YAI) is meeting to encourage young adults across the AME Zion Church to attend and learn what the Connectional Lay Council is doing for you!!! Information has been shared with all Regional Directors. Register now for an exciting 2 days with The Connectional Lay Council!

The Evangelistic Retreat information and registration form will be available at www.ConnectionalLayCouncil.org Individuals may also register online through **Cvent**. Early Registration is \$100.00, if postmarked by September 1, 2018. Late and on-site Registration (after September 1st) is \$150.00. Checks are made payable to the Connectional Lay Council. Mail the completed forms and registration to the CLC Office, PO Box 26770, Charlotte, NC 28221. Lodging arrangements are forthcoming.

Vendors are welcome to register for designated spaces. Contact the CLC Office for vendor information.

CLC Fitness Challenge



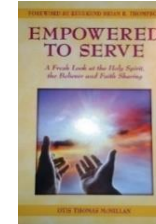
Have you heard about the CLC Fitness Challenge? A new year brings about new beginnings, the CLC is beginning the New Year with the 2018 Fitness Challenge! We are soliciting all **WALKERS-JOGGERS-RUNNERS** to join us for the Fitness Challenge by doing what is best for you! If you have already started your fitness challenge for 2018, encourage or motivate someone else! If the weather is too cold in your area, try some indoor places...the Mall, the Gym, the Fitness Center...First timers are reminded to check in with your physician. Registration is **\$15.00** per person. Each registrant (\$15.00) will receive a pedometer. You may register individually or as a group or organization. Encourage your friends and family members to support your effort with a donation for each mile completed. Your regional director or group leader can select the date and time convenient in your Episcopal area. Plan to have your group meet at a central location to check in and get going. Individual and group registration forms can be found on the Connectional Lay Council website at www.connectionallaycouncil.org.

Complete your form and mail it along with the \$15.00 (per person) registration to the CLC Office. To remain healthy, persons are encouraged to walk more than one time. Daily exercise of some kind reduces inflammation...Let's Get Moving!

Did you know that walking: helps with weight management; doesn't require special equipment; is one of the easiest ways to get more active; reduces the symptoms of depression and anxiety; is a low impact exercise; lowers the low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol (the bad cholesterol);

raises high-density (HDL) cholesterol (the good cholesterol); lowers blood pressure; reduces the risk of some cancers; helps reduce risk and aids with the management of type 2 diabetes; improves mood; helps maintain strong bones; reduces the risk of heart attack; less likely to lead to injuries; reduces stress; reduces the risk of heart disease; builds aerobic fitness; helps maintain lean muscle tissue and **You Don't Have to Pay for It!!!** Just imagine being able to reduce or eliminate the need for medication and reducing the number of trips to the doctor...Ready to start??? Get your partner or group and Let's Get Moving!!!

Have You Started Your CLC Book



Club? The Common Book of Reading is now available, "Empowered to Serve", authored by our own, the Reverend Dr. Otis T. McMillan, Director of Church Growth and Development. The books are available through the CLC Office and Dr. McMillan's office at \$10.00 each + S&H. We are encouraging everyone to purchase a copy and start a weekly or monthly book club discussion... a great way to learn and share together!



During the month of October 2017, the Connectional Lay Council gave \$5,000 to **Phase I** of the A.M.E. Zion Church Hurricane Disaster Relief. An additional \$5,000 was given during the month of January in support of **Phase II** of the Hurricane Disaster Relief. A total of \$10,000 have been given for Hurricane Disaster Relief. The donations were mailed to the A.M.E. Zion Church Department of Finance Department c/o Dr. Shirley Welch, CFO for collaborative giving.

Let's Talk Technology!!!



Many of us are embracing the many uses of technology because we know it directly influences our current lifestyles. The Connectional Lay Council has embarked on ways to keep you informed...A series of 6 one-hour webinars has been planned to enhance your skills or for you to learn something new to keep up with the current trends in technology.

We invite you, your family and friends to register for the **FREE** CLC technology webinars. The CLC will host a 1-hour webinar on the second Thursday each month from 8:00pm to 9:00pm EST. If you have not had the opportunity to join us, we have 3 remaining webinars: **March 8th**; **April 12th** and **May 10th**. Register for one or all sessions. Registering will enable each participant to receive the link to join the webinar and a receive a copy of the presentation to review at a later time. All sessions are **FREE!!!** Registration is ongoing each month and we encourage you to register early or by 6pm at the latest the day of the webinar in order to receive the link in time. Ms. LaKesha Womack is serving as our presenter for each session. Ms. Womack's presentation allows real time questioning with immediate feedback. You have the option to phone in or view the presentation on your laptop or tablet. We have space for everyone!!!

Visit the Official Connectional Lay Council Website for the latest news & updates: www.connectionallaycouncil.org

MEMBERSHIP



Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I am very appreciative of your continue membership dues financial support to the Connectional

Lay Council Ministry.

My challenge to each Episcopal District with the Regional Directors and their Membership Chairs, Conference, and District to inspection your membership reports, so we can clean up the database of closed churches. This will help your percentage of active churches in your district. It is so important for us to have continue dialogue of what we can do better to improve the membership processing procedure.

Let's call this the year to clean up membership roster report, get non-renewal member to renew and get members to become Life Members. Please feel free to text me or call me directly at 704-724-2759 or email me at clc2vp.conniebellwright@gmail.com Peace and love to all, Connie Bell-Wright

'Twas ONLY A FEW DAYS LATER

He came riding on a donkey's colt.
Everyone was calling His name.

'Twas only a few days later

That the cheers

Turned into man's shame.

Hosannas rang out as He entered the town.
Palms and cloaks laid to pave His way.

'Twas only a few days later

That each yea would turn to nay.

"Hosannas in the highest," they said,
"He who comes in the name of the LORD."

'Twas only a few days later

That His side was pierced with a sword.

The crowd was exalting Him as their King.
Of His miracles they had heard.

'Twas only a few days later

That He said not a mumbling word.

One day a King

Unto homage was paid.

But they were as fickle as we.

'Twas only a few days later

He was hung upon that tree.

Oh, Christ, that you should love us so
That your holy life you did give.

'Twas a few days later He arose triumphant

So we might eternally live.

Hallelujah!

By Patricia Lewis

April 1, 2007

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CONNECTIONAL LAY COUNCIL 2021 EPISCOPAL DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP GOALS			
	New/Renew Memberships	Numbers as of 2/2018 "Maintain "	2021 Goal
Piedmont	2,343	9,157.00	11,500.00
Eastern North Carolina	1,832	9,448.00	11,280.00
Midwest	1,624	2,376.00	4,000.00
North Eastern	928	4,342.00	5,270.00
South Atlantic	904	4,596.00	5,500.00
Mid Atlantic	2,584	2,416.00	5,000.00
Alabama Florida	807	4,343.00	5,150.00
Southwestern Delta	577	1,223.00	1,800.00
Western	141	359.00	500.00
GOALS:	11,740	38,260.00	50,000.00



THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF DR. KING'S ASSASSINATION

LET'S WE FORGET

By Ms. Queen E. Degraphenreid
Social/Political Action Chairperson

On April 4, 1968, those of us who were of age, can recall exactly where we were when we heard the tragic news of the assassination of our beloved leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In a few weeks, on April 4, 2018, we will commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the death of Dr. King. Although commemorated on many platforms, **LET'S CONTINUE EACH MONTH & YEAR.**

*"Now is the accepted time, not tomorrow, not some more convenient season.
It is today that our best work can be done and not some future day or future year.
It is today that we fit ourselves for the greater usefulness of tomorrow. Today is the
seed time, now are the hours of work, and tomorrow comes the harvest and the
playtime.*

W.E. B. DuBois

January 15 – The Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

February 1 – The Greensboro Four Student Sit-in

March 7 – Bloody Sunday in Selma, AL

April 4 – Assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

APRIL IS NAACP MEMBERSHIP MONTH **Join or Renew @ WWW.NAACP.NET.ORG**

May 4 – The beginning of the first Freedom Rides through the South

June 10 - Richard Allen founded the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Philadelphia

July 2 – President Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1964

August 28 – March on Washington, led by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY – **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2018**

September 25 – The “Little Rock Nine” entered Central High School in Arkansas

October 16 – John Brown’s raid at Harper’s Ferry, Virginia

November 4 – President Obama elected the first Black U.S. President

GENERAL ELECTION DAY – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018 **Voting is Both Your Right and Your Duty!!**

December 1 – Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a segregated Montgomery bus.

*Each Month Let Us Remember and Honor
Those Who Fought and Died For Us.*



Rev. Dr. T. Anthony Spearman,
N.C. NAACP President

The head of the state NAACP and others in the organization traveled to Washington recently to try once again to persuade a few Republican senators to block the appointment of Thomas Farr to the federal bench.

