

February 5, 2023
ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

1. Thank You! Many thanks to the Trustees, Music Ministry, Deaconesses, Ushers, and Media Ministry, who served to make sure that the Home Going Service for Eva Conyer honored her life, supported the Conyer/Miller/Jones family, and praised God.

2. Black History Month 2023: This year's Black History Month theme is "Black Resistance." Each Sunday, we will have a presentation or video during the worship service as follows:

- February 5: **African Heritage Sunday**, focusing on free and enslaved African resistance. Pastor Nelson has scheduled Lorenzo Calendar II, a storyteller/griot/drummer. **Worshippers are invited to wear African attire.**

- February 12: **Zion History Sunday**, focusing on Black Resistance and the Freedom Church. On behalf of the ministerial staff, Dr. Hargrove and Rev. Polite are planning a presentation.

- February 19: **Arlington History Sunday**, focusing on Black Resistance among Arlingtonians. Sis. Cox and others are planning a presentation and/or video.

- February 26: **Black Resistance Today Sunday**, focusing on examples of Black resistance today. This presentation will be presented by the Christian Education Department under the leadership of Sis. Humphrey and Sis. Riley.

3. Lomax's Membership Conference Assessments: As we approach the May 31, 2023, end of the FY 2022/2023 conference, we are encouraging members who haven't paid your annual assessment dues of \$350.00 (General Claims of \$265.00 and Quarterly Conference Dues of \$85.00) to please do so. Please pay your assessments in order for Lomax to meet its church obligations. You may submit your assessments through your

church envelope, Givelify, or you may see your Class Leader or Sis. Ruthy Brown. Thank you in Advance!

4. Health Ministry: February's focus is Heart Smart Basics. A flyer is attached.

5. Virtual Fitness "FUN" Workout: Join the Fitness class on Saturdays 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.

6. Sunday School: Please note that Sunday School will continue to be held via Zoom each Sunday. As a trial period, on 1st and 3rd Sunday, Sunday School will be hybrid, taking place both virtually and in-person from the Boardroom. You may participate in Sunday School, beginning at 9:30 am, by Zoom as follows:

Join via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89311232668>

Meeting ID: 893 1123 2668

Dial-In Information: 301-715-8592 or 1-646-931-3860

Meeting ID: 893 1123 2268

7. Sunday Worship: As we begin our celebration of Black History Month, will have in-person and virtual worship this Sunday, February 5, 2023, at 11 am. **Lorenzo A. Calendar, II, a Master Storyteller/Griot in the African tradition, and an African drummer will participate in the service.**

Worshippers are invited to wear African attire. Please join us! Sunday's bulletin is attached. Virtual worship may be accessed as follows: Lomax's Facebook

page at <https://www.facebook.com/lomaxamezionchurch/> or website using the Lomax Live tab at <https://www.lomaxchurchva.com/lomax-live/>.

8. 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

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9. Bible Study: Bible Study will continue this week on Wednesday, February 8, 2023, at 7 pm. We will conclude our study of the Book of Jonah, as we explore the topic of "Sharing our Faith." The handout and Zoom participation link will be sent out during the week.

10. Lomax Parent Body Meeting: This meeting will take place on Thursday, February 9, 2023, at 7 pm. Please join us using Zoom as follows:

Join via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81825270489>

Meeting ID: 818 2527 0489

Dial-In Information: 301-715-8592

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11. S.H.A.R.E. Information: S.H.A.R.E. orders should be submitted by Friday, February 10, 2023. Email Gloria at ghc688@gmail.com or leave a voice message on the food pantry phone line at 703.979.8408. Order payments are due by Saturday, February 11, 2023. Order distribution day is Saturday, February 18, 2023, from 11:15am to 12:30 pm.

12. News From the Pews/Lay Council: The next Lomax Lay Council meeting will be on Sunday, February 26th 2023 at 2:00pm. Zoom link to be provided. We appreciate YOUR INTEREST & INVOLVEMENT!

The Philadelphia Baltimore Conference Lay Council will hold its "Black and Gold Banquet" on Friday, March 3rd 2023 in Salisbury, MD. Good food, fellowship, activities and meals are part of the registration. Cost is \$50.00. The Lomax Lay Council is looking for individuals to represent us, and may reimburse part of your expenses! Contact Sister Byrd at 703-965-7637 for more details. SEE ATTACHED FLYER.

13. 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.

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

15. 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.)