

February 23, 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

1. Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference CED Virtual Black History Program: The Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference Christian Education Department is sponsoring a virtual Black History Program today, Friday, February 21, 2024, from 7-8 pm. The theme is: "African Americans and Labor: My Black Job." Let's support this program, as well as Rev. Tina Nelson, who took the lead in planning this program. A flyer is attached. The Zoom participation information is as follows:

Meeting ID: 818 1656 4088

Passcode: 807789

2. Senior Ministry: Please join the Lomax Senior Ministry for an in-person and virtual meeting 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.

The Zoom participation information is as follows:

Join via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85106069738>

Dial-in Number: 301 715 8592

Meeting ID: 851 0606 9738

3. February 2025 S.H.A.R.E.: S.H.A.R.E. distribution day is Saturday, February 22, 2025, from 11:15 am to 12:30 pm.

4. 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>

Please note: 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

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 2668

6. Sunday Worship: As we conclude our Black History Month observances, we hope that you will be present to support the presentation of the Black History Moment by Lomax's Christian Education Department. 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/>.

7. Green Valley Related Book Signing: Members of Lomax are invited to attend a special book signing on this Sunday, February 23, 2025, at 2 pm, at St. Timothy and St. Athanasius Coptic Orthodox Church, 2640 Shirlington Road. The book, entitled *As We Become*, features the photography of Robin Stompler and captures the changes that have taken place in Green Valley. Sunday's focus will be on "Religion in Green Valley." A representative from Lomax will share some of Lomax's history. A flyer is attached.

8. 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

9. Bible Study: Please join us for Bible Study this Wednesday, February 26, 2025, at 7 pm. As we explore the AME Zion Church Quadrennial Theme. This week we will focus on "The Mission of Jesus." The handout and Zoom participation information will be sent during the week.

10. Health Unit: This week's focus is Cardiovascular Disease. A flyer is attached.

11. 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!

12. 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.

13. Alleyne's 75th Anniversary Weekend: Alleyne AME Zion Church's 75th Anniversary Weekend schedule is as follows. A flyer is attached.

- Saturday, March 29, 2025: "It's All About You!" Diamond White Awards Banquet. Pastor and Rev. Nelson will serve as the Master and Mistress of Ceremonies for this celebration.
- Sunday, March 30, 2025: Sunday Worship as our own Presiding Prelate, Bishop Brian R. Thompson, Sr., brings the Sunday Morning Message

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 and lomaxamezchurch@gmail.com;
Phone: 703-568-8511; Mail: Submit the attached order form to Lomax Church