June 30, 2024 ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

1. Lomax Organizational Meeting: Lomax's Organizational Meeting will be held in-person on Saturday, July 13, 2024, from 10 am - 12 noon. The 2024-2025 budget will be presented for adoption.

2. Important General Conference Information: For those who plan to attend any sessions of the 52nd General Conference of the AME Zion Church, which will be held July 24-28, 2024, in Greensboro, NC, please reach out to Pastor Nelson to receive information about the required registration process for nondelegates and non-alternate delegates. **To observe the General Conference sessions, you will be required to pay an "observer" registration fee.** This is a new requirement.

3. Senior Ministry: A million thanks to ALL who participated either in person or online in the Senior Ministry session on Black Male Dementia Caregiving given by Dr. Robert Turner. He is bringing to the forefront a topic that has been impacting our community for years. The presentation is now available online.

Also, Wanda Richardson has invited our seniors to a celebration of the first anniversary of her lung transplant on Saturday, July 20, 2024. Please see the attached flyer for details and let Brenda Cox know if you are interested in going so appropriate transportation arrangements can be made. The deadline for responding for the trip is July 10th.

4. 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: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89311232668</u> Meeting ID: 893 1123 2668

Dial-In Information: 301-715-8592 or 1-646-931-3860 Meeting ID: 893 1123 2268 5. Sunday Worship: This Sunday, we will have a Young Adult "Throwback" worship service. Former Lomax youth have formed a "Throwback" Choir, and our current young adults will lead us in worship. Rev. Karlos Nichols, a young adult leader in the Baptist Church and minister on staff at Metropolitan Baptist Church – DMV, will be the guest preacher. Please especially invite the young adults in your life to worship with us. Sunday's bulletin is attached. Virtual worship may be accessed as follows: Lomax's Facebook

page at <u>https://www.facebook.com/lomaxamezionchurch/</u> or website using the Lomax Live tab at <u>https://www.lomaxchurchva.com/lomax-live/</u>.

6. Intercessory Prayer: Intercessory Prayer takes place each Tuesday at 6:30 am. Here is the Zoom information to participate this week:

Join via Zoom: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86028580752</u> Meeting ID: 860 2858 0752

Dial-In Information: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 860 2858 0752

7. Bible Study: Bible Study will be held this Wednesday, July 3, 2024. The Bible Study handout and Zoom information will be sent separately.

8. The Washington District Christian Education Department's Children's Festival 2024: This year's CED Children's Festival will be held on Saturday, July 13, 2024 at St. Lucille AME Zion Church 5100 Astor Place, S.E. Washington, DC 20019 10am-2pm. Activities include, games, face painting, food, and workshops for children's leaders. A flyer is attached.

9. 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.