

“What a Joy Divine”!

Report To the 131st Session of the Salisbury District Conference

**Dr. Yvonne A. Tracey,
Salisbury District Lay Council President**

CLC General President 2009-2013



Saturday, May 7, 2022

**Cedar Grove A.M.E. Zion Church, Host
The Rev. Dr. Debra Hall, Host Pastor**

**Dr. Mary S. Ponds, WNCC Lay Council President
Mrs. Dorothy Gill-Smith, CLC Reginal Director PED
The Rev. Dr. Grant Harrison, Jr., Presiding Elder ¹**



Salutation

To: The Right Reverend Darryl B. Starnes, Sr., Presiding Prelate of the Western North Carolina Conference; Sister Camille C. Starnes, Missionary Supervisor &

The Reverend Dr. Grant Harrison, Jr., Presiding Elder of the “Sensational” Salisbury District; and The Reverend Carla Harrison, First Lady

To: The Judicial Council, Justices Rev. Dr. Derrick R. Anderson, Chaplain, & yours truly, Assistant Clerk; Connectional Officers Mrs. Jacqueline L. Anthony, Director of Communication-WHOMS Executive Board, Rev. Margaret R. Anderson, President of the International Ministers’ Spouses & Widows(ers) Fellowship; and

To: The WNC Conference Officers- Lay Council: Dr. Mary S. Ponds, President, Mrs. Delphine McCullough, Treasurer & Mrs. Paula Robinson, Chaplain; Annual Conference Prayer Coordinator: Rev. Harold Jordan, last but not least,

To: The Salisbury District Officers, (Elected & Appointed); Members of the Clergy, Rev. Dr. Debra Hall, Host Pastor, Delegates, Laity, and Friends of the 131st Session of the Salisbury District Conference of the WNCC & Piedmont Episcopal District.

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The President of the Salisbury District Lay Council submits the following report:

1. **Number of Meetings Held: #5** 1 –Executive Board: January 28, 2022 2 –District –Wide: February 24, 2022 3 –Executive Board: March 10, 2022 4- Executive Board April 28 & April 30, 2022 5-Finance Committee April 15, 2022
2. **Speaking Engagements: #7 #1 pending**
Past New York: Long Island District Lay Academy; IMLA: 2/16 Annual Meeting: General Conference Legislation and the Function of the Judicial Council; WNCC Check-up Meeting Teaching Session for Laity - #2 Sessions; CLC Regional Meeting – CLC Legislation; Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church –Local Church Lay Academy; Concord District Conference: GC Legislation.
Future Jackson District, AI/FL ED Lay Academy on May 17th 2022
3. **Special District Academy:** Vision Casting ...LC will develop action plan w/Presiding Elder
Future: 51st GC-What Happened, What Didn't Happen; 2020 BOD – Is the Legislation adopted included? Get Ready..IMLA/CLC Leg. Dev. Summit, November 2022. (Consultant)
4. **Special Highlight:** Lay Recognition Program & Inductions into the Laity Hall of Fame.
5. **CLC Lay Day Offerings** for Disasters were submitted and representative of the strength of our district.
6. **Financial Health:** Excellent. All major lay events came in below budget. As of April 30th Checking Balance, \$10,884.40 and Savings \$2,782.31. Full financial report will be given at the District Organization Meeting.
7. **Lay Membership:** Goal: #1,000 – Budgeted \$ for 2nd VP for Incentives. **Goal satisfied!**
8. **Necrology Report for WNCC Lay Council**

Report of the 2nd VP Mrs. Dorothy Gill-Smith, Memberships

Salisbury - 164-WNCC PED							
Local Church	Regular	New Regular	New Life	Total Paying Dues	Existing Life	Existing Q	Total
Soldiers Memorial	66	48		114	8	5	127
Moore's Chapel	89	11		100	5		105
Marable Memorial	82	21		3	2		105
Southern City	70			70	1		71
Sandy Ridge	76	3		79	2		81
White Rock	86	2		88	2		90
Zion Wesley	34		1	34	1		36
St. John	18			18	2		20
New Hope	30	14		44	3		47
Sills Creek	40	14		54	6		60
Cedar Grove	52	14		66	1	2	69
Third Creek	28	9		37	2		39
Miller's Chapel	10	3		13			13
Liberty	16			16			16
South Iredell	41	9		50		1	51
Providence	20	10		30			30
Ardis Chapel	33	1		34	5	1	40
17	791	159	1	850	40	9	10,000
Amount Sent to CLC							
\$3.00 Regular Connectional/Regional	950	\$2,877.00	\$2,850.00				
\$12.00 Quad Connectional /Regional	0		\$0.00				
\$ 40.00 Life Connectional/Regional	1	\$40.00	\$40.00				
3.50 SUSTAINING LM	40	129.5	\$140.00		Overpaid by		
TOTAL		\$3,046.50	\$3,030.00		\$16.50		

