The Second Episcopal District Lay Organization

Virtual Lay Leadership Retreat



REIMAGINING Our Ministry While EMBRACING Change

"See I Am Doing a New Thing" Isaiah 43:19

APRIL 10, 2021

AGENDA

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Opening Plenary Session:

"The New Normal with A Traditional Twist"

"Jesus Christ Is the Same Yesterday, Today and Forever"

Hebrews 13:8

Being mindful that Jesus never changes, we must remain connected to His teachings, as well as remember the principles and tenets of African Methodism while serving in the present age.

PRESENTERS:



Presiding Elder Evelyn G. Dunn, SOUTHERN DISTRICT North Carolina Conference President of the Second Episcopal District Presiding Elder's Council



Ms. Daejour Phillips,
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The New Normal with a Traditional Twist

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Hebrews 13:8 NKJV

Presenter:

Rev. Evelyn G. Dunn, Presiding Elder

Southern District

North Carolina Conference

African Methodist Episcopal Church

not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:25 NKJV



The Digital Church

¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Matt 28:19-20 NKJV



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"Introducing and Embracing New Technology Features"

"...And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ." Colossians 3:23-24

A brief introductory overview to discuss the basic functions of Facebook/
Facebook Live, Teleconference, Givelify, Cash App, Zoom, to name a few. The
intent is to help new and current users understand and become more
comfortable with the functionality of some of the virtual platforms/systems used
to communicate God's Message.

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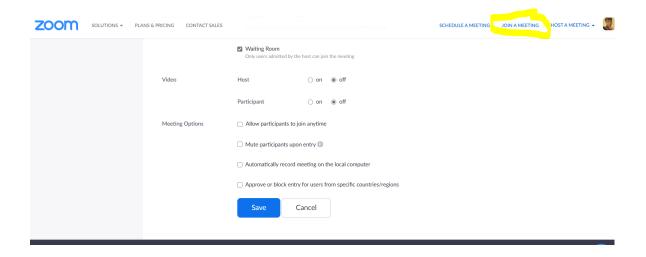


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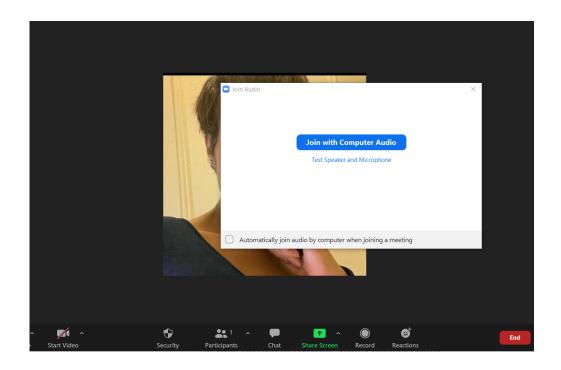
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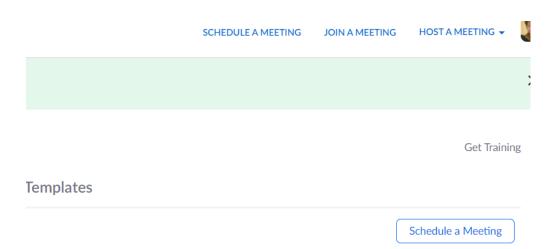




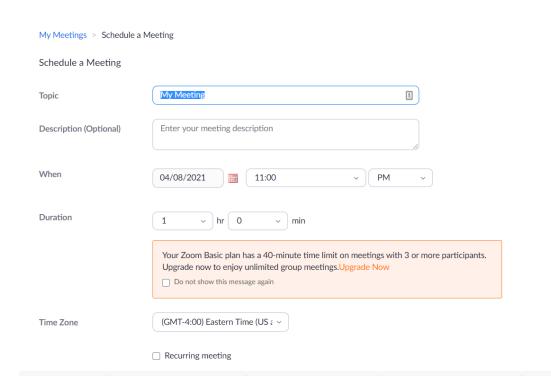
- 1. mute button
- 2. turn video on or off
- 3. security
- 4. allows you to see who is in the meeting
- 5. chat- you can private message someone
- 6. This is how you would share your screen
- 7. You can record the video
- 8. to add reactions
- 9. to end the video call

How to set up a Zoom meeting?

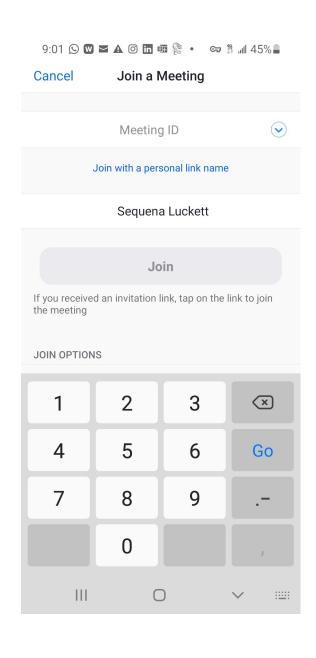
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2.Enter time of the meeting and hit save.



