

News from the **MOUNT**

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For we walk by faith, not by sight. 2 Corinthians 5:7

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From the Desk of the Pastor/	"Let Us Go into The House of The Lord!" Psalm 122:1b
"Let Us Go into The House of The Lord!" Psalm 122:1b	WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY WILL RESUME ON THE SECOND SUNDAYJUNE 13, 2021 @ 11:00 a.m.
	Reentry information will be sent to the membership by the First Sunday, June 6, 2021
BACK	Live Virtual Services will continue on F LIVE
Charch Male	Sunday Bible Discovery Hour 10am / Worship Service 11am
and Sunday	Tuesday Bible Study 6pm
June 13th, 2021 Rev. ShaReff Rash Pastor	Wednesday Call In Prayer Line 7pm 425-436-6200 / Access Code 347543
Bible Discovery Hour 10:00 am Sunday Worship Service 11:00 am	
By the mercy and grace of God, in a few weeks, Second	THE NEW MOUNT MORIAH LAY ORGANIZATION
<i>Sunday, June 13, 2020,we will go into the house of the</i> <i>Lord!</i> We worshipped in our homes the past fifteen months, and what a time it will be when we can once again worship in His house together.	"WE ARE CONNECTED"
Our worship services may not look the same, but we will still serve the same God as stated in the past! It is that same God who watched over us throughout this pandem- ic, and He will continue to do so when we return to His house!	The Lay Organization is one of the youngest auxiliaries of the church, compared to the total year's existence of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. The record shows that laymen held places alongside the clergy during the formative years of the church. The Lay Organization of the African Methodist Episcopal Church is commissioned to teach, train, and empower its members for lay ministry, global leadership and service following the tenets of Jesus Christ.
As your pastor, I am forever indebted to your support of your church during this time of uncertainty; and it is my prayer that God's blessings continue to rest upon you. Throughout this time of uncertainty, we have learned	The purpose of The Lay Organization is to organize and train the lay members of the Afri- can Methodist Episcopal Church, so that each member may utilize to the maximum the abilities and skills granted by God, in assisting in the improvement and extension of God's kingdom, and creating happiness, peace and harmony among its members.
there is nothing more enriching and encouraging than <i>us</i> going into the house of the Lord together.	To accomplish this purpose, below are just a few of its objectives:
My wife and I look forward to the day when we can once again see each your faces in the house of the Lord!	 To install in the membership of the church a love for, and appreciation of the history, tradition, and principles of African Methodism.
Be blessed and a blessing,	 To keep forever alive the sacred memory of Richard Allen, our illustrious Founder. To advocate respect and loyalty at all times to constituted authority and leadership.
Sha'Reff A. Rashad Pastor	 To encourage the laity to support the total program of the church in the local congregation, in the community, and throughout the Conference and Connection.
WORSHIP IS THE SUBMISSION OF ALL OUR NATURE TO GOD	The Lay Organization is a movement to provide greater leadership opportunities for the Lay members of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Its membership includes Trus- tees, Stewards, Class Leaders, Missionary Workers, Ushers, Deaconesses, Stewardess, Choir Members, Sunday School Workers and Students, Young People Department, mem- bers of all Commissions.
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Lay Organization Cont.

Lay Organization Structure

The African Methodist Episcopal Church is a connectional organization. Each local church is a part of the larger connection. The organized lay are usually the ones involved in setting forth and recommending the new laws and structural changes as enacted by the General Conference.

The first tier of the Lay Organization is the **Connectional Lay Organization** (CLO). Episcopal District Lay Organizations are organized in every Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in the Continental United States from the first Episcopal District down through and including the Thirteenth Episcopal District. The Connectional Lay Organization President is Matikane Abednego Makiti.

The Second Tier of the Lay Organization is at the Episcopal District level. We are a part of the Eleventh Episcopal District Lay Organization (Encompassing Florida and the Bahamas). Patricia Wright is its President.

The third tier is the Conference level. We are a part of the East Conference Lay Organization. Nicholas Causey is the President.

The fourth tier is the district level. The district lay organization falls under the umbrella of The Alachua-Central District Lay Organization. Brother Dennis Murphy Sr, is the President.

The fifth tier is the local (church) level. Sister Jacqueline Weston is the President of our local (church) lay organization. The goals of the local organization include study, worship, fellowship and service at the local, conference, district and connectional levels. Our aim is to be Christ-centered and to strengthen the church. The local lay organization's concern is for the total church and to maintain a happy working relationship between the Pastor and lay. The Lay Organization is a vital tool that can be used for effective change, if change is deemed necessary, or to improve existing conditions and methods.

Every member of the church who is not a Minister is a Laymen. Building a healthy and strong lay organization takes commitment from the local church. Your local lay organization is not built overnight. It will take time to develop. Organizing the lay in your church takes a group of individuals who are willing to devote time and have a thirst and willingness to learn thoroughly the connectional church.

The Officers of the New Mount Moriah Lay Organization are:

President - Sister Jacqueline Weston. 1st Vice President - Sister Tricia Pough. Financial Secretary – Sister Mary Goines Treasurer – Sister Tonya Craig. Chaplain – Brother Hinson Howard Jr. Director of Public Relations – Brother Robert Weston.

Lay Organization Scholarship Opportunities

Each year scholarships are available to graduating seniors in the 11th Episcopal District.

From the Episcopal District Level:

The Selmo Bradley Scholarship. The Marion Bacon White Book Scholarship (For students attending Edward Waters College). The Willie J. Williams Music Scholarship.

From the Connectional Level:

The Jamye Coleman Williams Scholarship. The J. D. Williams Scholarship. Joseph C. McKinney Scholarship.

As the teaching and training arm of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the Lay Organization's goal is to instill in the membership of the church a great love for, and appreciation of the history, tradition and principles of African Methodism and to keep forever alive the sacred memory of Richard Allen, our founder.



Remember Our Sick and Shut-In Members



June 13-14	Virtual Bible Discovery Hour Convention
June 15-18	77th 11th Episcopal District Annual Lay Convention
June 20	Father's Day
July 6-10	51st Quadrennial General Conference, Orlando
July 11-13	37th Connectional Lay Convention, Orlando
July 25	Debutantes and Masters Ceremony
July 26-29	11th District Christian Education, Youth Leadership