The Rev. T. Anthony Spearman, head of the state NAACP, made a comparison to Adolf Hitler at a news conference before visiting senators on Capitol Hill. His comments drew a rebuke Monday evening from state Republicans. Spearman and others who spoke noted that the Eastern District of North Carolina, a 44-county region from Raleigh to the coast, has a black population of more than 25 percent but the U.S. Senate has never confirmed the appointment of a black judge to that bench.

THE LEGACY OF HARRIET TUBMAN

By Joyce Perry Edwards, Chair
CLC Education Committee

During this quadrennial, to encourage in depth consideration of our quadrennial theme the Education Committee is urging study of the lives of notable abolitionists in African American history who were also members of the A.M.E. Zion Church. The four abolitionists, which the Education Committee used in the presentation of the Connectional Lay Council's quadrennial theme during the 11th Quadrennial Convention and which are being used by the Education Committee in the development of lay academies for this Quadrennium, are Harriett Tubman, Frederick Douglass, Eliza Ann Gardner, Bishop Jermaine Wesley Loguen.

This first year of our Quadrennium, we are focusing on the legacy of **Harriett Tubman**. Often called "The Moses of Her People," she is certainly one of the most well-known abolitionists. On January 10, 2017, the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park was established as the 414th unit in the National Parks system. In May, during its Annual Pilgrimage to the site, the A.M.E. Zion Church celebrated this milestone. Dr. Mary J. Matthews, our General President, delivered the keynote address. The Harriet Tubman Home of the Aged is presently operated by the A.M.E. Zion Church as a museum.

Tubman, the Undaunted

The fierce determination of Harriet Tubman was evident even when she was a child and youth. Born circa 1820 and named Araminta "Minty" Ross, she was one of nine (some sources say eleven) children of Harriet Green and Benjamin Ross, who were slaves in Dorchester County, Maryland. As a child, she experienced the cruelty of slavery: serving as a fulltime nursemaid for a baby, crying in heartbreak from loneliness she was "hired out" to work in various jobs away from her mother's plantation, witnessing siblings being sold, getting repeated whippings and beatings, and having severe illness without medical attention resulting from a blow on the head with a heavy iron weight--an injury from which she never fully recovered. Yet she persevered.

In 1949, when her owner died and fearful that she would be sold to pay debts, Araminta Ross decided to head north toward freedom. At this time, she had been married for five years to a free black man named John Tubman, but he refused to leave the area with her. After one failed attempt to escape, she later was able to reach Philadelphia. She was assisted on her risky journey by the Underground Railroad, a network of homes and churches established by white abolitionists, free blacks, and former slaves who believed in the inhumanity of slavery and worked for its abolition. After escaping slavery, she used her mother's first name and her husband's last name. She remained in Philadelphia for about two years and supported herself by working as a household servant.

Tubman, the Abolitionist

Beginning in 1951, Tubman worked as a conductor on the Underground Railroad, often using a settlement of escaped slaves and free blacks in St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada as her base of operation. Although she faced death and re-enslavement, she returned 13 times (some sources say 19) to the South to guide at least 70 people, including her own parents, to the North. This fact identifies the unique characteristic of Tubman as an abolitionist. While many blacks worked in the Abolitionist Movement, they most often worked at a safe distance in Northern states. Tubman risked life and limb returning to slave territory to assist others to freedom.

In 1858, Tubman made her home in Auburn, New York and continued her work with the Underground Railroad. She developed a strong network of associates. Among them were other Zionites: Frederick Douglass, the Reverend (later Bishop) Jermaine Wesley Loguen, and Sojourner Truth. Tubman once reflected: "I was conductor of the Underground Railroad for eight years, and I can say what most conductors can't say – I never ran my train off the track and I never lost a passenger." She often expressed that her trust in God sustained her and prevented fear during her dangerous ventures.

Tubman was a noted lecturer on the circuit of speakers for the Abolitionist Movement. Among her contemporaries, she was known as a great storyteller and made her arguments using her engaging and pointed stories. One of her most famous speeches was made to the New England's Colored Citizen's Convention when she spoke convincingly against repatriation, sending African Americans back to Africa.

Tubman, the Soldier

Harriet Tubman served with dedication and fortitude in the Union Army during the Civil War, working as an armed scout, a spy, a cook, and a nurse. She helped significantly with Union raids, including an armed expedition to free 700 slaves. Sometimes she recruited southern blacks—free and slave—to serve as soldiers for the Union Army. It is said that she dressed in men's clothes when spying within the ranks of the Confederate Army. Tubman never received full recognition or any compensation for her work with the army, and only very late in her life did she collect a widow's pension because of her husband's service.

Tubman, the Suffragist

After the Civil War, Tubman supported the movement for giving women the right to vote, delivering many speeches in Washington, DC, New York, Boston, and Philadelphia. She was very interested in the rights of African American women and was one of the founders of the National Association of Colored Women (later National Association of Colored Women's Clubs).

Tubman, a Dorcas for Her People

Tubman worked just as hard for her people after the Civil War as before the Civil War. After the war, she returned to her home to Auburn, and took care of her aged parents, family members, and others in need. She helped former slaves find jobs. She took care of one her nephews and paid for his schooling; and she and her second husband, Nelson Davis, adopted a daughter. (In 1867, Tubman learned that John Tubman had died and in 1869 married Davis.) Although she had no money, she fed people in need from the food she raised in her garden and the pigs, in her backyard. Her house was open to those who needed shelter. Davis was a bricklayer, built their second home after their first was destroyed by fire, and was himself a former slave and Union soldier was very supportive. However, later in her marriage, Tubman did much of her work singlehandedly as Davis became ill and could not work steadily. Davis died in 1888.

Tubman, the Zionite

When Tubman made Auburn her permanent home, she was involved in the development and founding of Parker Street A.M.E. Zion Church (later Thompson Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church and now Harriet Tubman A.M.E. Zion Church). The Church in turn was supportive of her endeavors. In 1896, with the support of the A.M.E. Zion Church, Tubman acquired 25 acres of land with a frame building, which was adjacent to her property. Her desire was to operate the building as a home for indigent African Americans. Having difficulty paying the taxes, however, in 1903, she deeded the property to the A.M.E. Zion Church. Five years later in 1908, the home was staffed and opened.

Harriet Tubman spent her last two years in this facility, the Harriet Tubman Home for the Aged. She died on March 10, 1913, was funeralized at Parker Street A.M.E. Zion Church, and was buried with military honors across the street in Fort Hill Cemetery.

The Annual Harriet Tubman Pilgrimage scheduled for June 1-2, 2018



Saturday's activity will commence with the graveside ceremony and then we will travel to Auburn High School (250 Lake Avenue, Auburn, NY 13021) for the planned program. At the completion you are invited to travel to the Harriet Tubman National Park. Information for Friday evening will be forthcoming.

HOTELS FOR HARRIET TUBMAN PILGRIMAGE

WESTCHESTER BUS HOTEL – Courtyard
 Syracuse Carrier Circle
 Telephone: 800-205-6520 CODE – Westchester
 Harriet Tubman Pilgrimage
 Price: \$89.00 per room (2 double beds or a King
 with sofa-bed – Occupancy limit is (4) four per
 room.

Holiday Inn – Auburn Finger Lakes Area
 75 North Street, Auburn, NY 13021
 \$112.00 (single / double occupancy)
 Code: HT WNY AME Zion

Overflow Hotel
Hilton Garden Inn Auburn
 74 State Street Auburn, NY 13021
 \$159.00 – King and Double
 Telephone: 315-252-5511 Code: HT WNY AME Zion
 Reservations must be made before 5/1/2018 for above
 pricing

EAST SYRACUSE (30 minutes away from festivities)
Crest hill Suites
 6410 New Venture Gear Drive, East Syracuse, NY 13057
 \$99 One Bedroom Suite (King, Full Pullout Sofa-bed)
 \$159.00 2- Bedrooms (1 King, 2 Queens, Full Pullout
 Sofa-bed)
 Telephone: 315-432-5595 CODE: Harriet Tubman
 Pilgrimage
 Reservations must be made before 5/1/2018 for above
 pricing

SPECIAL PROJECTS
 Joy Pickett, New Special Projects Chair



Mark your calendar today!
The CLC Evangelistic Retreat
 October 5 – 6, 2018
 More Details Coming Soon.



The Common Book of Reading suggested by our International
 President, Dr. Mary J. Matthews is **"Empowered to Serve: A Fresh Look at the Holy Spirit, the Believer
 and Faith Sharing,"** authored by Reverend, Dr. Otis Thomas McMillan.

You may order your copy through the CLC office—\$10.00 per book.

Here's What's New from Special Projects...

\$ALE \$5  **\$ALE \$5**

Remaining Connectional Lay Council 11th Quadrennial Lay Convention T-Shirts are now available in sizes
SMALL; 2X; and 3X ONLY for a reduced sale price of \$5.00 each. Contact your Regional Director or
 Email: the CLC office at clcoffice@amezhqtr.org and copy Joy Pickett at jdpDaughterofZion@gmail.com
 to place your order. Get Yours now!