Zoom on mobile



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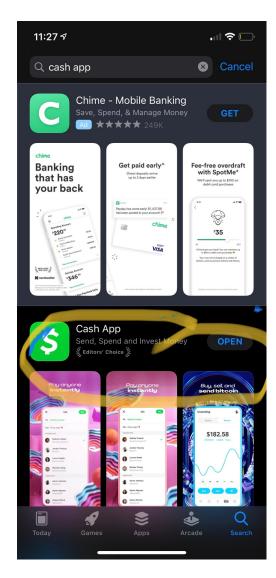


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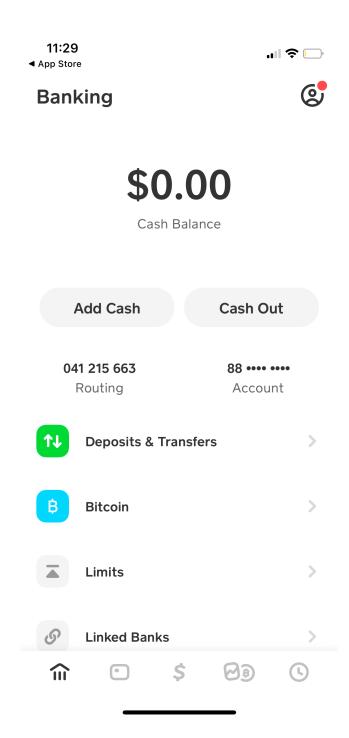


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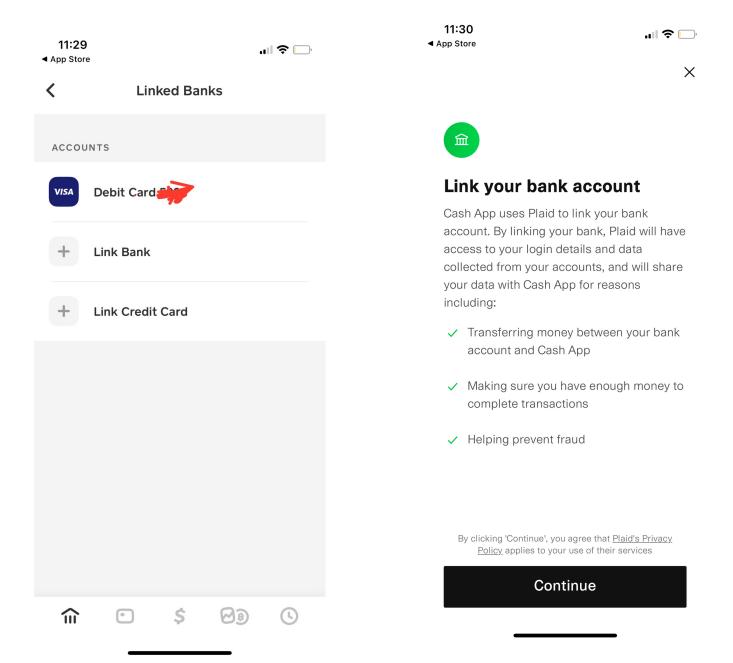
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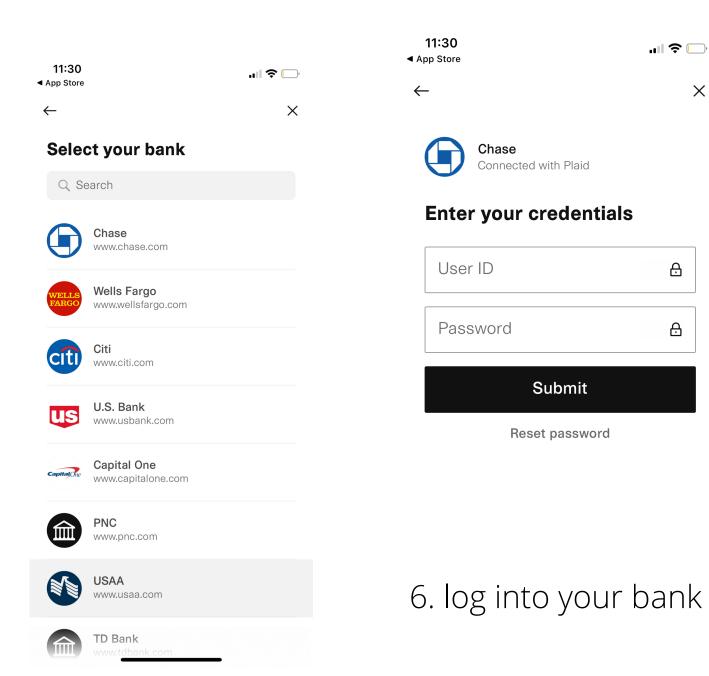


