

# February 16, 2025

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS**

**1. The Arlington Coalition of Black Clergy Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Beloved Community Celebration CANCELED:** Due to the illness of the keynote speaker, the previously rescheduled Arlington Coalition of Black Clergy Dr. King Beloved Community Observance has been canceled and will not be rescheduled.

**2. Lomax's 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Conference: Lomax's 3rd Quarterly Conference has been rescheduled to this Monday, February 17, 2025, at 7 pm.**

**3. Sunday School:** Sunday School is held via Zoom each Sunday. Presently, on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2668

**4. Sunday Worship:** Sunday's worship service will begin at 11 am as usual. 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/>.

**5. Intercessory Prayer:** Intercessory Prayer takes place on Tuesdays 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

**6. Bible Study:** Bible Study will resume this Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at 7 pm. The handout and Zoom participation information will be sent out during the week.

**7. February 2025 S.H.A.R.E.: S.H.A.R.E. orders and payments must be submitted by Saturday, February 15, 2025.** To order, please send an email to [lomaxfoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:lomaxfoodpantry@gmail.com) or leave a voice message on the food pantry phone line 703-979-8408. Distribution day is Saturday, February 22, 2025, from 11:15 am to 12:30 pm.

**8. Health Unit:** This week's focus is Honoring Black Health Pioneers. A flyer is attached.

**9. Lay Council Information:** ALERT! We are closing out our membership drive for this conference year. If you have not provided a dues payment between 6/1/24 and NOW, please renew or become a new Lay Council member.

\*\*\*\*Dues structure\*\*\*\* Regular (new or renewal) \$10.00, Life Membership (new) \$125.00/Stole \$50.00, Sustaining Life member (if you are already a Life member) \$10.00. We'll close-out our drive on 2/28/25.

If you desire to check your status or have any questions, feel free to contact Sister Debra Byrd. Thanks for your involvement and continued support!

A flyer for the Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference Lay Council Annual "Black & Gold" Gala is attached. The affair is Friday, February 28, 2025, at the DoubleTree by Hilton - Baltimore North in Pikesville, MD. Tickets are \$75.00. ONLY 200 SPACES ARE AVAILABLE. Let the Lay Council President know if you are interested, so a ticket can be reserved for you!

**10. Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference CED Virtual Black History Program:** The Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference Christian Education Department is sponsoring a virtual Black History Program on Friday, February 21, 2024, from 7-8 pm. The theme is: "African Americans and Labor: My Black Job." A flyer is attached. The Zoom participation information is as follows:

Meeting ID: 818 1656 4088

Passcode: 807789

**11. Senior Ministry:** Please join the Lomax Senior Ministry at the church at 9:00 am on Saturday, February 22, 2025, for part two of the presentation on the "6888" group of women that cleared up the backlog of undelivered letters to our soldiers during World War II. We will be highlighting local involvement in that effort. Looking forward to sharing with you! A flyer is attached.

Volunteers are needed to man the Lomax exhibit at the Hall of History at the Feel the Heritage festival on Saturday, February 22, 2025 from 1:00 pm-5:00pm. If you are interested and available to assist with this project please contact Brenda Cox and/or

Clifton Brown. Assistance will be needed to set the exhibit up and take it down. Thanks so much for your support of this effort. – Sis. Brenda Cox

**12. Arlington's Feel the Heritage Festival:** A flyer is attached for Arlington's 31st annual celebration of African American history and culture, which will take place on Saturday, February 22, 2025, from 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm at Charles Drew Community Center. The address is 3500 23rd St. South, Arlington, VA. There will be free activities and entertainment for all ages, food vendors, and more.

For additional information visit:

<https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Departments/Parks-Recreation/Feel-the-Heritage-Festival>

To RSVP, visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2025-feel-the-heritage-festival-tickets-1225476576429?aff=oddtcreator>

**13. Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference 3rd Check-Up Meeting:** Bishop Brian R. Thompson, Sr. will hold the Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference 3rd Check-Up Meeting on March 1, 2025, at Pennsylvania Avenue AME Zion Church, Baltimore, MD. Those who are amenable should plan to attend.

**14. Floral Ministry:** The Floral Ministry invites you to take part in beautifying the altar by purchasing floral arrangements for your loved ones each Sunday throughout the conference year. Upon receipt of your request, Sis. Andrea Peterbark will contact you to go over the details. The cost for two floral arrangements is \$75.00. The payment options are either Givelify or check. Please indicate "Altar Flowers" when submitting payment. All orders must be submitted by Wednesday. Your name and who they are in honor/memory of will be placed in the bulletin and the church announcements. You may contact Sis. Andrea with questions. Thank you for your support. Sis. Andrea Peterbark, Floral Ministry Chair

To Submit Orders: Email: [peteyva@aol.com](mailto:peteyva@aol.com) and [lomaxamezchurch@gmail.com](mailto:lomaxamezchurch@gmail.com);  
Phone: 703-568-8511; Mail: Submit the attached order form to Lomax Church