Other Items Available: African-Print Connectional Lay Council Stoles \$20.00

Garment Bags	\$38.00	Black Oxford Shirts	\$35.00
Lay Council Activity Guide	\$3.00	Gold Praying on Purpose T Shirts	\$10.00
CLC Handbook	\$10.00	CLC Part 1 - Study Guide	\$5.00
CLC Freedom Church Polo	\$25.00	CLC Caps (Gold or Black)	\$12.00
Medallions	\$15.00	Connectional Lay Council Shawls	\$20.00

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UNITE TO END RACISM
APRIL 4, 2018
 We're committing to finish the work.
 Join us in Washington, D.C. on the National Mall as we mark 50 years since Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination.
#ACT2EndRacism
RALLY2EndRacism.org
ACT NOW!
 awaken confront transform

PEOPLE OF ALL FAITHS AND BELIEFS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH
NEW YORK CONFERENCE LAY COUNCIL
SALUTES DR. DAVID A. AIKEN
 Saturday, April 14, 2018

Jackson Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church
60 Peninsula Boulevard, Hempstead, New York
 Contact Rhandi M. Stith for more information: Email- rhandim@aol.com

Dear Friend,
Grace and peace to you in Christ's name. It was great to be together for the recent Pan-Methodist gathering.

The "ACT Now! Unite to End Racism" campaign will launch April 3, 4 and 5 in Washington, D.C. with Pan-Methodist churches joining other churches in the United States to bring thousands of Christians to the Mall on Capitol Hill.

Plan to join us for a **Prayer Witness on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 from 2:00-3:00 PM on the steps of The United Methodist Building, 100 Maryland Avenue, NE, Washington, D. C.** (located next to the Supreme Court and the Capitol Building). Leadership will include bishops along with general agencies and others. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held inside in the chapel. If you can attend, please confirm by sending me a message – jhawxhurst@umc-cob.org

We have discerned a call to ecumenically intensify our work together toward racial justice. The challenge is to our churches and nation to tell the truth about the complicity, compliance and coercions of racism in this time, believing truth will lead to transformative action in both church and society.

Blessings,

Rev. Dr. Jean Hawxhurst
Ecumenical Staff Officer
And Leadership Development
The Council of Bishops of The United Methodist Church

Bishop George J. Leake, III Endowed Scholarship Fund

Dr. Regina Dancy, Chief Financial Officer of Hood Theological Seminary (HTS), continues to keep the Connectional Lay Council updated on the financial activity of the endowed scholarship. On 12/31/2017, the fair market value for the scholarship totals \$70,764.34. The objective of the Connectional Lay Council is to continue funding this endowed scholarship until it reaches \$100,000.



The current "Leake Scholar" is Angellica Sweat, a native of Kings Mountain, North Carolina, is currently in the Master of Divinity program at HTS. Prior to her entry in the MDiv program, Angellica obtained an Associates of Applied Arts in Business Administration at Gaston College and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, *Cum Laude* from Livingstone College. Angellica is a member of the Piedmont Episcopal District, Western North Carolina Conference, Charlotte district. Currently, she is an exhorter at Greater Gethsemane A.M.E. Zion Church, under the leadership of Rev. David A. Williams.

Angellica believes in spiritual formation and holistic discipleship as she previously served as Connectional Chaplain for the Varick International Christian Youth Council (VICYC) – Christian Education Department of the A.M.E. Zion Church and a district youth director for the Lincoln District – Western NC Conference of the A.M.E. Zion Church. She currently serves as an Advisor to VICYC – Christian Education Department of the A.M.E. Zion Church and implementation staff. In addition, Angellica is a fourth-grade teacher.

Angellica uses her skills, experience, and education to strengthen the Body of Christ and expand the Kingdom of God. Angellica says, "Hood is more than a learning institution, it's become a place of refuge and solace to understanding the chaos of the world. I am grateful and thankful for those who continue to support me and aid in my academic endeavors through scholarships."

Giving is the
master key to
success, in all
aspects of life.
- B. McGill

Ms. Matthews, 11/30/17
It is without question that I am both
humble and grateful for the contributions
of the Connectional Lay Council towards
the Bishop George Junius Leake Scholarship
in the amount of \$1,700. As a result,
of your generosity, I am able to continue
my education at our beloved institution,
Hood Theological Seminary. While I
may never be able to give back all that
Zion has given to me, please know that
I am open + available to provide any
support I can to the Lay Council. Thank
you again.
Angellica Sweat



Vision and Objectives for the Truth and Racial Justice Initiative

The National Council of Churches professes that the image of God is found equally in each person (Gen 1:26.) All are called by God to treat each other with dignity and love (Mk 12:31.) Yet, the sin of racism - a distortion of human value, and a church-dividing issue- continues to grip the United States of America.

Contrary to the will of God, the legacies of slavery are embedded in U.S. laws and practices. To this day, distribution of wealth and power is filtered unjustly through largely white controlling interests. The National Council of Churches admits to the painful truth James Cone stated in his landmark essay *Theology's Great Sin: Silence in the Face of White Supremacy*: the collective silence of the church through enslavement, Jim Crow, and the criminalization of communities of color, renders church people complicit with the evil of racism. In the face of such injustice, the church - sometimes silent, sometimes intentionally involved - is called, along with all who benefit from this system, to take reparative action.

This is the moment. The World Council of Churches, as part of its "Pilgrimage of Justice and Peace," has called the U.S. churches to grapple with issues of racism particularly facing the African American community.

AWAKEN · CONFRONT · TRANSFORM



The United Nations declared 2015-2024 as The International Decade for People of African Descent, noting: "the international community is recognizing that people of African descent represent a distinct group whose human rights must be promoted and protected. Around 200 million

people identifying themselves as being of African descent live in the Americas." The time is right for the National Council of Churches to join other partners seeking to identify, name, and address the trauma caused by racism in the United States - especially as it impacts people of African descent.

In an effort, then, to eradicate racism, and to move toward healing the wounds it has caused in society and church, the National Council of Churches seeks to engage the full agency of its members and partners as a resource for inspiring clear commitments to racial equity and justice.



The National Council of Churches believes that a thorough and true story of racism and racial injustice in our nation must be told and heard; that the complicity of white church members and leadership, and the impact of that complicity on faith communities of color, has not yet been fully recognized in white communities. The National Council of Churches believes that healing cannot be achieved without a complete confession of the truth as a prelude to reparative action and restorative justice.

The National Council of Churches urges our partners to join in this work. Some will find it necessary to prepare a record of their complicity with racism through acts of commission or omission. Some will document suffering and exploitation experienced at the hands of those who

brokered in race hate. Others may bring forth testimonies of hope based on acts of courage and righteousness in the historical struggle for justice. Still others may speak out of an ethnic identity that is neither white nor black. This is a commitment that brings us together to seek healing for the church, the nation and wholeness for all God's people.

In all cases, this truth telling is but a prelude to deeper commitments to begin a healing process that, through the grace of God and the everlasting hope of the Risen Christ, can lead to the original dream of this great land: that all are created equal, free to live under the watchful eye of a Creator who endowed all with an inalienable right to a full life, a complete liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for each and all.

*In an effort to break the silence;
In an effort to begin healing;
In an effort to exercise full agency together;
In an effort to partner in building God's justice;
In an effort to eradicate racism and unfold
greater racial equity and justice in our time,
ACT now to end racism.*

For up-to-date information and resources, please visit

www.rally2endracism.org



REGIONAL LAY COUNCIL NEWS

PIEDMONT EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

Western North Carolina Conference

Gloria Joyner Johnson, Reporter

CHARLOTTE, NC - The Western North Carolina Conference, Mr. Jerry McCombs, President, was hosted by the North Charlotte District for a meeting and Lay Academy in November 2017 at Greenville Memorial AME Zion Church, Rev. Dr. Sheldon R. Shipman, Pastor.

The Piedmont Regional Director, Mrs. Dorothy Gill Smith was the presenter for the Lay Academy. She spoke from the Connectional Lay Council theme - The Freedom Church: "Refocusing on Our Purpose". She encouraged us to attend prayer meetings, Church School and to read and study church history, know and uplift the church, become active in the community and encourage others to come to church. She additionally reviewed the five objectives of the Lay Council and challenged those who attend district, conference and connectional meetings to bring that information back to the local church. She reminded the group that it was membership drive season and the report is due at the March 2018 meeting.

The Charlotte District, Mr. Willie L. Bratcher-President reported on the Annual Campfire Services where everyone was asked to symbolically burn their hindrances to their spiritual walk. A District Junior and Teen Fundraiser enabled attendees to sow into ministries as well as witness the children as they used their oratorical, musical and dance skills to the Glory of God. The district made a contribution to the food bank as well as to the House of Mercy.