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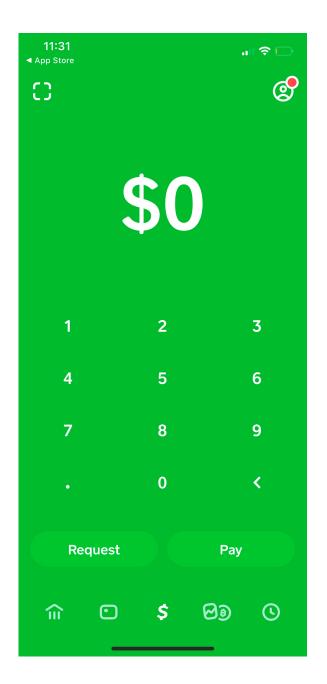
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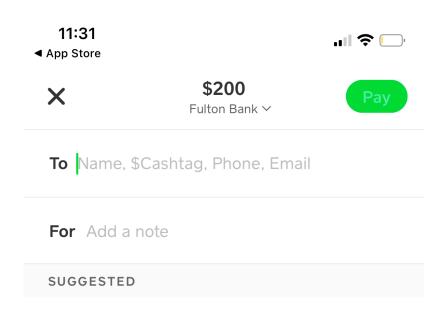
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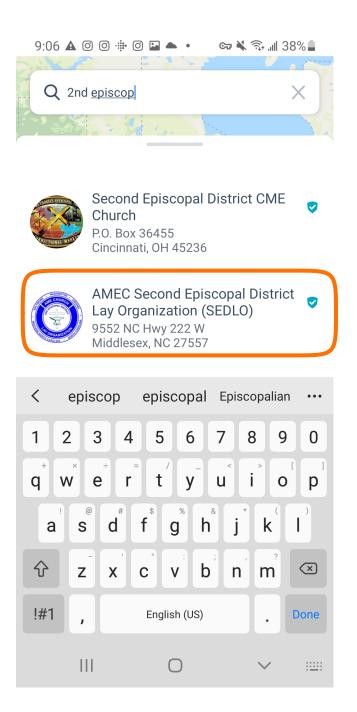




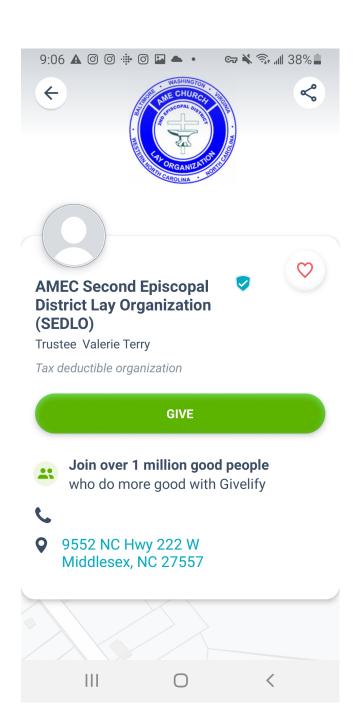
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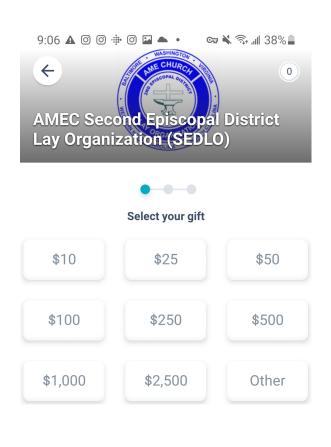
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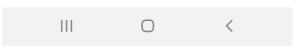
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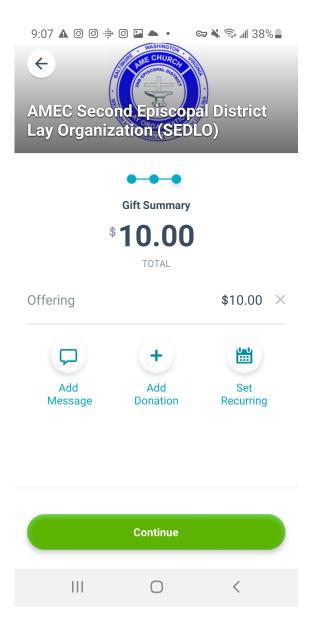




3. Select the donation amount.



4. Choose why you're donating.



5. You can add a message (Optional), add another donation (optional), or set a recurring payment (optional). If done select continue.

