

October 12, 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL
OBSERVATIONS

1. CED Book Signing CANCELLED: We regret to inform you that the Lomax CED sponsored book signing by Missionary Supervisor Rev. Felica R. Thompson has been **cancelled**. Unfortunately, copies of her book, *Courageous*, were not delivered to Rev. Thompson, as promised, in time for her to bring them with her. **It is our hope that her November 18th teaching will still take place.** Refunds are available for those who pre-purchased books if you so desire. However, by next week we will confirm whether the November 18th teaching will take place and the best way to get a book prior to November 18th. We apologize for any inconvenience. — Essence Cooper, Lomax Adult CED Director.

2. 159th Anniversary and Homecoming 2025: Please invite others to participate in Lomax's 159th Anniversary and Homecoming 2025 observance and celebration. As you should know, Rev. Felica R. Thompson, our Missionary Supervisor, will be the guest preacher. She will be supported by Bishop Brian R. Thompson, Sr. Dinner will follow the morning service. A flyer to share with others is attached.

3. 2nd Quarterly Conference: Presiding Elder Alvin T. Durant will hold Lomax's 2nd Quarterly Conference on Monday, October 20, 2025, at 7 pm. This meeting will be virtual. Please cooperate in completing your quarterly conference reports once received.

4. Sunday School: Sunday School will be both in-person and via Zoom each Sunday. 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

5. Sunday Worship Service: This Sunday is Anniversary and Homecoming Sunday. Please invite someone who is unchurched to our morning worship service 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 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

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7. Bible Study: This Tuesday, October 15, 2025, at 7 pm, we will continue our study of the Book of Daniel, as we focus on the topic of "Living Faithfully in Difficult Times." The handout and Zoom information will be sent out during the week.

8. Lay Council Information: Connectional Lay Day is Sunday, 10/19/25 at 11am. Announcement of the Lay Messenger and ALL other information to follow!

"Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord." ~ Romans 12:11

9. 2025 Mid-Atlantic Episcopal District Leadership Training Institute: This year's MAED LTI will be held October 23-25, 2025, at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in North Bethesda, MD. Each person amenable to the Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference is expected to register yourself. Other Lomax ministry leaders and members of Lomax are encouraged to register and attend. Please direct registration financial hardships directly to Pastor Nelson. Links to register and to reserve your hotel room are below. A flyer is attached.

LTI Registrations:

<https://B3050805485318EF.chmeetings.com/events/49BF02E8B57096E4>

Room Reservations: <https://book.passkey.com/e/51092129>

10. Lomax and Mt. Olive Open Enrollment Workshop: Lomax's Senior Ministry, along with Mt. Olive, are sponsoring "Gearing Up For Medicare's Open Enrollment." This workshop will take place on October 25, 2025, from 10-11:30 am, at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 1601 13th Rd S. Arlington, VA 22204 and will feature Michelle Thomas, a representative from Arlington's Virginia Insurance Counseling and Assistance (VICAP) Program and Michael Schuster, my colleague from AARP. Topics include:

- The types of Medicare plans (Original Medicare, Medicare Advantage, Medicare Part D and Medigap)
- Medicare's Open Enrollment Period (October 15th - December 7th)
- Changes beneficiaries can make during Open Enrollment
- Key Medicare / Medicaid updates in the 2025 Reconciliation Bill

A flyer is attached.

11. Anna L. Anderson, Life Members Council Sunday: Lomax family, please join us Sunday, October 26, 2025, at 11:00 am, as we observe Anna L. Anderson, Life Members Council Sunday. We're encouraging you to invite a friend and please bring a special monetary donation to support the Life Members' Scholarships. We would like full participation and are encouraging missionary Matrons to please wear your beautiful white with your Red/White or Purple/Gold Stoles, and Patrons to dress in black or dark suite. The 2023-2027 Quadrennial Theme is: "**Reaching the Masses in an Ever-Changing World,**" **with this year's focus being: "Leadership & Legacy."** --Sis. Ruthy G. Brown, WH&OMS President, and Sis. Carolyn Blackmon, Life Members Coordinator

12. Washington District Bowling Activity: This Washington District activity will take place on Saturday, November 8, 2025, at 2 pm, at Rinaldi's Riverdale Bowl Center, 6322 Kenilworth Avenue, Riverdale, MD 20737. The cost to bowl is \$6.49/game, and shoe rental is \$5.99 + tax. To bowl 3 games with shoe rental is \$26.06. Look for additional information regarding how Lomax will handle our registration and participation.

13. Washington District Women's Ministry Praise & Prayer Service: The Washington District Women invite you to join us in-person for an Old-Time Praise & Prayer Service to be held November 15, 2025, at 10:00 am at Alleyne A.M.E.Z.C., located at 1419 King Street, Old Town Alexandria, Virginia 22314. All are welcome.

Parking Options: Side-street (paid), small lot (behind the church,) or Metro at Huntington Metro station. Alleyne is located at the corner of King St. & Peyton St., one block from the King St. station stop. Refreshments will be served.

14. October – November 2025 S.H.A.R.E.: There is no SHARE distribution for the month of October. The deadline for November S.H.A.R.E. orders is Saturday, November 15, 2025. Payment is also due on this date. To order, please send an email to lomaxfoodpantry@gmail.com or leave a voice message on the food pantry phone line 703-979-8408. The distribution day for November S.H.A.R.E. packages is Saturday, November 22, 2025, from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

15. Health Unit: This week's focus is Breaking the Silence on Domestic Violence. A flyer is attached.

16. Lomax Annual Coat Drive/Giveaway: It's time for the Lomax AME Zion Church Annual Coat Drive/Giveaway. This year, Lomax will partner with Drew Elementary School and support their coat giveaway, which is scheduled for Tuesday, November 18th between the hours of 5:45pm – 7:00pm. We encourage you to volunteer by signing up at bit.ly/VOLDrewNov25.

Coats can be purchased directly through our Amazon wish list, which can be found at https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3VH9T4RPGG9EO?ref_=wl_share.

However, you may also purchase coats elsewhere, as you have done in the past. (Please note that there is often a need for medium and large adult size coats.) Once purchased, coats can be dropped off at Drew in the main office or shipped to the school using the following address: Carol Burka, C/O Drew Elementary School, 3500 South 23rd Street, Arlington, VA 22206. Coats may also be given to Lavonne Stewart, Linda Mitchell or Jean Wright, or shipped to: Lavonne Stewart, 1701 14th Road South, Arlington Va 22204. Please donate all coats by November 16, 2025.

Thank you in advance for supporting this outreach effort! —Lavonne Stewart, Lomax Outreach Coordinator