

**March 12, 2023**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS**

**1. Lomax's 2023 Connectional Assessment:** As of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Check-Up Meeting, Lomax has met its financial obligation toward the connectional budget for 2023. Praise the Lord! Thank you to each of the members of Lomax who paid their individuals and ministries at Lomax who made our 2023 Black History Month observance a rich and meaningful experience.

However, as we approach the May 31, 2023, end of the FY 2022/2023 conference, we are still 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. 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!

**2. Lent 2023: Please join us for Lomax's 2023 Lenten Preaching Series.** Our theme this year is: "Devoting Ourselves to Worship and Community Service," based upon 2 Cors. 8:5-6 (MSG)("They had first given themselves unreservedly to God and to us. The other giving simply flowed out of the purposes of God working in their lives.") A **Worship Service** will take place each Wednesday in March at 7 pm both in-person and online. During Lent, each week, members are encouraged to engage in one act of **Community Service** of your own choosing.

We hope that members will commit to be present for in-person worship each Wednesday, but if your schedule will not permit this, we are asking you to be present in-person in worship by Classes as follows:

- March 15: Classes No. 5 and 13
- March 22: Classes No. 7 and 8
- March 29: Classes No. 9 and 11

**Please Note: Pastor Wayne Hosten of Glenridge SDA Church will be with us on March 15.** An updated flyer will be shared when available.

**3. 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.

**4. Sunday School:** Please note that Sunday School will continue to be held via Zoom each Sunday. As a trial period, on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**5. Sunday Worship:** We will have in-person and virtual worship this Sunday, March 12, 2023, at 11 am. Sunday's bulletin and Prayer and Bereaved List are 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/>.

**6. 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

**7. Bible Study: We will not have Bible Study due to our weekly Wednesday Lenten Preaching Series.** Please join us in-person or online each Wednesday at 7 pm.

**8. March S.H.A.R.E.:** March S.H.A.R.E. orders should be submitted by Saturday, March 18, 2023, email sis. Gloria at [ghc688@gmail.com](mailto:ghc688@gmail.com) or leave a voice message on the food pantry phone line at 703.979.8408. Order payments are due Saturday, March 18, 2023. Distribution day is Saturday, March 25, 2023, during the hours of 11:15 am and 12:30 pm.

**9. 2023 Women's Day Weekend:** Lomax will celebrate Women's Day Weekend March 18-19, 2023. We are excited to be able to celebrate in-

person for the first time since 2020! Please invite other women to join us. Below is the pertinent information:

### **Saturday - March 18**

10-12pm - Visioning teaching and activity at Lomax. The Presenter will be Rev. Rhema Dawson-Murdock, Alleyne AME Zion Church (Philadelphia, PA) and Rev. Tina Nelson.

12pm - Boxed lunch provided.

1pm - Women's Choir Rehearsal.

### **Sunday - March 19**

11am - Women's Day Worship Service. The Preacher will be Rev. Anna Benjamin Cooper, Alleyne AME Zion Church (Alexandria, VA). The theme is: *New Beginnings* based upon Isaiah 43:19-21. Women are asked to wear white with accents/accessories of purple. A special sacrificial offering will be collected of whatever amount God places on your heart to give.

**For planning purposes, all women who plan to attend Saturday's activity are asked to email Rev. Tina at [tinasonelson@msn.com](mailto:tinasonelson@msn.com) by Thursday, March 16 so enough materials can be purchased and lunch ordered.**

### **10. Senior Ministry: PRECIOUS MEMORIES, HOW THEY**

**LINGER!!!** Please join the Lomax Senior Ministry on Saturday, March 25th, at 9:00 am as we highlight the contributions of some of the women in Lomax 's history that laid the strong foundation on which we are continuing to build today. Looking forward to sharing with you!!!

**11. 2023 Deaconess Day:** Please join the Lomax Deaconess Board Ministry as they observe Deaconess Day on Sunday, March 26, 2023, at 3 pm. The theme for this service is "More Than White," based upon Acts 9:36. Presiding Elder Scot C. Moore, the pastor of Judah Temple AME Zion Church will be the guest preacher. A flyer is attached for you to share with others.

### **12. Racial Reconciliation Pilgrimage to Cambridge, Maryland: St.**

Michael's is continuing in earnest their journey of studying the racial history of the United States. As an expansion of their understanding of community, they have been learning about the history of lynchings close to home, as well as tremendous liberation borne out of Maryland's Eastern Shore, especially in the examples of Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglass.

**Members of Lomax are warmly invited to take part in a pilgrimage to some of these sacred sites on June 3.** Led by the director of the Harriet Tubman Museum, we will experience code songs containing hidden messages for freedom seekers; visit Long Wharf, where kidnapped African Americans were shipped and sold; and significant points of the Underground Railroad, including Pleasant Cemetery, a night-time rendezvous point used by Tubman to start treks to freedom, far from the eyes of plantation owners and overseers.

Transportation to and from Cambridge and during the tour will be by charter bus. We will leave St. Michael's at 8 AM on Saturday morning and return by 5 PM. Participants will need to bring their own bagged lunch. The cost for 8th day is \$60, but scholarships are available. Please sign up at <https://www.stmichaelsarlington.org/cambridge/> if you are interested in taking part in the pilgrimage, so we can make preliminary reservations. (Lomax members are also asked to provide your name to Chantel, in the office, so that we can know who has registered to participate.)

### **13. Women's Home & Overseas Missionary Society (WH&OMS)**

**Corner!!!:** As we prepare for the 194th Philadelphia Baltimore Annual Conference May 25-28, 2023, we ask you to consider Leveling Up to purchase a Life Member Stole as a Matron or Patron. Please pay for your Stole by April 9, 2023 by using the church envelope and indicate Life Members Council Stole. The cost for the Stole is: **Red Stole \$40** and **Purple Stole \$100**. Our goal is to Stole at least 14 during the Missionary Candlelight Service, generally on Friday night. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Wilma Newby, Life Members Council Chairman. Thank you so much.

**14.** 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.

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

**16.** 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.)