

May 22, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

1. 2022-2023 Conference Year Planning: Each Lomax ministry is asked to meet virtually to develop ministry plans that focus on worship, witness, i.e. disciple-making, and/or work, with an emphasis on in-reach and/or outreach. Please develop ministry activities for the entire 2022-2023 conference year and submit them to Pastor Nelson by May 22, 2022. Also, by May 22nd, please submit any budget requests to Sis. Ruthy Brown, Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee. Thank you.

2. S.H.A.R.E.: S.H.A.R.E. orders will be distributed this Saturday, May 21, 2022, from 11:15 am to 12:30 pm.

3. Celebrating Mothers/Women: This Saturday, May 21, 2022, from 12:30 pm to 2 pm, we will celebrate the mothers and women of Lomax as you enjoy a soul food lunch and a time of fellowship outside behind Lomax. Margaret's Soul Food Truck & Catering is the vendor who will provide lunch. Dress cool and comfortable as it is forecasted to be the hottest day of the year thus far.

4. Virtual Fitness "FUN" Workout: Join the Fitness class on Saturday at 8:30 am for a "FUN" condensed workout. Bring your water, towel, mat, stretch bands, weights and "Smiles". The line will open at 8:15 am. See you on Saturday, Donna V. Gainey and the CREW!!! Zoom participation information is as follows: Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82471371758> Meeting ID: 824 7137 1758

5. News from the Pews: Please join us for our FINAL Lay Council Meeting of this conference year. It will be brief as we share ideas for ministry work in the NEW conference year. We appreciate your participation!

Topic: Lomax Lay Council Meeting & Brief Planning Session
Time: May 22, 2022 02:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82546199751?pwd=-P1wsPSs8_4SiVhXy3kitr9yC_bqTD.1

Meeting ID: 825 4619 9751

Passcode: 731512

Dial by your location

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

Meeting ID: 825 4619 9751

Passcode: 731512

6. Sunday School: On Sunday morning, Sunday School will take place at 9:30 am. You may participate as follows:

Join via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89311232668>
Meeting ID: 893 1123 2668

Dial-In Information: 301-715-8592
Meeting ID: 893 1123 2668

7. Worship: This Sunday, we will have in-person worship for those who have registered and livestream the service through Facebook Live and Lomax's website. Those who have registered and will be worshipping in-person are reminded that Lomax's COVID-19 protocols will be strictly enforced to keep everyone safe. Sunday's bulletin is attached.

8. Lomax W.H.&O.M.S. Parent Body Meeting: The Lomax W.H.&O.M.S. Parent Body will meet on Monday, May 23, 2022, at 7 pm. Please Zoom in or dial in as we plan our activities for the next conference year. -- Donna Gainey

Join via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88535306934>
Meeting ID: 884 3530 6934

Dial-In Information: 301-715-8592
Meeting ID: 885 3530 6934

9. Intercessory Prayer: Intercessory Prayer will continue on Tuesday at 6:30 am. Here is the Zoom information to Participate:

Join via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86028580752>
Meeting ID: 860 2858 0752

Dial-In Information: 301-715-8592
Meeting ID: 860 2858 0752

10. Bible Study: Bible study will take place on Wednesday, May 25, 2022. It will be led by Rev. Ernie Moore.

In the new conference year, we will continue with our current Bible Study series entitled "Got Questions?" and focus on contemporary issues and/or questions that you may have about life situations and what the Bible has to say about them. Please feel free to submit a topic to Pastor Nelson directly via his email address, avnelsonlaw@msn.com. Zoom participation information will be sent out on Tuesday.

11. Annual Conference: Bishop W. Darin Moore will convene the 193rd Annual Session of the Philadelphia and Baltimore Annual Conference Thursday, May 26, 2022, through Saturday, May 28, 2022. The conference will be held at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center. All persons amenable to the Annual Conference are expected to be present in-person unless excused by Bishop Moore (with a "cc" to Presiding Elder Durant and Pastor Nelson) for health-related reasons. Those persons excused by Bishop Moore will be permitted to participate virtually.

A flyer is below. The Conference will convene at 11 am on Thursday, May 26, 2022, with the Holy Communion Service. For those not attending in person, viewing will be available on the MAED website.

12. Health Fair: Lomax's Health Unit invites you to participate in a community Health Fair on Wednesday, May 25, 11am - 2 pm, at Ballston Quarter -- Mezzanine Level (M1). A flyer is attached.

13. Senior Ministry Information:

Senior Ministry Meeting -- Due to Annual Conference, the Senior Ministry will not meet on Saturday, May 28, 2022.

Save-the-Date -- Thurs., July 21, 10-3. St. Michael's and Lomax AME Zion parishioners will travel west to Floris United Methodist Church, in Herndon, to enjoy the popular **Sacred Threads Exhibition**, 2022 Edition. Hundreds of quilts—exploring themes of joy, inspiration, spirituality, healing, grief, and peace—will be on view in this biennial juried exhibition of work by quilters from throughout the U.S. The cost for round-trip group transportation from St. Michael's and docent introduction is \$10/person (cash on arrival). Before returning to Arlington, the group will have lunch (buy-your-own) in Herndon. Reserve your spot on the bus now! Space limited. Contact: Brenda Cox if interested.

14. Membership Conference Assessments: As we approach the FY 2021/2022 conference year ending, May 31, 2022, we are encouraging members who haven't paid your annual assessment dues of \$350.00 for General Claims \$265.00 and Quarterly Conference \$85.00. Please pay your assessments in order for Lomax to meet its church obligations, and by submitting your donations thru you2r church envelope, Givelify, or you may see your Class Leader or Sis. Ruthy Brown. Thank you in Advance!

15. As this pandemic stretches on, please consider increasing the amount that you give to the Ministry of Kindness each week so that we can meet the needs of those who are looking to the church for help. Thank you for your generosity in advance.

16. During these difficult times, please remember that Lomax has resources to assist those in need, including: the Ministry of Kindness, the Food Pantry, our class Leaders, and our Pastor. Please reach out if you are in need. Please note the confidential phone number for the Food Pantry is: 703-979-8408.d

17. Continued thanks to Lomax's Financial Team, Media Ministry, Class Leaders, Trustee Board, and Steward Board for continuing to serve faithfully during this time.

18. Thank you to each of you for continuing to send in your tithes and offerings. The congregation continues to be very generous, and for that we thank you. All offerings should be given using Givelify or by sending them to the church using the U.S. mail. (Please do not send cash.)