

April 16, 2023
ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

1. Belated Kudos: At the close of their service, I expressed my appreciation for the wonderful job that our Deaconess Board did with the Deaconess Day Service. However, in the busyness of Holy Week and Easter, I did not include my appreciation in Lomax's official announcements. Deaconess Board, please know that it was a wonderful and spiritual observance. Special thanks go to Sis. Denise Pincham and Sis. Darlene Logan, President and Vice President, respectively, of the Deaconess Board. To God be the glory! -- Pastor Nelson

2. Thank You from Rev. Winger: Greetings Pastor Nelson, Ministry Colleagues and Lomax Church Family, I hope this message finds all of you doing well. This is just a note to thank you for praying for me and reminding me of God's promises. Please continue to petition our Creator not just for me but for all of us and indeed for yourselves. I feel blessed knowing that you all continue to pray for me and am grateful for your encouragement during my period of health challenges and recovery. I look forward to the day when I am returned to full health so that I can continue doing the work that the Creator has planned for my ministry journey in the AME Zion church and the Lomax community. Have a safe, pleasant and productive week as we celebrate Yeshua the Christ's resurrection. God be praised! Your Brother in Christ, Rev. Anthony Winger.

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: For now, 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

5. Sunday Worship: Please join us and invite someone to worship with us this Sunday. at 11 am as we continue to celebrate the Resurrection. Rev. Dr. Monica Hargrove will bring the morning message. 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/>.

6. News from the Pews/Lay Council: Please make plans to join us for the next Lay Council Meeting on Sunday, April 16th 2023, at 2:00pm. We will discuss the Katherine S. Burrell Lay Council Leadership Award, the selection criteria, process, and a nominee(s) from Lomax. The Zoom invite is listed below:

Join Zoom

Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81870456485?pwd=WGw3TWVBdWR0VzlsQlFzZnBoeWkwUT09>

Meeting ID: 818 7045 6485

Passcode: 407151

Dial-in Information: +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

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: Bible Study will resume this Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at 7 pm. The Bible Study handout and Zoom participation link will be sent out during the week.

9. April S.H.A.R.E.: April S.H.A.R.E. orders should be submitted by Saturday, April 15, 2023, email sis. Gloria at ghc688@gmail.com or leave a voice message on the food pantry phone line at 703.979.8408. Order payments are due Saturday, April 15, 2023. Distribution day is Saturday, April 22, 2023, during the hours of 11:15 am and 12:30 pm.

10. 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 the 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.)

11. 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.

12. 2022-2023 Conference Year Assessments: 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!