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Total: \$10
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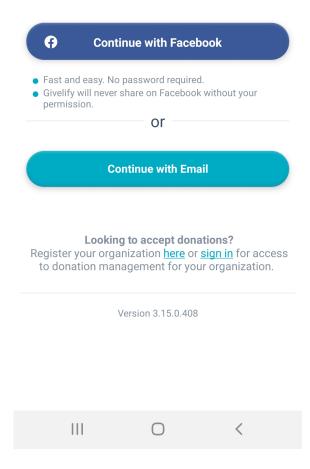
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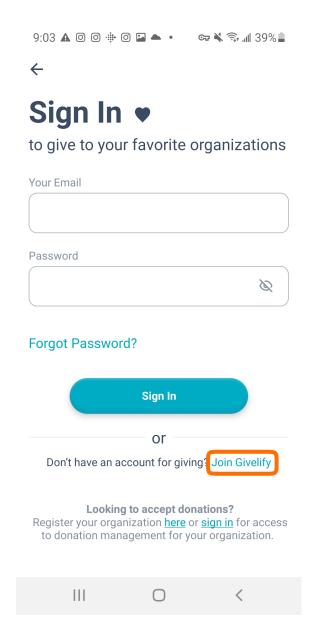
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Join or Sign In ♥

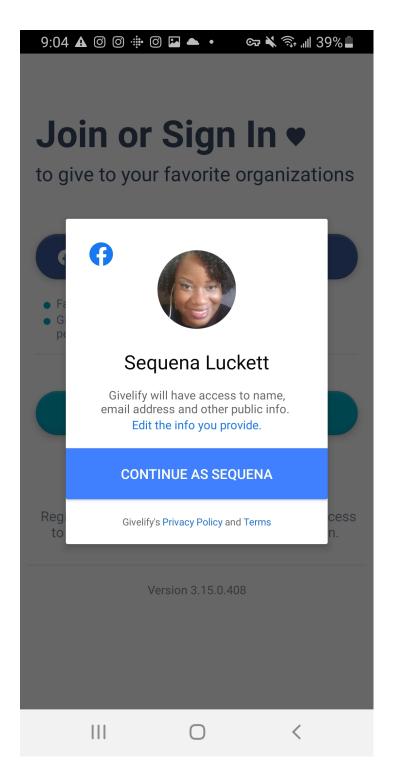
to give to your favorite organizations



7. It will ask you to sign in. Select the best option for you.



8. If you have never set up an account via email. Click Join Givelify.



9. If you click Facebook you will get a pop-up to quickly join. And that's it!



"Retooling and Mentoring for Effective Lay Ministry"

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Joel 2:28; Acts 2:17

It's a Partnership! We can work together to make the dream and vision a reality through mentoring, revamping and retooling our processes, while serving the present age and preparing for the future.

PRESENTER:



Mrs. Shakeia L. Hampton, President CENTRAL SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION

Seventh Episcopal District





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Saturday, April 10, 2021

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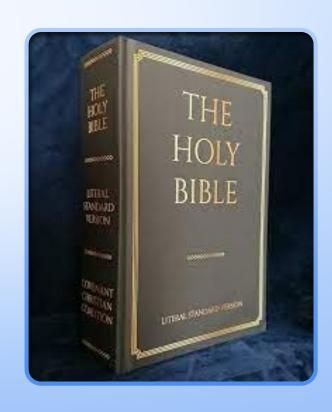
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INTRODUCTION

- Retooling and Mentoring impact on the future of the church.
- Leaders redefining their spiritual talents.
- Embracing change while rethinking our ministry.
- Building relationships between the generations.
- Assessing our vision to align with our spiritual gifts.
- Realizing effective ministry is a partnership.



PURPOSE

The purpose of this workshop is to develop tools and applications that will prepare the lay member/church for Effective Ministry.



OBJECTIVES



- Identify key methods/messages that will retool the ministry for growth and development.
- Understand the need for change and partnership in the ministry/church.
- Develop next steps initiatives to ensure that intergenerational disciples work together to strengthen the Lay Organization.

RETOOLING

- Enhance the Vision of the Church to make it Clearer for the Present Age by Reawakening the History and Principles of African Methodism.
- Keep Bishop Richard Allen's memory alive through Effective Programming.
- Remember the importance of Mentoring and Passing the Torch of Leadership.



MENTORING

Mentoring is not...

- a program to grow church attendance
- a box to check off on a church to-do list
- only for those with a seminary degree

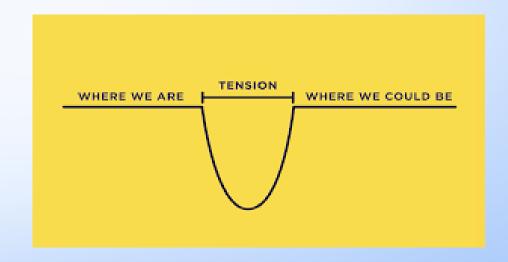
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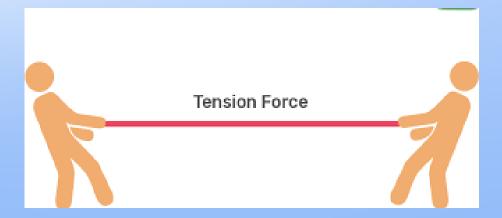
- relationship between two or more people
- a bridge between generations
- a tool for spiritual, mental, emotional, and physical growth



