



# Carolina Region LAYout

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## CAROLINA REGION'S LAY



Greetings!



It is my pleasure to share with Lay leadership across our Connection. This year has been productive and a lot of my focus has been speaking engagements in the 6<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District. Just to share a few of the speaking engagements: GA North Region Missionary Night, Augusta District Banquet, Warner Robbins CME Church, Bethel CME in Valdosta, and Central Christian Church in Atlanta. Additionally, I have spoken for secular groups as well, The Links in Virginia, keynote speaker, the key note speaker for the Civil Rights Division of the Energy Department in recognition of Women's Equality Day and the speaker for the Atlanta Area Council American Business Women's Association.

My community outreach includes serving as the Fourth Congressional Director for Democratic Women and you will recall that I am the Federal Political Coordinator as well for the Fourth Congressional District for Congressman Hank Johnson. I was also recently elected to another four year term for the Democratic Party of Georgia (DPG) State Committee.

It is my belief that as the Laity of the Church in order to be poised for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Ministry we must be involved in social issues that impact our community and we can see that the political agendas shape our community. The church therefore must be engaged in issues as they relate to health care, jobs, education, housing, and safety. We can see the writing on the wall as it relates to those who are against our President and so we must be pro-active. The budget cuts, while some are necessary, will impact the poorest in our society. It was Jesus who commanded us to take care of the poor, the children, the elderly and those who are just in need. When we do ministry in an effective way that addresses the needs of people, we can draw them to Christ; draw them to our churches, for they will see that we actualize our beliefs.

I would like to ask each Regional VP to survey the number of lay councils that they have in their district and send me a complete directory of contact information so that we can work together connectionally. We need to increase the number of active lay councils and that is a goal that should have already started, but if not, start now. Once we have lay councils that are active they can be charged with the work before them. For those that are now organized I suggest the following: (1) Increase participation at your local church by attending Bible Study, Sunday School, Worship Services on Sunday Morning, Church, District and Regional Meetings. We must be involved if we want to have a voice in our church. (2) Each local lay leader should get lay cards from the General Secretary of the Lay Dept. for active lay members (3) Please start now to get a young person to apply for the Graham Scholarship; forms are available on our Lay website.

Finally, let me welcome each of you to Atlanta for the Convocation where we plan to host a great meeting. Plan now to attend! It is my plan before that to attend the Connectional Board in Memphis in May, please share with me topics of concern that you would like for me to share. As always it is my pleasure to work for you and with you. Let us be prayerful as we work to build the kingdom of God!

A Servant of Jesus Christ,  
*Barbara Christian Campbell*  
Connectional Lay Council President

**SCHOLARSHIP for CME STUDENTS...**

**DOLLAR\$  
for  
SCHOLAR\$**



**WILL YOU DONATE TO A WORTHY CAUSE, PLEASE?**

To Pastor, Local Lay Leader and/or Members,

We are rapidly approaching our **2011 CAROLINA REGION ANNUAL CONFERENCE and LAY DAY**. In order for the Carolina Region Lay Ministry to successfully prepare for luncheon on **LAY DAY, Tuesday, July 12, 2011**, it is necessary to conveniently pre-sell tickets for this occasion. As last year, we did pre-sell to some churches and will reserve a table for ten people. This year's luncheon donation remains **\$35.00**.

We appreciate your support in assisting Lay Ministry to provide scholarships for CME high school seniors who aspire for higher education and careers. Our **DOLLAR\$ for SCHOLAR\$** can make an assured difference in the life and career of a CME student. Can our CME students count on you again this year?

For more information, please contact Jerelyn W. Travick (336.767.9377) or [jwtravick7@msn.com](mailto:jwtravick7@msn.com). We will accept checks.

**Please make checks/money orders payable to... CAROLINA REGION LAY MINISTRY**

*So that we may expedite the deposit and clearance of checks, please mail to:*

**MR. HIRAM SPRINGLE, Carolina Region Lay Treasurer**  
**115 MARLBORO DRIVE**  
**GREENVILLE, S. C. 29605**  
**864.277.4833**

**LAY LUNCHEON TICKETS**  
*can also be purchased at  
Annual Conference on  
Monday, July 11*

*In appreciation,*

2011 LAY DAY LUNCHEON/PROGRAM COMMITTEE



Visit the **CME Department of LAY MINISTRY'S** Web Site for the newly published **USHER MANUALS** and other LAY RESOURCES  
[www.c-m-e.org/core/layministry.htm](http://www.c-m-e.org/core/layministry.htm)



# WHAT WORSHIP IS

*T. Marqui Willoughby, Esq.*

One thing that we Christians need to guard against is the attitude that we worship to get something for ourselves. I hear people say, "I didn't get anything out of church or worship today." Who cares? If it's about you getting something, it's not worship.

