

**April 23, 2023**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS**

**1. 2023 Washington District Conference Kuods:** Lomax, Presiding Elder Durant and Pastor Nelson wish to express their appreciation of all that Lomax did to support the 2023 Washington District Conference. Lomax was well-represented. Pastor Nelson served as the chair for the Planning Committee. Sis. Wilma Newby and Sis. Ruthy Brown were elected as the Vice President and the Treasurer, respectively, of the Washington District Lay Council. Lomax's Delegate and Alternate Delegate, Sis. Gloria Camp and Sis. Ruthy Brown, were present for all sessions of the Washington District Conference. Rev. Dr. Tina Nelson was the worship leader for the closing worship service, which included the participation of Niche Newby, who read the scripture, and Nakiaya Briggs, who did the prayer, and Sis. Veornica Riley who assisted with their participation behind the scenes. Also, Bro. Stephen Roye provided Media Ministry support on Saturday as well. Each of Lomax's ministerial team members were present for all of the mandatory sessions of the Washington District Conference. To God be the glory!

**2. Lomax Senior Ministry:** Please plan to join the Lomax Senior Ministry this Saturday, April 22nd, at 9:00 am as we conduct a year end assessment of what we did as well as seek ideas for planning for the coming year. Please call in and bring three ideas, suggestions, and/or recommendations as we look forward to planning our upcoming conference year. If you are unable to attend, call, text, or email Brenda Cox your ideas. Thanks in advance, and looking forward to sharing with you! -- Sis. Brenda Cox

Here is the Zoom participation information:

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85106069738>  
Meeting ID: 851 0606 9738

Dial by your location: +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)  
Meeting ID: 851 0606 9738

**3. Lomax S.H.A.R.E. Ministry:** Distribution day for Lomax's S.H.A.R.E. Ministry will be this Saturday, April 22, 2023, during the hours of 11:15 am to 12:30 pm.

**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:** For now, 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

**6. Sunday Worship: Please join us and invite someone to worship with us this Sunday. at 11 am as we continue to celebrate the Resurrection.** 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:** Bible Study will continue this Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at 7 pm. The Bible Study handout and Zoom participation link will be sent out during the week.

**9. 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.)

**10. Washington District WH&OMS:** Greetings Washington District Family and Friends! I hope you and your family are enjoying this lovely Spring day. As you know, April 29, 2023 is the date of our final Mass Meeting for this Conference year. This meeting is our Annual Supply Department Prayer Service (Hybrid). The host church is Alleyne A.M.E. Zion Church, Rev. Dr. Barbara Latoison, Pastor. Alleyne is located at 1419 King Street, Alexander, Virginia 22314. The meeting will begin at 9:00 AM; we are asking all, who will, to wear pink and white. Zoom information is forthcoming for those unable to attend in person. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me. -- Wilhelmina T. Frazier, Washington District President

**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!