IDENTIFYING AND OVERCOMING BARRIERS/TENSION

- Technology/Digital Age
- Socio-Cultural Factors
- Communication Barriers
- Age, Race, Gender
- Lack of Spiritual Guidance/Study
- Personality and Background
- Resistance to Change





TRANSFORMING FROM DIVISION TO A PARTNERSHIP



RETOOL KIT

- Prayer and Faith
- Importance of Spending Time with God
- Merge the Barriers and Tension of Division
- Choose Compassion over Competition



MENTORING GOD'S WAY

Mentor and Mentee in the Bible

- Elijah/Elisha
- Moses/Joshua
- Jethro/Moses
- Deborah/Barak
- Paul/Timothy
- Saul-Paul/Barnabas
 - Elizabeth/Mary
 - Naomi/Ruth
 - Jesus/Disciples



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- Elijah/Elisha 2 Kings 2:1-15
- Moses/Joshua Exodus & Numbers (His Assistant); Deuteronomy (Successor)
- Jethro/Moses Exodus 18:1-27
- Deborah/Barak Judges 4:1 5:31
- Paul/Timothy 2 Timothy 2:1-26
- Saul-Paul/Barnabas Acts 9:26-30; Acts 11:22-30
- Elizabeth/Mary Luke 1:26-56
- Naomi/Ruth Ruth 1:16
- Jesus/Disciples Matthew 16: 21-28

MENTORING GOD'S WAY

- Modeled Behavior of Strong and Sincere Leadership
- Merge Experience, Technology and Wisdom with Current Experience
- Inclusion of All Age Groups and Generations



WRAP UP POWER SESSION

Transforming Our Mind

"Do not be conformed to this world,[a] but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect."

Romans 12:2

Appreciation

"One generation shall praise Your works to another, And shall declare Your mighty acts." Psalm 145:4

Prophesy = Action

"...I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams." Joel 2:28; Acts 2:17

QUESTIONS & ANSWER



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- Joel 2:28; Acts 2:17
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- 2 Timothy 2:2

And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.

Matthew 28:19-20

Go [a]therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." [b]Amen

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Songs

- I Need You to Survive by Hezekiah Walker
- Lead Me, Guide Me Along the Way (Hymn #378)
- Change Me by Tamela Mann



"The Culture of Virtual Worship and Meetings"

"God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

John 4:24

During the COVID 19 pandemic our Worship Services, meetings and activities transferred to a virtual environment. As true worshippers and servants of Jesus Christ, we must ensure that we worship God with a continued spirit of adoration, thanksgiving and praise; as well as conduct and participate in meetings with a continued excellence of service.

PRESENTER:



Ms. Chenay Saunders, Third Vice-President Washington Conference Lay Organization (WCLO)

Technical Advisor - SEDLO Core Team

The Culture of Virtual Worship and Meetings

Presented by Chenay Saunders April 10, 2021

Foundation

¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. ~ Colossians 3: 16-17

Why we worship

"Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts." ~ 1 Chronicles 16: 9

"All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, Lord; they will bring glory to your name. ¹⁰ For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God" ~Psalm 86: 9-10

"Praise the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens." ~Psalm 150: 1

"Let them praise his name with dancing and make music to him with timbrel and harp." ~Psalm 149: 3

"All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you, they sing the praises of your name" ~Psalm 66:4

"Sing to the LORD, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day." ~ 1 Chronicles 16: 23

Worship the LORD in the splendor of his a holiness; tremble before him, all the earth. Psalm 96:9

How to Prepare for Worship

Ecclesiastes 5: 1-7 (NLT)

¹As you enter the house of God, keep your ears open and your mouth shut. It is evil to make mindless offerings to God. ² [b] Don't make rash promises, and don't be hasty in bringing matters before God. After all, God is in heaven, and you are here on earth. So let your words be few. ³ Too much activity gives you restless dreams; too many words make you a fool. ⁴ When you make a promise to God, don't delay in following through, for God takes no pleasure in fools. Keep all the promises you make to him. ⁵ It is better to say nothing than to make a promise and not keep it. ⁶ Don't let your mouth make you sin. And don't defend yourself by telling the Temple messenger that the promise you made was a mistake. That would make God angry, and he might wipe out everything you have achieved. ⁷ Talk is cheap, like daydreams and other useless activities. Fear God instead.

Preparing Virtually for Worship



Proceed with reverence

Enter

Enter with obedience

Humble

Humble yourself

Be

Be intentional

Take

Take worship seriously

Be Engaged

- Turn on your camera
- Clap
- Sing along
- Praise

Engaging in Worship

Psalm 100

Shout with joy to the LORD, all the earth!
 Worship the LORD with gladness.

Come before him, singing with joy.

³ Acknowledge that the LORD is God!

He made us, and we are his.

We are his people, the sheep of his

pasture.

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him and praise his name.

⁵ For the LORD is good.

