

November 2, 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

1. November Washington District Meetings: November will be an usually busy month within the Washington District. So that you have all necessary information in one place, I'd like to summarize expectations, both of Presiding Elder Durant and myself, relating to the following November 2025 Washington District meetings:

- **Saturday, November 1, 2025, at 9 am will be the WD 2nd Missionary Mass Meeting at the Alleyne AME Zion Church.** Members of Lomax's WH&OMS should make a special effort to be present since Alleyne is so close to Lomax.
- **Saturday, November 1, 2025, from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm there will be Joint Trustee and Steward Training sponsored by the Baltimore and Washington Districts at the Clinton AME Zion Church Rockville, MD.** I am asking Lomax to have a minimum of 1 Trustee and 1 Steward registered and attending. Registration is \$15.00.
- **Saturday, November 8, 2025, WD Bowl -A-Thon at the Rinaldis Riverdale Bowl at 1:00 PM.** Sis. Breeana Roseboro is taking the lead on organizing Lomax's bowling representatives. To participate, please contact Sis. Breeana by Monday, November 3, 2025.
- **Saturday, November 15, 2025, The Church Growth and Development Department of the AME Zion Church sponsors it's Small Growth Initiative. The Washington and Baltimore Districts have been asked to sponsor the event and will be held at the Scotland AME Zion Church from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm.** I am asking that 3-4 of our class leaders be present, as well as all members of our ministerial staff who are not teaching Conference Studies that day.
- **Sunday, November 23, 2025, Washington District Thanksgiving Service at 3:00 pm at the St. Lucille AME Zion Church.** The WD Mass Choir will share the music ministry. A flyer will be sent to all churches soon.

2. 2024 Book of the AME Zion Discipline: Lomax has received the latest 2024 Discipline, and if you have placed an order with Sis. Ruthy Brown, please pickup your discipline in the church office. The cost of the discipline is \$30.00 and checks should be made payable to the Lay Council, indicating on the memo line for 2024 Discipline.

3. Sunday School: Sunday School participation is possible 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

4. Sunday Worship Service: This Sunday is Communion Sunday. Please invite someone who is unchurched to our morning worship service at 11 am. Sunday's bulletin and Prayer and Bereaved List are 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

6. Bible Study: This Wednesday, November 5, 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." Pastor will be celebrating his birthday. Rev. Monica Hargrove will facilitate the Bible Study discussion. The handout and Zoom information will be sent out during the week.

7. Lay Council Information:

Service: *Time to "Restock the Pantry"!* We are laser focused on addressing food insecurity during the months of November and December. Remember to bring non-perishable food items and gift cards with you to church. Monetary donations can be made directly to the Lomax Food Pantry Ministry. SEE ATTACHED SHOPPING LIST

SAVE THE DATE! Join us on Sunday, November 9, 2025 after worship service. The Arlington Historical Society, Black Heritage Museum, Lomax congregation, Green Valley Community and others will dedicate two (2) stumbling stones as part of the "Memorializing the Enslaved Project". A simple invitation labeled Jones invite with featured background information is attached.

Membership: We thank Sister Denise Pincham for volunteering to be our Lay Council Membership Chair! Let's make it official at our next Virtual Lay Council Meeting on Thursday, November 20, 2025, at 7pm. Zoom invite to follow.

Education & Community Involvement: The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Northern Virginia is starting a NEW VIRTUAL CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE Family Support Group for Black family members and friends of those impacted by a mental health condition. SEE FLYER FOR DETAILS!

7. November 2025 S.H.A.R.E.: 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.

8. Health Unit: This week's focus is Adoption Awareness: Strengthening Black Families through Adoption. A flyer is attached.

9. 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

10. 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 \$60.00. 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