

May 14, 2023
ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

1. Mother's Day Breakfast: This Sunday, May 14, 2023, we will honor all Lomax mothers, grandmothers, spiritual mothers, aunties, and women by hosting a Mother's Day Breakfast. The Breakfast will begin at 9:00 am. This will simply be a time of food and fellowship.

2. Baptism Sunday: This Sunday, May 14, 2023, Seth Julian Jidekene Roye will be baptized during the morning worship service. Seth is the son of Dr. Itohan "Ito" Otasowie and Bro. Stephen Roye, and the grandson of Rev. Dr. Monica Hargrove. As the community of faith, we invite all to be present to participate.

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: This Sunday, May 14, 2023, Sunday School will not meet due to Lomax's Mother's Day Breakfast event.

5. Sunday Worship: Please join us and invite someone to worship with us this Sunday 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/>.

6. Intercessory Prayer: Intercessory Prayer will resume on Tuesday May 16, 2023 at 6:30 am.

7. Bible Study: Bible Study will continue this Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at 7 pm. The Bible Study handout and Zoom participation link will be sent out during the week.

8. Floral Ministry: Want to learn to do floral arrangements? Come join the Floral Ministry. We are in need of more hands. We are not asking for perfection, Just a willing hand. If you want to get involved just talk to Darlene Logan, Barbara Ratliff, Donna Gainey or Andrea Peterbark. You may call Andrea at (703) 451-1552.

9. May S.H.A.R.E.: MAY S.H.A.R.E. orders should be submitted by Saturday, May 13, 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, May 13, 2023. Distribution day is Saturday, May 20, 2023, during the hours of 11:15 am and 12:30 pm.

10. Pastor's Appreciation Program: Please join the Lomax Board of Stewards on Sunday, May 21, 2023, as we Honor and Thank Rev. Dr. Adrian V. Nelson II and his family for their dedicated service here at Lomax. The service will take place immediately following the morning worship service in the lower church parking lot. We believe the Bible is clear in encouraging us to show our love and appreciation to our Pastor and his family. If you would like to show your love with a monetary gift, a special "love offering" will be collected and presented to him on that Sunday. See any member of the Board of Stewards if you have any questions. We hope to see you on Sunday, May 21st for this very special day!

11. 194th Annual Session of the Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference: Bishop W. Darin Moore will convene the 194th Annual Sessions of the Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference May 25-28, 2023. As in the past, Annual Conference will be held at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center, 5701 Marinelli Road, Rockville, MD 20852. Those amenable to the Annual Conference have already been registered. The Conference schedule will be shared once it is available.

Congratulations to Sis. Wilma Newby! -- At Annual Conference, Sis. Wilma Newby will be honored as she receives the Katherine S. Burrell Lay Council Leadership Award, established in memory of Katherine S. Burrell, past Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference Lay Council President. The Award will be presented to her at the Katherine S. Burrell Leadership Award Luncheon on Thursday, May 25, 2023, during the Philadelphia and Baltimore Annual Conference at the Marriott Bethesda North Conference Center, 5701 Marinelli Road, Rockville, Maryland. The exact time of the luncheon cannot be determined since it will follow the opening of the Annual Conference at 11:00 a.m. Tickets for the luncheon are \$50.00 each. Tickets must be purchased by May 15, 2023, through your Lay Council District President, Mr. Gilbert Turner.

12. Racial Reconciliation Pilgrimage to Cambridge, Maryland: Members of Lomax are warmly invited to take part in a pilgrimage to some of these sacred sites on June 3. 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.)

13. 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!