The North Charlotte District, Ms. Joyce A. Zimmerman-President, reported on the Lay Day Observance held at Watkins Chapel AME Zion Church. Characteristics of The Thanksgiving

meeting was held in conjunction with the Christian Education Department at Mowing Glade AME Zion Church where Sis. Deanca Crouch gave an inspiring testimony. This collaboration was planned as part of the Young Adult Initiative. The Special Project was held at Union Bethel AME Zion Church, Rev. Wayne Harris, Pastor. The sanctuary overflowed as a "Seasoned Saints" from each church shared their talent in any number of ways-singing, reciting poetry, personal testimonies as well as Black History facts. Additionally, Mrs. Myrtle Henderson, the District first lady, participated by reciting the poem. "Trees" by Joyce Kilmer

The Lincolnton District, Mr. William F. Manning- President, reported on his work throughout Zion in not only the Lincolnton District, but the Blue Ridge and South Carolina Conferences as well. Additionally, he represented the WNCC at the 150th church anniversary at Vestibule AME Zion Church in King's Mountain as well as the mortgage burning for the family life center at Bynum Chapel AME Zion Church in King's Mountain as well.

The Statesville District, Mrs. Cheryl Gray, President- reported the celebration of Lay Day at Poplar Springs AME Zion Church, Lincolnton, NC. Mrs. Twanna Keitt, the first lady of the Mt. Pleasant AME Zion Church was the speaker. The District has begun their annual membership drive.

The Winston-Salem District, Mrs. Shirley Allen-President reported the celebration of Lay Day and the planning of their annual Kwanzaa Celebration.

The Salisbury District, Dr. Mary Ponds-President, recapped recent Lay activities to include a Lay Talent Hour at Sills Creek. Mrs. Lele Davis, 1st Vice President of the CLC and the WNCC

Lay Council was the Lay Day speaker. She challenged the attendees to "Refocus on Our Purpose." They are planning for their annual Lay Recognition Banquet.

The attendance banner was presented to the Salisbury District; Dr. Mary Ponds is the District President. To God Be the Glory for the great things the Laity of the Western North Carolina Conference will do in His Holy Name.

EASTERN NC EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

Central North Carolina Conference

Submitted by Thomascena Leak LeGrand

Our first Conference Lay Council meeting was held on February 23 at St. Paul AME Zion Church in Sanford at 7:00 p.m. I presided over the meeting. Our 2nd Vice President, Mrs. Effie Woodard shared with us that the Eastern NC Episcopal District was in first place in membership for the months of December and January.



I presented a special personal tribute to Mrs. Alice Evans, District Lay President for the Laurinburg District, for having the largest increase in membership on her district.

A report from each district was given by the president or a representative. The Lay Academy entitled "Biblical Instructions on Christian Purpose" was facilitated by Ms. Pamela Jones, Education Committee Chairperson.

Presiding Elder James French, Board of Lay Activities Chairman confirmed the Executive Board members.

District Lay Council Meetings held:

January 12, the Durham District held their first meeting at Glover's Grove AME Zion Church in Siler City at 7:00 p.m. The President, Mrs. Josephine Latimore, gave Highlights on "Refocusing on Our Purpose". I was given the opportunity to give remarks.

January 20, the Dunn-Lillington District held their first meeting at Oak Grove AME Zion Church in Erwin. The Lay Academy was presented by the President, Ms. Sherry Smith, on the topic "Biblical Instructions on Christian Purpose". I was given an opportunity to give remarks.

February 9, the Sanford District held their first meeting at Green Grove AME Zion Church in Cameron at 7:00 p.m. The President, Ms. Pamela Jones, presided. It was a Black History Celebration including adults and children and Ms. Carol Davis was the narrator. I was given an opportunity to give remarks. Closing remarks were given by their Presiding Elder, Reverend Dr. Ricky Frazier.

February 10, the Laurinburg District held their first meeting at the Laurinburg District Center in Red Springs. I was the presenter for the Lay Academy entitled "Biblical Instructions on Christian Purpose". Presiding Elder James French and I assisted the President, Ms. Alice Evans, with the Stoling Ceremony.

February 24, the Fayetteville District held their first meeting at Moore's Chapel AME Zion Church in Stedman at 9:00 a.m. The President, Mr. Joe Cromartie, presided over the meeting. Ms. Queen Degraphenreid was the workshop presenter. Presiding Elder Joseph C. Brown, Sr. gave me an opportunity to assist him with the installation of the District officers.

March 2, the Durham District held their 2nd Lay Council meeting at Long's Memorial AME Zion Church in Durham, at 7:00 p.m. I was given an opportunity to lead the Affirmation of Laity and the Mission Statement. The President, Mrs. Josephine Latimore, presented a Lay Academy on "Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad".

March 3, the Raleigh District held their first meeting at Norrington AME Zion Church in Lillington. It was a Lay Recognition Celebration and the Unsung Heroes were children from the ages of 5-17. The President, Mrs. Daphne Lloyd-Feldman, gave our Regional Director, Mr. Hank Dobson and me an opportunity to give remarks.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Phil. 4:13 (NKJV)



Central NC Conference Lay Council kicks the year off with a bang!

Submitted by, Carol Frye Davis

On February 23, 2018, the Central North Carolina Conference Lay Council of the Eastern North Carolina Episcopal District, met at St. Paul AME Zion Church of the Sanford District. Rev. Iris Jordan, Host Pastor; Rev. Dr. Ricky D. Frazier, Host Presiding Elder.

The enthusiastic and energetic Central North Carolina conference president, Mrs. Thomascena L. LeGrand, presided over the meeting. She reviewed and presented a variety of pertinent matters, including the confirmation of the Executive Board Members for the Lay Council. Rev. Dr. James French, chairperson of the Board of Lay Activities, confirmed each officer.

Our 2nd Vice President, Mrs. Effie Woodard, presented the "Life Members Award" to the Durham District for having the most life members and the Fayetteville District received the "Membership Award" for having the most members on their district. President LeGrand presented a special personal tribute to Mrs. Alice Evans, District Lay President for the Laurinburg District, for having the largest increase in membership. Each District President or a representative (6) gave a report on their meeting/activities.

Host President Ms. Pamela Jones, conducted the Lay Academy entitled "Biblical Instructions on Christian Purpose." Greetings and words of encouragement from Dr. Mary J. Matthews, International President, were read, and the meeting closed on a very positive note.

Raleigh District "Unsung Heroes"

Submitted by Miss Nora K. McNiell

The Raleigh District gathered at the Norrington African Methodist Episcopal Zion church, 184 Norrington Road, Lillington North Carolina, Saturday, March 3 at 3:00. Its purpose was to honor the "Unsung Heroes of the district. This observance was established 3 years ago to recognize those persons from the local church who contribute in ways that may not always be obvious, but without their work, some tasks would be impossible to accomplish.

This year the district recognized children ages 5-17. One church did not have any children in that age range so the oldest active lay council member from their local church was recognized.

Unsung Hero Lay Nominees

Simon Justice Solid Rock Church

Shanigah McClain, Union Chapel Church

Stephen Fullard, Williams Chapel Church

Noah Guy, Big Zion Church

Margaret Dunston, Avery Grove Church

Jarrell Utley, Douglas Chapel Church

Bryan McDaniel, Mt. Moriah Church

Alexandria Wiggins, Rush Metropolitan Church

Aaliyah McKoy, Norrington Church

In addition to the recognition service, A Ministers in Music program was held. 3 musicians from the Raleigh District blessed the waiting congregation with their favorite hymn, spiritual and instrumental Christian song.

Participants: Rev. Joseph Robbins, Pastor of Solid Rock AME Zion Church in Wake Forest, Mrs. Tama Bouncer, Financial Secretary for the Raleigh District Lay Council and musician at Rush Metropolitan AME Zion Church, Raleigh NC, the final participant was Bro. Michael Matthews, Sr., Minister of Music at Norrington AME Zion Church, Lillington, NC. Special guests visited the district as well. Mrs. Thomascena

LaGrande, Central NC Conference Lay Council President and Mr. Hank Dobson, Eastern North Carolina Episcopal District, Regional Director of the Lay Council and Dr. Mary J. Matthews, International Lay Council President and member of Norrington AME Zion Church.

Rev. James Davis, Sr., Pastor at Grace AME Zion Church gave remarks, representing Presiding Elder Anthony Davis in his absence.



NORTH EASTERN EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

Martin Luther King Scholarship Breakfast

Submitted by Mrs. Joyce Harrington, Reporter

The New England Conference President Ruth Gough reported that on January 14, 2018, The Columbus Avenue AME Zion Church Lay Council of Boston,

Massachusetts held its Martin Luther King Scholarship Breakfast. The Scholarship Breakfast raises funds to help the local and conference scholarships. It also provides for Care Packages that are sent to all of the church college students.

The speaker for the Breakfast was the Rev. Jeremiah Battle. He spoke from the scripture Jeremiah 29:11 and a paper written by Dr. King as a student. He reminded the listeners that the reason for education is to provide an opportunity for the student to embrace the world and its people.