His unfailing love continues forever, and his faithfulness continues to each generation.

Be active participant

- User the reactions feature (Zoom & Facebook)
- Comment in the chat (all platforms)
- Share the service either by sharing the live link/URL (all platforms) or rebroadcast (primarily Facebook, YouTube)
- Invite friends (all platforms)

"Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, 8 and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us."

~Titus 2: 7-8

How to Meet Virtually

Good Practices to Remember:

- Plan to join 15 minutes early
- Validate you are on the latest version of Zoom
 Have the meeting access information handy
- Test your device's audio and video beforehand
- Use mute during the meeting

Checklist before Joining a meeting:

- ✓ Clear Backdrop: make sure what's behind you is free of clutter and represents you
- ✓ **Dress for your Audience**: attire should match the meeting/event you are attending (i.e. church attire for church service)
- ✓ **Adjust your lighting**: should be in front of you near the camera to give you the proper look
- ✓ **Adjust your camera**: only have about 12 inches of space above your head and be centered in the frame

General Guidelines



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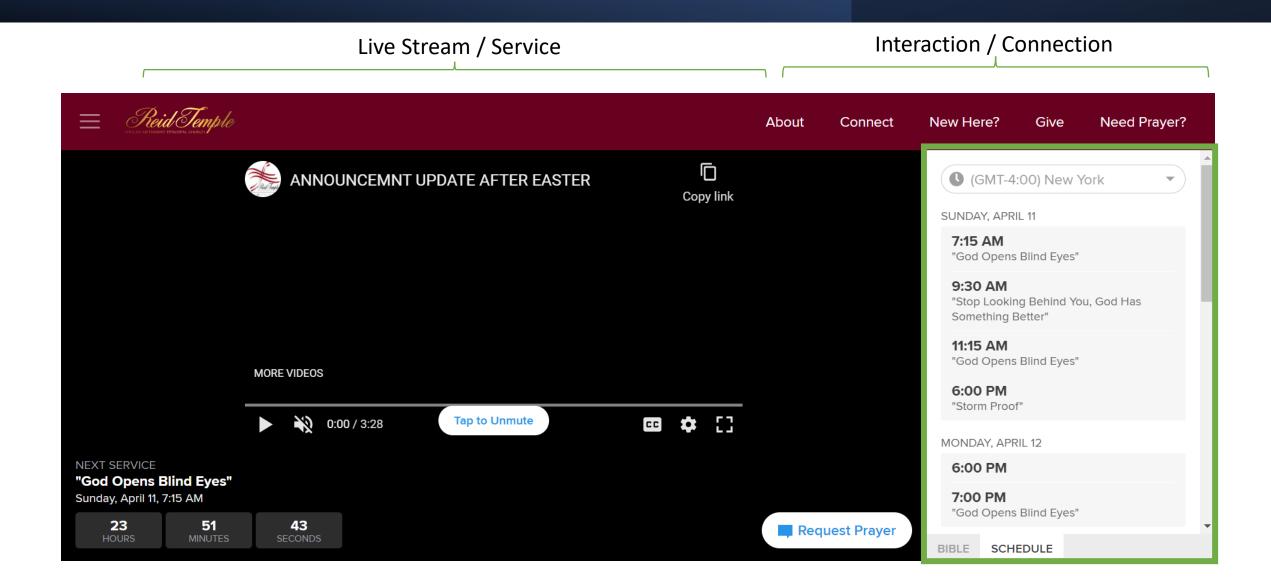
- Limit distractions
- Focus on the meeting by turning off notifications, closing or minimizing running apps, and muting your smartphone (if using a computer/laptop)
- Avoid multi-tasking
- Refrain from replying to emails or text messages during the meeting and wait to work on other activities until after the meeting ends.
- Prepare materials in advance
- If you will be sharing content during the meeting, make sure you have the files and/or links ready to go before the meeting begins.

