

July 21, 2024

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

1. CONGRATULATIONS!: DaJuan Green has been hired by Dr. Robert Turner to work with Dr. Turner's team, at George Washington University Medical School and Hospital, on a \$6.2 million grant to study the issue of Black Men's Dementia Caregiving. Dr. Turner was the June 2024 speaker for the Lomax Senior Ministry meeting. DaJuan's certificate of completion of two of the courses of the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative, as well as the pictures of the others on the team that he will be working with are attached. "To God be the glory for the things God Has Done!"

2. Senior Ministry Activity: This Saturday, July 20, 2024, members of the Senior Ministry will celebrate the first anniversary of Wanda Richardson's lung transplant.

3. Updated General Conference Information: As you know, the 52nd General Conference of the AME Zion Church will be held this week, July 24-28, 2024, in Greensboro, NC. Please lift up a pray for the AME Zion Church each day this week and keep in prayer those who will be traveling to the General Conference. **Also, the General Conference worship services may be viewed via AMEZTV at www.amez.tv . You need not be a subscriber to access this platform. Further note, the General Conference business sessions will not be streamed.**

4. Lomax Newsletter: It's the beginning of a new conference year, and the Lomax Newsletter is being revived. To make it a success and relevant to the congregation, the editors will need your assistance. You can start now sending us your articles of interest and any other information you would like to share with your Lomax family. **Submissions should be sent to: lomaxamezmessenger@gmail.com**. We look forward to receiving the good news that you would like to share. Looking forward to hearing from you. Peace & Blessings, The Editors

5. Sunday School: Sunday School is held via Zoom each Sunday. Presently, on 1st and 3rd Sundays, you may also participate in Sunday School in-person from the Boardroom. Sunday School begins at 9:30 am. Following is Zoom participation information:

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 this Sunday at 11 am. Please invite someone to worship with us this Sunday. 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 takes place each Tuesday at 6:30 am. Here is the Zoom information to participate this week:

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 be held this Wednesday, July 24, 2024. It will be taught by Rev. Wanda Polite. Here is the Zoom participation information:

Join via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83879079999>

Meeting ID: 838 7907 9999

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

Meeting ID: 838 7907 9999

9. Community Back-to-School Events: Lomax will be supporting two back-to-school community outreach events this year. We thank Sis. Stephanie Gaskill and Lomax's Steward Board and Sis. Wilma Newby and Lomax's WH&OMS for coordinating Lomax's participation in both events. Your help is specifically needed as it relates to the Drew Elementary School Back-to-School event. Please see below:

- **NAACP & Arlington Coalition of Black Clergy Back-to-School Backpack Blessing Event:** The NAACP and the Arlington Coalition of Black Clergy, of which Lomax is a part, will be having a Back-to-School Backpack Blessing Event. It is being held at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Saturday, August 17, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. As requested, Lomax will be using funds from the central treasury to provide 500 boxes of crayons and 500 ink pens that will be placed in the 500 backpacks to be given away. A flyer is attached.
- **Drew Elementary School Back-to-School Event and Supply Drive:** The Drew Elementary Back-to-School Event will also be Saturday, August 17, 2024, from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. **Members of Lomax are asked to help a child start the school year ready to succeed! A donation of \$25.00 will outfit a child with a new backpack and basic school supplies. Please make your check payable to Lomax Church and indicate "School Supplies" on your offering envelope, or make a donation through Givelify adding a donation note, by NO LATER THAN August 2, 2024.** Contact

Stephanie Gaskill or Tommy Baugh if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your support. Lomax wishes to thank the Roseboro family for supporting this effort by agreeing to donate 30 backpacks through the Aaron Attaway Foundation.

10. Lay Council/TELL SOMEBODY: The Church Directory Committee needs your help! **Did you move or change your mailing address in the past 10 years?** If yes, then contact the Church Office by 7/26/24 to update your contact information. Send an email to: lomaxamezchurch@gmail.com or call the Church Secretary at 703-979-3738. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. ~Lomax Lay Council Church Directory Committee

The Lay Council is looking for individuals to lead or serve on the following committees for conference year 2024-2025: Nominating, Membership, Directory, Lay Academy, Lay Day, and Holiday Food Drive. Willing workers can contact Sister Debra Byrd via text or phone call at 703-965-7637, or email at: VAbyrds@aol.com. May you be continuously blessed by your faith and service. *"In all thy ways acknowledge him, and He shall direct thy paths."* ~Proverbs 3:6

Join, renew, or become a Life Member! Regular membership is \$10.00; Life membership is \$125.00+\$50.00 for the stole

11. Volunteering and Serving the Green Valley Community: The Green Valley Community has several opportunities for engaging. CARE, Inc. is offering programs for youth this summer. They partner with them in the operation of a Community Garden and 4-H Afterschool programs.