

June 5, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

1. Conference Year 2022-2023: At the close of the 193rd Annual Session of the Philadelphia and Baltimore Annual Conference, Bishop W. Darin Moore assigned a "new" pastor to Lomax. He is Rev. Dr. Adrian V. Nelson, II. We are thankful for the opportunity to serve God and the flock known as Lomax African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church for the 2022-2023 Conference year. Thank you to all of the members and ministers of Lomax AME Zion Church for all that you did to make this year's Annual Conference a blessing. -- Pastor Nelson

2. Time Sensitive Community Information: The National Urban League is giving away FREE backpacks stuffed with school supplies and a brand new pair of sneakers to registered students K-12. Parents MUST register for the event before June 20, 2022. The giveaway will take place on July 23, 2022. Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/350614897597>

3. Connectional Children's Weekend: Connectional Children's Weekend will be celebrated next weekend. On Saturday, June 11, 2022, immediately following Children's Choir Rehearsal, the children will have Saturday School. A light lunch will be provided. On Sunday, June 12, 2022, Lomax's children will lead us in morning worship. This year's Connectional Children's Weekend theme is "Jesus Light me Up!". All questions relating to Children's Weekend should be directed to Sis. Wanda Williams. **Please note: On Sunday, June 12, 2022, only worship service participants and their parents will be permitted to register for in-person worship. Parents of our children have requested a closed worship service to ensure the health of our children. We apologize for any inconvenience.**

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. 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

6. Worship & Communion: This Sunday, we will have in-person worship and communion 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. Drive-in communion will be available from 1-2 pm. Sunday's bulletin and the June 2022 Prayer and Bereaved Family List are attached.

7. Intercessory Prayer: Intercessory Prayer will continue on Tuesday at 6:30 am. Sis. Victoria Tesfamariam will facilitate Intercessory Prayer in the absence of Sis. Linda Mitchell. 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

8. Bible Study: Bible study will take place on Wednesday, June 8, 2022. 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.

9. S.H.A.R.E. Information: S.H.A.R.E. orders should be submitted by Tuesday, June 13, 2022. Email Gloria at ghc688@gmail.com or leave a voicemail message on the food pantry phone line at 703.979.8408. Order payments are due Saturday, June 18, 2022. Distribution day is Saturday, June 25, 2022, between 11:15 am and 12:30 pm.

10. Washington District Planning Meeting: This meeting will be held on Thursday, June 16, 2022, at 7 pm. Zoom information will be provided in next week's announcements.

11. Arlington Coalition of Black Clergy's Juneteenth Celebration: This event will be held on Saturday, June 18, 2022: All are welcome to attend "Juneteenth: A Celebration of Freedom" at Wilson Boulevard Christian Church from 11am - 2pm. There will be live music (Blues, R&B, Jazz, Gospel), workshops, shopping, fun & games.

12. Lomax Health Unit Symposium: Lomax's Health Unit is sponsoring a virtual Men's Health Month Symposium on Saturday, June 25, 2022, from 9-11 am. A flyer is below. Please encourage all men that you know to participate.

13. Post-Father's Day Celebration: The Women's Ministry is sponsoring a Post-Father's Day Celebration on Saturday, June 25, 2022, from 1-3 pm. Please save-the-date. More details will follow.

14. Senior Ministry Information: 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.

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.)

Have a blessed week!