Joining via Zoom

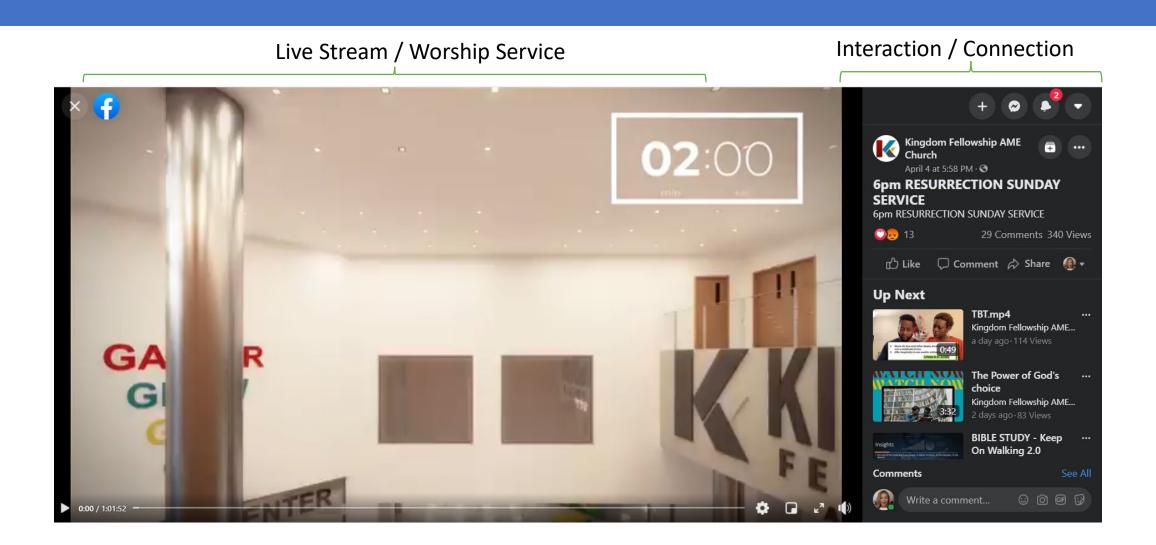




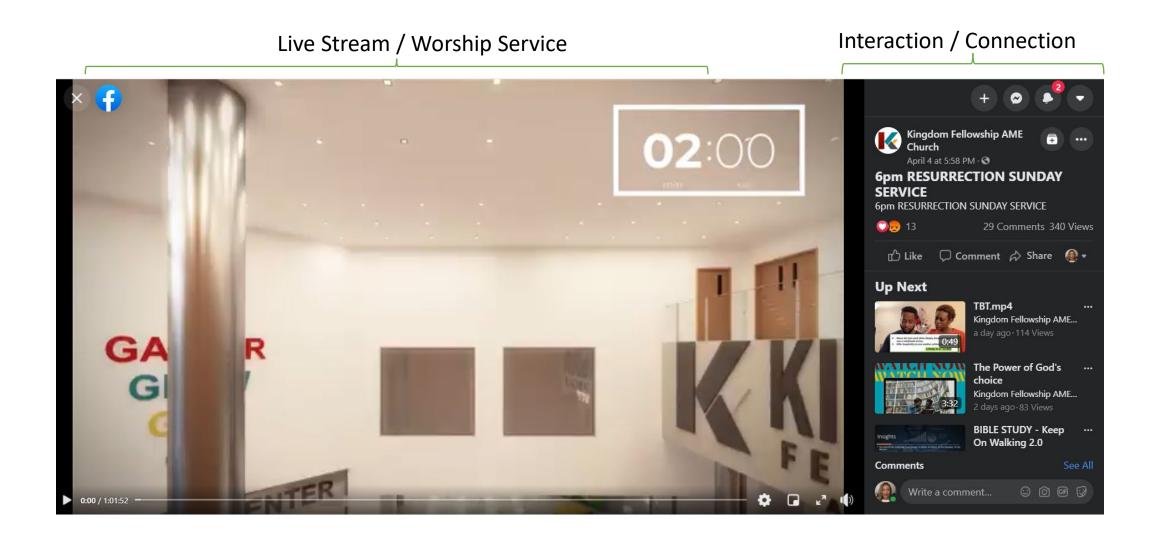
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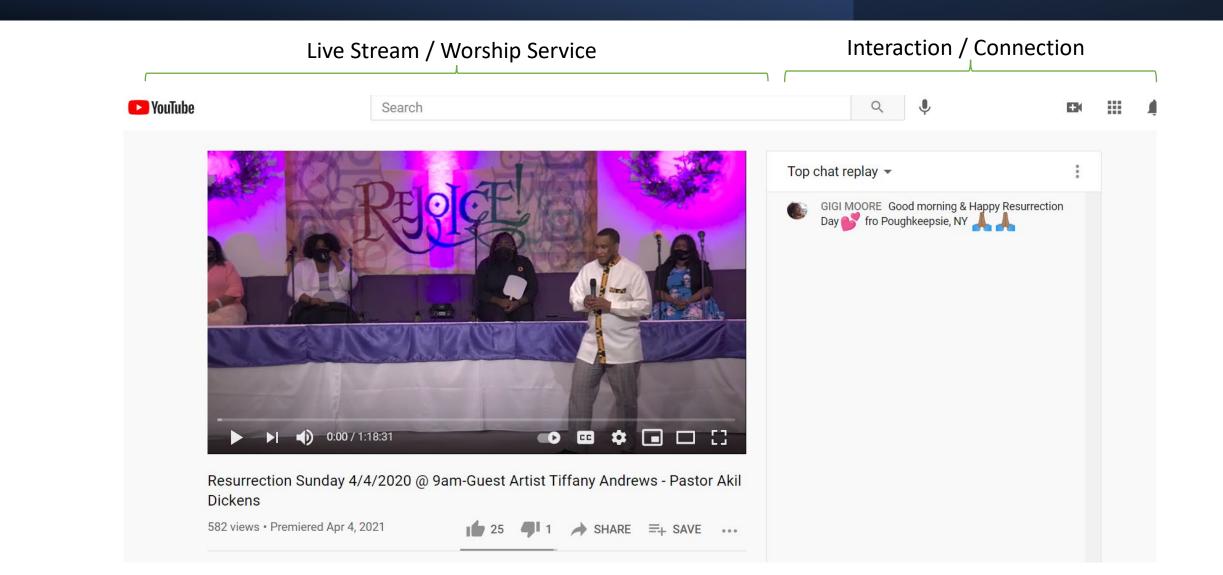
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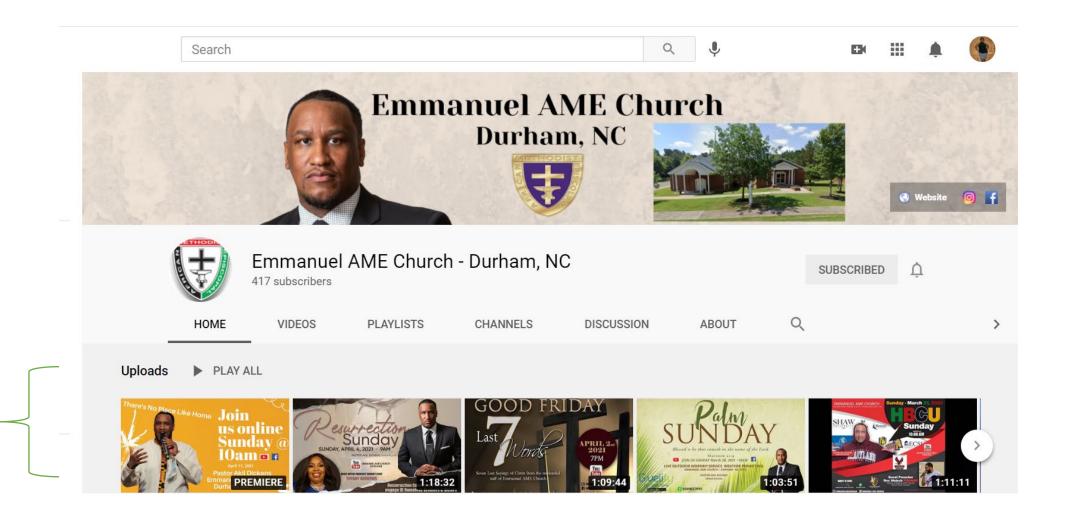
Joining via Facebook