The Mary G. Dawkins Systematic Lay Academy

Focus: Vision Casting to Improve Our Fellowship & Lay Ministries

The Leadership Groups

<u>Leadership Groups</u>	<u>Group Conveners (Organizes & Presides)</u>	<u>Group Participants</u>
#1: Pastors	Rev. David T. Smalls	Pastors
#2: Missionaries	Mrs. Dorothy Gill-Smith	Missionary Parent Body Presidents
#3: Christian Educators	Rev. Bobbie Samuels	Director of Christian Education
#4: Stewards & Stewardesses	Rev. Dr. Derrick R. Anderson	Preacher Stewards & Stewardess Board Presidents
#5 Trustees	Rev. Robert Kelley, Jr.	Chairmen
#6 Ushers	Mrs. Jean Miller	Presidents
#7 Class Leaders	Rev. Tamica Robinson	Leader of Class Leaders
#8 Evangelism/Prayer	Rev. Harald Jordan	Chairmen & Coordinators
#9 Men's Boosters	Mr. Michael Dumas	Presidents

Questions for the Leadership Groups: Retain – Retool - Retire

1. What operations and activities do we need to retain? What's working well and needs only minor changes? What are those minor changes?
2. What operations and activities do we need to retool? What's somewhat effective, but needs major changes? What are those major changes?
3. What operations and activities do we need to retire? What's not working and need not be salvaged? What new operations and activities should be initiated?
4. In the Salisbury District as a whole: What are our strengths?
5. What changes, improvements, or innovations should be made?
6. What would we (as a group) like to see take place in the Salisbury District in the next two years, 2024?

Systematic Lay Academy Focus: 2022 Vision Casting

Rev. Dr. Grant Harrison, Jr., Presiding Elder Shared Observations

District Lay Council:

To Generate a Vision Casting Action Plan with Next Steps

Salisbury District 2022 Lay Persons of the Year: Gifted to Serve
Saturday, April 2, 2022

Soldiers Memorial AME Zion Church
Moore's Chapel AME Zion Church
Marable Memorial AME Zion Church
Sandy Ridge AME Zion Church
Southern City AME Zion Church
White Rock AME Zion Church
Zion Wesley AME Zion Church
Miller's Chapel AME Zion Church
St. John AME Zion Church
New Hope AME Zion Church
Sills Creek AME Zion Church
Cedar Grove AME Zion Church
Third Creek AME Zion Church
Liberty AME Zion Church
South Iredell AME Zion Church
Providence AME Zion Church
Ardis Chapel AME Zion Church

Mr. Louis Chambers, Sr.
Mrs. Sara Jordan
Ms. Sonji Black
Mr. Justin Jordan
Ms. Janet Ferguson
Mrs. Edrena Beatty
Mrs. Gwendolyn Spain
Mrs. Margaret Lawson
Ms. Ernestine Grant
Ms. Elaine Roberson.
Mr. Osborne Alexander
Ms. Felicia A. Beaty
Mr. Reginald Walker
Ms. Sherece Culbertson
Ms. Cassandra Westmoreland
Mr. Douglas D. Holmes
Mr. Leon Franklin Gaither, III

**The Salisbury District Lay Council A.M.E. Zion Church
Distinguished Lay Servant Leaders Hall of Fame - April 2, 2022**

The Salisbury District Lay Council A.M.E. Zion Church Distinguished Lay Servant Leaders Hall of Fame Inaugural Inductees were Mrs. Mary G. Dawkins, posthumously, and Mrs. Mildred Neely 2021, Rev. Hezekiah Lawson, Pastor.

Nominated/Elected the Executive Board

Mr. John Black, Jr. – Presented by Mrs. Paula Robinson

Mr. Larry Holt – Presented by Ms. Tonya Cornelius

Nominated by the We Care Committee &

Elected by The Salisbury District Lay Council by Acclamation

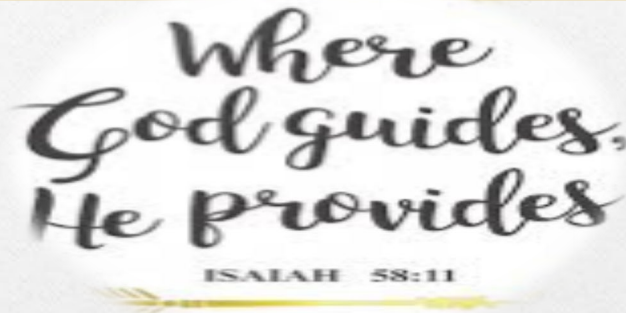
Mr. Julius E. Suiter, Posthumously – Presented by Dr. Mary S. Ponds

