

February 12, 2023
ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

1. An Apology: We want to apologize to those members of Lomax's Parent Body of the WHO&MS who were unable to connect to last evening's meeting. The Zoom link apparently was incorrect in last week's weekly announcements.
-- Pastor Nelson

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 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. **Worshipers are invited to wear black, black tee shirts, and/or shirts with positive Black expressions.**

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. 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.

5. 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

6. Sunday Worship: We will have in-person and virtual worship this Sunday, February 12, 2023, at 11 am. 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/>.

7. 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

8. Bible Study: Information about Bible Study will be sent out during the week.

9. 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.

10. 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. A flyer was attached in a previous announcement.

11. 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.

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

13. 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.)

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