Joining via YouTube



YouTube Catalog



Catalog of Services and events



"Shifting, Shaping, Sharing for a New Season"

"To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven"

Ecclesiastes 3:1

The church passes through different seasons of ministry; however, The Gospel of Jesus Christ remains the same, even though methods of communication and transmission may change.

Realizing this is a New Season of Communication, we must work to: **Shift** the focus to embrace changes and advancements to merge the past and present ages;

Shape mindsets to accept and receive new experiences and methods; and Continue to **Share** the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the tenets and principles of African Methodism across generational lines.

PRESENTER:



Dr. Felicia Commodore,
Director of Lay Activities (DOLA)
VIRGINIA CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION
(VCLO)



Closing Plenary Session:

<u>Intergenerational Leadership:</u>

"Passing the Baton and Bridging the Gap"

"I Corinthians 12:12-31"

It's important to know and embrace our spiritual gifts while realizing that God has called each of us to serve as members of the Body of Christ, and to have the same care one for another. Therefore, we should work to embrace and strengthen each other across generational lines through sharing our gifts and ensuring that there is no schism or division, even though we may have different approaches or views.

PRESENTERS:

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All of Us have been called to Lead at Various Levels in the Body of Christ;

Our Leadership Legacy should be to Develop and Produce more Leaders through Sharing, Mentoring and Preparation;

Leadership is a Relay Race, not a Sprint; therefore, because it's a Relay Race We must know when to "Pass the Baton" to our Successors;

Remember that God isn't Calling Us to be Perfect, but He's Calling Us to be Excellent;

Perfectionists work to please people, but Excellence Pleases God;

We Can't Lose Our Spirit of Excellence, so we must continue to ask the Question – Is God Pleased With My Work?

"But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more Excellent Way." I Corinthians 12:31 (NKJV)

DON'T THROW OUT THE BABY WITH THE BATHWATER



DON'T THROW OUT THE BABY WITH THE BATHWATER

This phrase originated from a practice in the medieval times when there was scarcity of water. Due to water not being available, family members usually bathed using one tub of water. By the time the baby is bathed, the water is so dark that the baby might be thrown out with it when the tub is being emptied.

Just because we don't agree with others does not mean we should end communication with them; and therefore, "THROW OUT THE BABY WITH THE BATHWATER."

How do you define inter-generational partnerships?









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