The program also acknowledged all of the seven college students that went to college from Columbus Avenue this fall. Sister Marian Seay is the local Boston President, Sister Carolyn Brown is the District President and Sister Ruth Gough is the New England Conference President.

SOUTH ATLANTIC EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

South Atlantic Episcopal District Convocation

All roads led to Rock Hill for the South Atlantic Episcopal District Convocation held at the Kenneth Monroe Transformation Center. On Thursday, our very own International President of the Connectional Lay Council, Dr. Mary Matthews presented a Lay Academy to the Convocation. The South Atlantic Regional Director, Ms.



Loranda Melton had the privilege and honor of introducing her to the South Atlantic Episcopal District. She spoke on our theme: The

Freedom Church: Reviewing our Practices (Prayer in the Pews, Power in the Pulpit.) She gave a wonderful presentation which included the things the laity should be aware of and upcoming events. We need to review our practices to make sure they are in keeping with the Bible and The A. M. E. Zion Church Book of Discipline.

Madame President spoke on the reasons for having a Lay Council and the Role of the Laity in the Church. She also spoke on reviewing our practices as it relates to Worship, Evangelism, Outreach Education and Fellowship. The presentation was enjoyed by laity and clergy.



Palmetto Conference Lay Academy
by Linda P. Jones

Greater St. John AME Zion Church in Winnsboro, SC was the scene of the Palmetto Conference Annual Lay Academy, Saturday February 2, 2018. The clergy and laity gathered in large numbers and they were met by the Holy Spirit at the doors of this beautiful edifice nestled in the heart of Winnsboro, SC. The host church's dynamic devotion team, comprised of young adults ushered in the spirit of the Lord in a mighty way. The veteran lay leader and President of the Palmetto Conference, Mrs. Annie Williams warmly greeted



the congregation and recognized our District leaders and stalwart supporters, Reverend Dr. Alvin McLamb, Presiding Elder newly assigned to the Columbia-Camden District and Reverend Dr. Victor Wilson, Presiding Elder newly assigned to the Spartanburg District. She introduced and recognized the dedicated leadership of her officers for the 2018 Conference year: Mrs. Diane Brice, 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Loranda M. Melton, 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Jeannette A. Wise, Recording Secretary, Josephine Gilliam, Financial Secretary, Mrs. Mildred A. Wofford, Treasurer, Mr. Ivy Durrach, Chaplain, and Rev. Vincent Long, Chairman of the Board of Lay Activities.



Mrs. Williams then presented the SAED Regional Director of the Connectional Lay Council, Mrs. Loranda M. Melton, who enthusiastically presided over the program. Mrs. Melton greeted the Academy and thanked Mrs. Williams and all the local, district and conference officers for their committed work and support. She stressed the importance of having organized and functioning Lay Councils in all of our Churches.



Mrs. Williams then introduced the workshop presenter, Mrs. Leondras "Lele" Davis, 1st Vice-President of the Connectional Lay Council. Mrs. Davis delivered an excellent presentation on the Quadrennial theme: "Refocusing on Our Purpose". She eloquently pointed out that we should be living purpose-filled lives by posing and

expounding on three questions: 1) Are we living with a purpose? Romans 14:17, 2) Are we listening with His purpose? Isaiah 50:4 and 3) Are we waiting with purpose? Galatians 5:23-24. The workshop participants were then invited to take a 6 Step Spiritual Assessment: 1) Abide in Christ 2) Live by God's Word (3) Pray in Faith 4) Build Godly Relationships 5) Witness to the World (6) Minister to Others.



Mrs. Melton made a special appeal for a Clinton College offering as she encouraged the congregation to generously support our school.

The congregation then gave a standing applause to host pastor, Reverend Derrick Scurry and the loving Greater St. John Family for their most gracious hospitality.



SOUTHWESTERN DELTA EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

Arkansas Conference Hosts Premiere Black and Gold Laity Banquet

Ignited by the fiery message "Spiritual Fitness: Feed on The Word of God" delivered by Bishop Michael A. Frencher, Presiding Bishop of The Southwestern Delta Episcopal Area during the Third Check-up Meeting of the Arkansas Conference, The Arkansas Conference held its Premier Black and Gold Laity Banquet on Saturday, February 23, 2018 in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. Arkansas Conference Lay Council President Larry Waters hosted the premiere lay banquet encouraged and fully supported by an idea borrowed from fellow West Tennessee-Mississippi Conference President Chester Johnson. Mr. Ed Davis, Jr., Vice-President of the Payne Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church Lay Council served as Master of Ceremonies for the event.

Despite torrential thunderstorms and flash flooding throughout the area, the Regional Director of the Southwestern Delta Episcopal Area addressed a full house of ministers and laity on upcoming lay events. She also highlighted the important history of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff during a brief but informative Black History moment.

Following a delicious and healthy meal of roast beef, roasted chicken, garnished creamed white potatoes, seasoned green beans, rolls, home-made peach cobbler, and an assortment of tasty beverages served by the youth of the conference, the Arkansas Annual Conference President Mr. Waters reiterated the primary objective of the lay gathering as an occasion to celebrate the sacrifices and contributions of a single layman from each of the churches in the Arkansas

Annual Conference. The award called The Outstanding Laity Award was engraved with the scripture Mark 9:35 "If anyone wants to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all".

The congregation continued the theme of Black History by returning the banquet program with the singing of the spiritual "Steal Away" led by Bishop Frencher. The recipients of the initial Outstanding Laity Award for 2018 were Mrs. Anna Smith, Jones Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church; Mrs. Lorraine Shaw, John Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church; Ms. Michelle Smith, Oak Grove A.M.E. Zion Church; Mrs. Felecia Moore, Moore's Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church; Mrs. Lillie Carter, Grace Temple A.M.E. Zion Church; Mrs. Stephany C. Ricks Fields, Payne Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, and Mrs. Faye Simpson, Zion Temple A.M.E. Zion Church. Bishop Michael A. Frencher and the pastors of each church presented the awards to their members.

One seasoned pastor, Rev. Silas E. Redd the pastor of Payne Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church was also honored with a Distinguished Friend of Laity Award in recognition of his continuous, dedicated support of the laity of the Arkansas Annual Conference as well as the A.M.E. Zion Church. Mr. Waters credited Rev. Redd as being instrumental in his beginning involvement in the Lay Council and later in becoming the Arkansas Conference Lay Council President citing Rev. Redd's encouragement and guidance.

Guests of the banquet included Mr. Chester Johnson, President West Tennessee-Mississippi Conference Lay Council; Mrs. Lisa Dudley, Treasurer of the West Tennessee-Mississippi Conference Lay Council; and Mrs. Patricia Taylor, faithful member of the West Tennessee – Mississippi Conference Lay Council.

The final awards of the banquet were presented to Mrs. Ava Swinton and Mrs. Stephany C. Ricks Fields on behalf of the Arkansas Annual Conference in appreciation and recognition of their devoted servant hood to the conference. The highly memorable event concluded with closing remarks by Mr. Larry Waters, Arkansas Conference Lay Council President; Presiding Elder Dr. Michael O. Carter, Little Rock/ Hot Springs District; Presiding Elder Steven Fuller, Pine Bluff/ Wilmot District; and Bishop Michael A. Frencher, Presiding Prelate of The Southwestern Delta Episcopal Area who also gave the benediction.



Pictured from left to right: Bishop Michael A. Frencher, Mrs. Gelenia A. Frencher, Mrs. Lily Carter, Presiding Elder Dr. Michael Carter

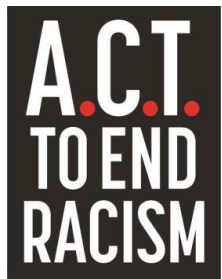


Pictured from left to right: Mrs. Stephany C. Ricks Fields, Mrs. Felicia Moore, Mrs. Lillie Carter, Rev. Gregory Gyce, Mrs. Faye Simpson, Bishop Michael A. Frencher, Rev. Silas E. Redd, Rev. Dennis Stone, Presiding Elder Michael Carter



Pictured from left to right: Mrs. Laverne Waters and Mrs. Hazel Edwards

ACT Now! Unite to End Racism Information



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On April 3-5, 2018 the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA (NCC) and our partners will gather in Washington, D.C. for a historic event to launch its Truth and Racial Justice Initiative. As we mark

50 years since the assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on April 4, 1968, we will commit to do our part to eradicate the entrenched racism that grips the United States and paralyzes our ability to see every human being as equal.

It's time to finish the work.

We challenge ourselves and our communities to join in truth-telling, leading to actions that right the wrongs, and, with God's grace, bring healing and wholeness to all people, and unity to the nation. We will A.C.T.:

Awaken. Confront. Transform.