President's Choice for Induction

East Spence Alterman Tony Jerome Hillian, Posthumously

Presented by - Honorable Barbara Mallette -

CLC Quadrennial Theme: 2021 – 2025
The Freedom Church:
A Movement Empowered by the Holy Spirit
Strengthening Our Fellowship
- Serving Our Flock - Sharing Our Faith -
Securing Our Future



Let Us Remember..... Whose Shoulders We Stand On:

Mr. John Black Mr. Larry Holt

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The Late Mr. Earl Willie The Late Mr. Julius Suiter

The Late Mrs. Mary G. Dawkins



Executive Committee

- **Elected 2021-2022**

- Dr. Yvonne A. Tracey, President (*)
- TBA 1st VP
- Mrs. Dorothy Gill-Smith, 2nd VP,
- Mrs. Angela Plummer, Secretary,
- Ms. Catherine Rivens, Financial Secretary,
- Mrs. Delphine McCullough, Treasurer
- Mrs. Paula Robinson, Chaplain

- **Appointed**

- Mrs. Jean Kennedy, Parliamentarian
- Mrs. Andrea Black, Executive Administrative Assistant to the President

(*) Special Election in Nov. 2021 due to Dr. Mary S. Ponds election as President of the WNCC Lay Council

- **Elected 2022-2023**

- Dr. Yvonne A. Tracey, President (*)
- Mrs. Dorothy Gill-Smith 1st VP
- Mr. Dennis Rivers, Sr., 2nd VP
- Mrs. Angela Plummer, Secretary (*)
- Ms. Catherine Rivens, Financial Secretary (*)
- Mrs. Delphine McCullough, Treasurer (*)
- Mrs. Paula Robinson, Chaplain (*)

- **(*) Re-Elected**

- **Appointed**

- Mrs. Andrea Black, Executive Administrative Assistant to the President
- Others: TBD



Salisbury District
The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Churches
Lay Council Necrology Report
June 1, 2021 – May 2, 2022
(Or, If Not Previously Reported)



Soldiers Memorial

Mrs. Margaret Donaldson
Mr. Melvin Rush, Sr.
Mrs. Ruth Neely Williams
Mrs. Vietta Fair Roberts
Mr. Andrew Wah
Mrs. Creola McClain
Ms. Hannerl Snetter**
Bro. R. Derrick Nichols

Marable:

Mr. Paul Curry
Mr. Perry Shaw
Ms. Yvonne Smith
Mr. Bernard L. Lawson
Mr. Ray Propst
Ms. Cassandra Elaine Weaks

New Hope

Mrs. Geraldine C. Trueblood
Mr. Samuel Neely
** Watch Care

Sandy Ridge

Mr. Terry L. Jackson, Sr.
Mr. Marvin W. Kendall
Mr. John Melchor, III
Ms. Brittany S. Caldwell *
Mr. Gordon W. Blackwell *
Mr. Larry E. Holtzclaw *

Southern City

Mrs. Brenda Bethea
Mrs. Evelyn Wiley
Mr. DeWitt Turner
Mrs. Annie Ruth Key
Mr. Tony J. Hillian
Mr. Willie Evans, Jr.
Mr. Mackenzie McMillon

Miller's Chapel

Mr. Jimmy Higgins
Mrs. Arlene Wilds

Ardis Chapel

Mr. Robert Correll
Ms. Barbara Diane Taylor

Zion Wesley

Miss Kenisha Smalls

Third Creek

Mr. John Pharr, Sr.
Mr. Daryl Chambers, Sr.

St. John

Mr. Julius E. Suiter

Sills Creek

Mrs. Dorothy Holt

Cedar Grove

No Deaths

White Rock

Ms. Doretha Davis McNeely
Mr. Willie Hosch, Sr.
Mrs. Shirley B. Holness*

* Former Members 11

- The District Laity who Gets it Done!
- The Team of Elected & Appointed Officers...Executive Committee
- The Members of the Executive Board... *Especially the Local Presidents... We remember the commitment to lay ministries exemplified by the late Mr. Ray Propst, Jr., Lay Council President, Marable Memorial AME Zion Church. "Rest in Peace"*.
- The "Sensational Pastors"
- Rev. Dr. Derrick R. Anderson, (my) Pastor
- *The Presiding Elder That Exceeds Being Sensational....*
Rev. Dr. Grant Harrison, Jr., Presiding Elder



Trust in the Lord
with all your
Heart and lean not on your Own
understanding;
In all your ways acknowledge
Him and He shall direct your *Paths*.
-Proverbs 3:5-6

Respectfully Submitted,
Dr. Yvonne A. Tracey,
President Salisbury District Lay Council