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

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

Tuesday, April 3: Ecumenical Worship Service in the Orthodox Tradition

7 p.m. St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church, 2815 36th St., NW, Washington, D.C., 20007

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.-4 p.m.: Rally and Call to Commitment

Thursday, April 5: National Day of Advocacy & Action

Volunteers

Volunteers are needed now and during the rally on Wednesday, April 4, including in the following areas: Mobilization, Hospitality, Security (Marshals), Medical Assistance, Logistics, General Volunteer (I'll go where needed) and Press/Media. A volunteer sign up is on the website when you register for the event. After signing up, you will be contacted by one of our Volunteer Coordinators with more information and instructions. You may also contact the following:

Mobilization – Rev. Dr. Leslie Copeland Tune
mobilize2endracism@gmail.com

Hospitality – Malcom Byrd
alphadubois@hotmail.com

Security – Rev. Mark Thomas
zwardsthemark@gmail.com

Hotels

Information about hotels is on the website and can be accessed here:
<http://www.rally2endracism.org/hotels/>. It will be updated regularly as more information is available.

Buses

Buses from out of town will be able to park at RFK Stadium. We are working with D.C. city officials to have a location on the National Mall where passengers can be dropped off. We will have updates regarding this.

The Metro station closest to the National Mall is the Smithsonian station. It can be accessed on the Blue, Orange and Silver lines.

Spread the Word

Help us spread the word out about this important event! The day will be filled with inspirational speakers and music, reflections on Dr. King and, most importantly, ways we will move forward *united* to finish the work to *end racism*.

You can organize a group from your church, encourage your local conference or district to have other local churches attend, send it to everyone you know. A movement isn't much of a movement without people, so this is particularly critical to any effort to end racism.

Share the link to the website on social media. Email your friends about this important event. Tweet and post on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and other social media outlets using the hashtags #ACT2EndRacism and #Rally2EndRacism. Text the web address to your friends and family. Be on the National Mall on April 4th and bring people with you!

Financial Support

To cover the numerous costs with hosting such a large event, we ask for your financial support. **Any gift is welcome**, but here are some ways you can give or encourage others to give:

Challenge individuals to give (in increments of \$50 – an amount for each of the 50 years we've been without Dr. King).

Challenge congregations to give, perhaps even taking up a special offering to support this historic event.

Encourage an individual, congregation or organization to be a Justice Bearer and give a gift of \$50,000 or more.

CONTACT

For more information and for updates, visit the website, www.rally2endracism.org, which will be updated regularly, or email mobilize2endracism@gmail.com.

THE RESURRECTION

*Lest we forget how He suffered and died
to save the world from sin.*

*How can we then not open our hearts
and let Jesus the Christ enter in.*

*In less than a week His status changed
from Hosannas and the cheering throng.
To one who was mocked and nailed to a
cross*

in the place where we sinners belong.

*Lo, in the grave He lay in the tomb
our Savior who sin did not touch.
God gave His Son as atonement for us
because He loves us so much.*

*That sacred head was wounded for us;
blood and water streamed from His side.
The crown of thorns meant to ridicule;
the anguish He did not hide.*

*When all was said and all was done
He died alone on that tree.
Yes, He bore the burden of sin for us—
for you—and—you—and for me.*

*That Holy Temple was laid to rest
to fulfill the prophecies.
He did not will that the 'cup; would pass—
only God, the Father, to please.*

*But, oh, that glorious Sunday morn
that was planned before He was born.
When He 'rose with all power in His hands;
the shackles of death loosed and torn.*

*Why seek the living among the dead?
The Lord is risen, indeed.
The Resurrection is life
that overcomes death.
Jesus Christ is all that we need.*

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Lay Council Event Dates

February 14-March 29, 2018 Lent

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday each year and for Christians starts the 40 day period of fasting. The day represents the 40 days Jesus spend fasting in the wilderness.

Western NC Lay Council Meetings

January 27, 2018, Lincoln District
 March 24, 2018, Salisbury District
 May 29, 2018, Charlotte District

All 2018 Eastern North Carolina

Regional Lay Academy will be hosted by York Memorial AMEZ Church Greenville, North Carolina

From 9:00 AM to Noon
 On the following Dates:
 March 24, 2018
 August 25, 2018
 December 1, 2018

Connectional Council Meeting

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Connectional Lay Sunday Offering 2017-2018



DATE	CHURCH	AMOUNT	EPISCOPAL DISTRICT	
10/25/2017	Ardis Chapel	\$ 75.00	1940 Old Mocksville Rd, Salisbury, NC 28144	Piedmont
10/25/2017	Moore's Chapel	\$ 260.00	PO Box 545, Salisbury, NC 28145	Piedmont
10/25/2017	Slades Chapel	\$ 50.00	P. O. Box 2385, Morganton, NC 28680	Piedmont
10/25/2017	Southern City	\$ 67.00	P. O. Box 547, East Spencer, NC 28039	Piedmont
11/1/2017	White Rock	\$ 75.00	P. O. Box 384, Granite Quarry, NC 28072	Piedmont
11/1/2017	Long Leaf	\$ 67.95	316 Dan Rd, Robbins, NC 27325	Piedmont
11/7/2017	Marvin	\$ 1,056.00	1525 Crane Rd, Waxhaw, NC 28173	Piedmont
11/7/2017	Third Creek	\$ 100.00	P. O. Box 298, Cleveland, NC 27013	Piedmont
11/7/2017	New Zion	\$ 88.00	4967 Hwy, Robbins, NC 27325	Piedmont
11/9/2017	Young's Memorial	\$ 150.00	1083 Old A.J. Hwy, New Market, TN 37820	Piedmont
11/15/2017	St. Stephens - Lincolnton District	\$ 250.00	P. O. Box 68016, Charlotte, NC 28216	Piedmont
11/15/2017	Trinity/Unity - Lincolnton District	\$ 50.00	P. O. Box 68016, Charlotte, NC 28216	Piedmont
11/15/2017	St. Peters	\$ 150.00	911 N. York Street, Gastonia, NC 28054	Piedmont
11/15/2017	Neely's Grove	\$ 50.00	3321 S. New Hope Rd., Gastonia, NC 28056	Piedmont
11/15/2017	Bynum Chapel - Lincolnton Dist.	\$ 50.00	P. O. Box 68016, Charlotte, NC 28216	Piedmont
11/15/2017	Vestibule - Lincolnton District	\$ 60.00	P. O. Box 68016, Charlotte, NC 28216	Piedmont
11/15/2017	Oak Grove - Lincolnton District	\$ 51.00	P. O. Box 68016, Charlotte, NC 28216	Piedmont
11/15/2017	Rhynes Tabernacle - Lincolnton Di	\$ 25.00	P. O. Box 68016, Charlotte, NC 28216	Piedmont
11/15/2017	Mt. Zion - Lincolnton District	\$ 25.00	P. O. Box 68016, Charlotte, NC 28216	Piedmont
11/15/2017	Trinity	\$ 579.00	631 E Florida St., Greensboro, NC 27406	Piedmont
11/27/2017	Statesville District	\$ 50.00	1707 Unity Drive, Statesville, NC 28625	Piedmont
11/27/2017	Winston-Salem District	\$ 300.00	6560 Idols Rd, Clemmons, NC 27012	Piedmont
11/27/2017	Varick Chapel	\$ 33.00	P. O. Box 7581, Asheville, NC 28802	Piedmont
12/14/2017	Marable Memorial	\$ 81.00	P. O. Box 607, Kannapolis, NC 28082	Piedmont
02/2/2018	North Charlotte District	\$ 500.00	801 E. 8th Street, Charlotte, NC 28202	Piedmont
03/9/2018	Bishop George E. Battle, Jr.	\$ 5,000.00	3225 W. Sugar Cheek Rd. Charlotte, NC 28269	Piedmont
		\$ 9,242.95		

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10/25/2017	Porters Chapel	\$ 125.00	560 Weight Station Rd, Hertford, NC 27944	Eastern NC
10/25/2017	Rock Spring	\$ 100.00	4028 Legion Rd, Hope Mills, NC 28348	Eastern NC
10/25/2017	Trinity Chapel	\$ 126.00	P. O. Box 543, New Bern, NC 28563	Eastern NC
10/25/2017	Pleasant Hill	\$ 25.00	951 NC Hwy 55W, New Bern, NC 28562	Eastern NC
10/25/2017	Franklin Chapel	\$ 66.00	167 Virginia Ave, Hamlet, NC 28345	Eastern NC
10/25/2017	Hunters Chapel	\$ 75.00	16441 Jerusalem Rd, Laurinburg, NC 28352	Eastern NC
10/25/2017	Union Grove	\$ 40.00	PO Box 1185, Edenton, NC 27932	Eastern NC
11/1/2017	Ebenezer	\$ 50.00	267 Alston Rd, Apex, NC 27523	Eastern NC
11/1/2017	Evans Metropolitan	\$ 144.17	301 N Cool Springs St., Fayetteville, NC 28302	Eastern NC
11/1/2017	Alice T Harrington/St. Mark	\$ 5.00	511 Orinda Dr., Durham, NC 27713	Eastern NC
11/1/2017	Patricia Walker/St. Mark	\$ 10.00	2217 Southgate St., Durham, NC 27703	Eastern NC
11/1/2017	George Stevens/St. Mark	\$ 10.00	5307 Peppercorn St., Durham, NC 27704	Eastern NC
11/1/2017	Gwendolyn Suitt/St. Mark	\$ 10.00	1 Covington Ln, Durham, NC 27712	Eastern NC
11/1/2017	Jesse Wilcher/St. Mark	\$ 30.00	5 Rock Cottage Ct., Durham, NC 27707	Eastern NC
11/1/2017	Charles LeGrand/St. Mark	\$ 20.00	5316 Partridge St., Durham, NC 27704	Eastern NC
11/1/2017	Alice White/St. Mark	\$ 20.00	111 E Enterprise St., Durham, NC 27707	Eastern NC
11/1/2017	Vivian Leeper Ford/St. Mark	\$ 20.00	121 Spring Valley Ln., Durham, NC 27713	Eastern NC
11/1/2017	Dr. Joyce P. Edwards/St. Mark	\$ 25.00	1101 Exchange Pl., Durham, NC 27713	Eastern NC
11/1/2017	Irene Owens/St. Mark	\$ 25.00	3923 St. Marks Rd., Durham, NC 27707	Eastern NC
11/1/2017	Stilwyn Brown/St. Mark	\$ 25.00	24 Green Mill Ln., Durham, NC 27707	Eastern NC
11/1/2017	Thomascena LeGrand/St. Mark	\$ 50.00	5316 Partridge St., Durham, NC 27704	Eastern NC
11/1/2017	St. Mark	\$ 253.00	531 S Roxboro St., Durham, NC 27701	Eastern NC
11/7/2017	St. Mark	\$ 25.00	3090 NC Highway 55W, New Bern, NC 28562	Eastern NC
11/7/2017	Avery Grove	\$ 50.00	5449 Cleveland Rd, Clayton, NC 27520	Eastern NC
11/7/2017	Union Grove	\$ 75.00	P. O. Box 1565, Pittsboro, NC 27312	Eastern NC
11/7/2017	Norington	\$ 109.00	P. O. Box 1781, Lillington, NC 27546	Eastern NC
11/9/2017	Morning Star	\$ 131.00	411 Boush St., Roper, NC 28970	Eastern NC

11/22/2017	Macedonia	\$	75.00	4577 US Hwy 32N, Plymouth, NC 27962	Eastern NC
12/6/2017	New Bern District Lay Council	\$	150.00	2008 Hartford Ave., New Bern, NC 28562	Eastern NC
12/13/2017	Solid Rock	\$	50.00	710 Main St, Wake Forest, NC 27587	Eastern NC
1/4/2018	Simon Temple	\$	300.00	P. O. Box 35831, Fayetteville, NC 28303	Eastern NC
1/4/2018	Union Chapel	\$	100.00	8465 Garland Hwy, Clinton, NC 28328	Eastern NC
1/24/2018	Clinton Chapel	\$	50.00	315 Hudson St., Pollocksville, NC 28573	Eastern NC
3/8/2018	Mt. Hebron	\$	48.00	P. O. Box 182, Hallsboro, NC 28442	Eastern NC
		\$	2,417.17		

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10/25/2017	Blackwell Temple	\$ 60.00	Midwest
10/25/2017	Rick's Chapel	\$ 100.00	Midwest
10/25/2017	St. Paul	\$ 120.00	Midwest
10/25/2017	Wallace Temple	\$ 50.00	Midwest
11/1/2017	Smith Memorial	\$ 43.00	Midwest
11/1/2017	Warner Temple	\$ 125.00	Midwest
11/1/2017	Jones Memorial	\$ 112.00	Midwest
11/1/2017	St. Peters	\$ 10.00	Midwest
11/7/2017	St. Paul	\$ 100.00	Midwest
11/7/2017	Sherman Chapel	\$ 30.00	Midwest
11/7/2017	St. Mark	\$ 100.00	Midwest
11/7/2017	Greater Walters	\$ 100.00	Midwest
11/7/2017	St. John	\$ 145.00	Midwest
11/15/2017	Spradline Memorial	\$ 100.00	Midwest
11/15/2017	Martin Temple	\$ 350.00	Midwest
11/22/2017	Speaks Temple	\$ 40.00	Midwest
11/27/2017	Emmanu-el	\$ 45.00	Midwest
12/6/2017	Johnson Chapel	\$ 100.00	Midwest
12/21/2017	Stoner Memorial	\$ 100.00	Midwest
12/21/2017	Wallace Chapel	\$ 115.00	Midwest
12/21/2017	Edgewood Chapel	\$ 25.00	Midwest
12/21/2017	Logan Chapel	\$ 25.00	Midwest
12/21/2017	Oak Grove	\$ 50.00	Midwest
12/21/2017	Concord	\$ 25.00	Midwest
12/21/2017	Clinton Chapel	\$ 161.00	Midwest
12/21/2017	First AME Zion	\$ 100.00	Midwest
3/19/2018	Bishop George WC Walker, Sr.	\$ 500.00	Midwest
		\$ 2,831.00	

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10/25/2017	Parker Memorial	\$ 100.00	Northeastern
10/25/2017	Bell AME Zion	\$ 76.00	Northeastern
10/25/2017	Phyllis Burwell/Bell AME Zion	\$ 20.00	Northeastern
10/25/2017	Denise Davenport/Bell AME Zion	\$ 20.00	Northeastern
10/25/2017	Gloria Smith/Bell AME Zion	\$ 10.00	Northeastern
10/25/2017	Lakeville AME Zion	\$ 90.00	Northeastern
10/25/2017	Rush Temple	\$ 100.00	Northeastern
10/25/2017	New Wesley	\$ 35.00	Northeastern
10/25/2017	Wallace Chapel	\$ 110.00	Northeastern
10/25/2017	Clinton Memorial	\$ 137.00	Northeastern
10/25/2017	First AME Zion	\$ 315.00	Northeastern
10/25/2017	Smith-Thompson	\$ 50.00	Northeastern
11/01/2017	Shaw Temple	\$ 182.00	Northeastern
11/07/2017	Westbury	\$ 100.00	Northeastern
11/07/2017	Wesley Memorial	\$ 25.00	Northeastern
11/15/2017	St. Paul's	\$ 200.00	Northeastern
11/15/2017	St. Stephens	\$ 210.00	Northeastern
11/15/2017	First AME Zion	\$ 150.00	Northeastern
11/22/2017	Durham Memorial	\$ 251.00	Northeastern
11/22/2017	Calvary	\$ 60.00	Northeastern

11/27/2017	Park Street	\$	220.00	1220 Park St., Peekskill, NY 10566	Northeastern
11/22/2017	Institutional	\$	200.00	42 Bishop Wm J Walls Pl, Yonkers, NY 10701	Northeastern
12/06/2017	Price Memorial	\$	101.00	163 Linden St., Pittsfield, MA 0121	Northeastern
12/06/2017	Clinton Memorial	\$	200.00	614 Third St., Greenport, NY 11944	Northeastern
12/18/2017	St. Stephens	\$	50.00	31 Rogers St., Branford, CT 06405	Northeastern
12/21/2017	Shrewsbury Avenue	\$	500.00	285 Shrewsbury Ave, Red Bank, NJ 07701	Northeastern
1/29/2018	St. Catherine	\$	571.00	19 Lincoln Ave, New Rochelle, NY 10801	Northeastern
3/08/2018	New Jersey Conf. Lay Council		\$600.00	123 Apple Street, Tinton Falls, NJ 07724	Northeastern
			\$ 4,683.00		

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10/25/2017	Good Hope	\$ 80.00	SAED
10/25/2017	Saint Matthews	\$ 83.00	SAED
11/7/2017	Paradise	\$ 65.00	SAED
11/9/2017	O'Zion	\$ 200.00	SAED
11/9/2017	Brown Chapel	\$ 150.00	SAED
12/6/2017	New Prospect	\$ 100.00	SAED
1/04/2018	Jones Memorial	\$ 200.00	SAED
1/22/2018	Antioch	\$ 160.00	SAED
1/22/2018	Shaw Temple	\$ 275.00	SAED
3/19/2018	Rock Hill Dist. Lay Council	\$ 500.00	SAED
3/19/2018	Spartanburg Dist. Lay Council	\$ 100.00	SAED
3/19/2018	Palmetto Conf Lay Council	\$ 200.00	SAED
3/19/2018	Columbia-Camden Dist. Lay Council	\$ 265.00	SAED
			\$ 2,378.00

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10/25/2017	First AME Zion - Lovingston	\$ 50.00	Mid-Atlantic
10/25/2017	First AME Zion/Bluefield	\$ 100.00	Mid-Atlantic
10/25/2017	New Covenant	\$ 94.00	Mid-Atlantic
11/1/2017	St. John	\$ 140.00	Mid-Atlantic
11/1/2017	Wesley Union	\$ 100.00	Mid-Atlantic
11/1/2017	Trinity Chapel	\$ 45.00	Mid-Atlantic
11/1/2017	St. Paul	\$ 200.00	Mid-Atlantic
11/1/2017	Rev. Dr. Vincent Jones	\$ 25.00	Mid-Atlantic
11/1/2017	David Temple	\$ 25.00	Mid-Atlantic
11/1/2017	Hickory Grove	\$ 25.00	Mid-Atlantic
11/1/2017	Mars Hill	\$ 25.00	Mid-Atlantic
11/1/2017	New Life	\$ 25.00	Mid-Atlantic
11/1/2017	Piney Grove	\$ 50.00	Mid-Atlantic
11/1/2017	St. Luke	\$ 25.00	Mid-Atlantic
11/1/2017	St. Mark	\$ 25.00	Mid-Atlantic
11/1/2017	St. Mary	\$ 25.00	Mid-Atlantic
11/1/2017	Walters Temple	\$ 25.00	Mid-Atlantic
11/1/2017	Zion Southampton	\$ 25.00	Mid-Atlantic
11/7/2017	Ruth AME Zion	\$ 65.00	Mid-Atlantic
11/7/2017	Harris AME Zion	\$ 50.00	Mid-Atlantic
11/9/2017	Norfolk District	\$ 500.00	Mid-Atlantic
11/15/2017	Hood Temple	\$ 100.00	Mid-Atlantic
11/15/2017	Trinity	\$ 1,000.00	Mid-Atlantic
12/6/2017	Tynes Chapel	\$ 25.00	Mid-Atlantic
12/6/2017	St. James	\$ 200.00	Mid-Atlantic
12/13/2017	St. Matthews	\$ 100.00	Mid-Atlantic
12/13/2017	Oak Street	\$ 100.00	Mid-Atlantic
12/18/2017	Gilbraith	\$ 300.00	Mid-Atlantic
1/04/2018	Union Wesley	\$ 500.00	Mid-Atlantic
2/12/2018	Price Memorial	\$ 50.00	Mid-Atlantic
3/12/2018	Beth-El AME Zion	\$ 50.00	Mid-Atlantic
			\$ 4,069.00

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10/25/2017	Mobile District Lay Council	\$ 200.00	4113 Washington Dr., Moss Point, MS 39563
10/25/2017	Hood Temple	\$ 70.00	3608 N 26th St., Tampa, FL 33605
11/1/2017	Asbury Chapel	\$ 100.00	P. O. Box 44, Pascagoula, MS 39568
11/15/2017	Jackson District Lay Council	\$ 150.00	2880 Radcliff Rd, Saraland, AL 36571
12/13/2017	Metropolitan	\$ 100.00	1530 4th Ave, N, Birmingham, AL 35203
12/18/2017	Jefferson District Lay Council	\$ 200.00	402 Desounettes Ave, Demopolis, AL 36732
		\$ 820.00	

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10/25/2017	Zion Hill	\$ 25.00	785 Dead End Rd, Carthage, MS 39051
10/25/2017	Zion Temple	\$ 50.00	200 N Carolina St., Crossett, AR 71635
10/25/2017	Coleman Chapel	\$ 25.00	PO Box 1481, Batesville, MS 38606
11/1/2017	Pope Chapel	\$ 50.00	7813 Pope Crowder Rd., Pope, MS 38658
11/9/2017	John Wesley	\$ 75.00	P. O. Box 356, Wilmot, AR 71676
11/27/2017	Payne Chapel	\$ 130.00	1710 Rock St., Little Rock, AR 72216
11/22/2017	Sharon	\$ 50.00	1777 Sharon Rd, Sharon MS 39163
11/22/2017	Oklahoma Conference Laity	\$ 125.00	3935 N Garrison Ave, Tulsa, OK 74106
12/6/2017	Grace Temple	\$ 20.00	P. O. Box 1076, Little Rock, AR 72202
12/13/2017	Outland Memorial	\$ 119.00	601 Kentucky Ave, Ft. Worth, TX 76104
12/18/2017	Walls Chapel	\$ 50.00	4215 Hull St., Houston, TX 77021
12/18/2017	Porter Chapel	\$ 15.00	P. O. Box 153, Dobbin, TX 77333
		\$ 734.00	

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10/25/2017	First A.M.E. Zion/Portland	\$ 21.00	109 N Skidmore St., Portland, OR 97217
10/25/2017	Leake Temple	\$ 100.00	430 N Hoyt St., Anchorage, AK 99508
10/25/2017	First A.M.E. Zion/Los Angeles	\$ 150.00	1449 W Adams Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90007
10/25/2017	Second AME Zion	\$ 112.00	3612 W 64th St., Inglewood, CA 90302
11/22/2017	Kyles Temple	\$ 350.69	2940 42nd St, Sacramento, CA 95817
1/04/2018	First A.M.E. Zion/San Francisco	\$ 290.00	2159 Golden Gate Ave, San Francisco, CA 94118
		\$ 1,023.69	

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11/15/2017	Dr. Mary J. Matthews	\$ 100.00	Central Southern Africa

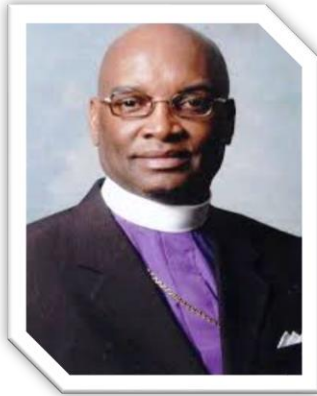
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11/15/2017	Dr. Mary J. Matthews	\$ 100.00	Eastern West Africa
	Bishop S. Chuka Ekemam, Sr.	\$ 2,000.00	
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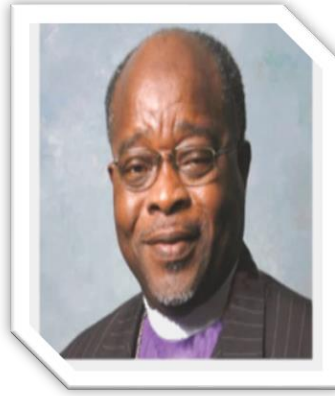
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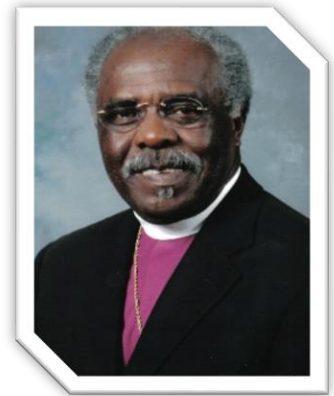
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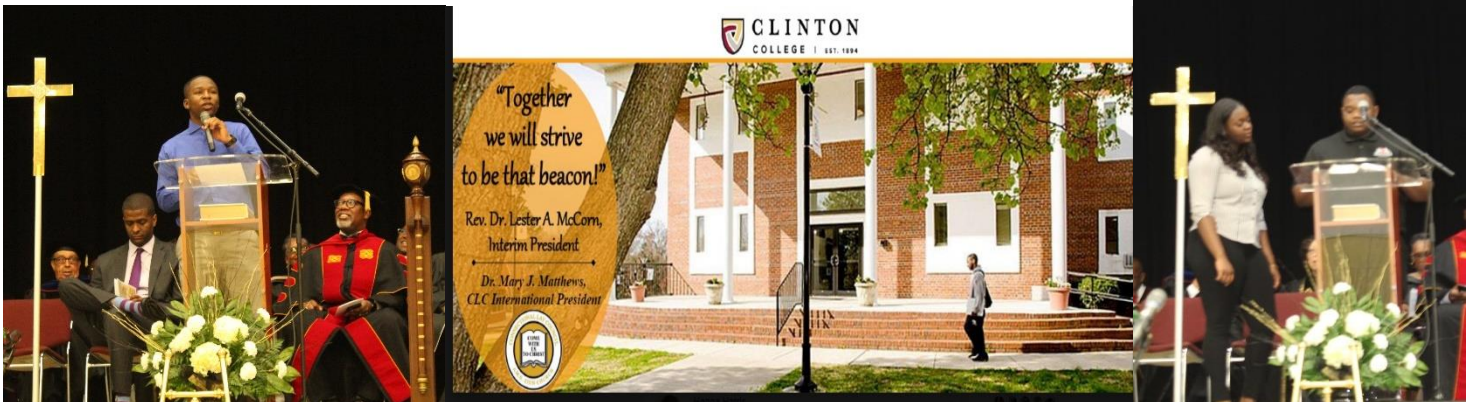
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The Connection would like to receive articles from you about what the local Church, Presiding Elder District, Annual Conference or Episcopal District Lay Councils are doing or plan to do. The newsletter is published during the month of **March, June, September and December**. Email all articles to clcoffice@amezhqtr.org.

Deadlines for submitting articles are:

February 15th

May 15th

August 15th

November 15th

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