Worship is about blessing God with the sacrifice of praise and worship, even if we don't feel like doing it. It's about surrendering to the Holy Spirit to lift up the Lord for Who He is. Our preferences, comfort zone, and emotions don't really matter in worship. We decrease so that He will increase in worship.

Organs, guitars, raising hands, dancing, running in joy, bowing down, shouting Hallelujah, going to church, bowing, kneeling, singing, choirs, hymns, and praise teams are not worship within themselves. They may be evidence, reflections, or vehicles of worship, but they are not worship within themselves. Worship is about the heart of the worshiper delivered to God. IT is the posture of one's heart and spirit toward God. It is loving upon God in one's heart, which may or not, be reflected externally in a variety of ways. It is not mere emotion, but an acknowledgement of God's character and truth. It is not a feeling; it is rooted in eternal, unchangeable Truth. Worship focuses on and exalts God for Who He is and seeks to commune with Him through pure adoration. It's not man-focused, self-focused.

In fact, to truly worship you have to submit your heart to God and enter into His presence so that nothing else matters during that time with Him.

# Kudos



## LOOK TO GREEN JOBS

**ARCHITECT ZENA HOWARD**, daughter of the Reverend and Mrs. James (Zilla) N. Howard Sr. of Graham, NC, is designer of the National Museum of African American History and Culture. The museum is scheduled to open in 2015 in Washington. DC. Howard says the museum will utilize recyclable materials, day lighting, gray water and geothermal heating.

More of Zena Howard's story is featured in *Jet Magazine* - April 2011 issue, page 18.



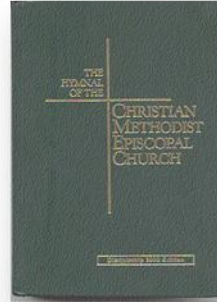
**DO**



**HAVE  
A LOCAL  
LAY  
MINISTRY**



**WHAT IS LAY MINISTRY?** Its simplest definition... lay ministry is the work of those who are not professional clergy. Beyond that, the definition is in the eyes of the beholder. Some see it as a responsibility to serve in the faith community; others see it as the intersection of faith and life; still others see it as the ministry of the people of God through the everyday lives they live. These different understandings can make congregational lay ministry programs a challenge to develop and sustain.



**A CME Gift that needs to be FINE TUNED!!  
USE OUR CME HYMNAL in WORSHIP.**

**BECOME A COMMITTED AND CONNECTED LAY...**



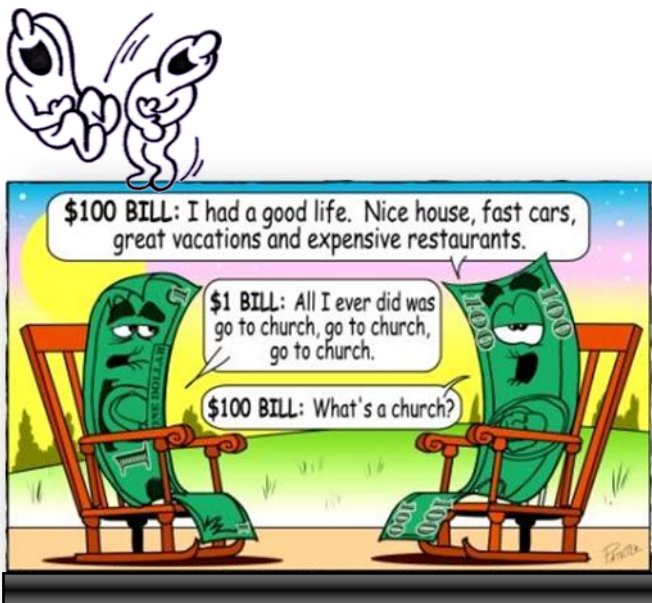
**.... your local LAY COUNCIL!**



**CAROLINA REGION ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
July 10-15, 2011

**EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL AIRPORT / CONVENTION CENTER**  
5055 International Boulevard  
North Charleston, South Carolina

**I ♥ LAY MINISTRY**



**If you have any questions or highlights that you would like for me to share at the Connectional Board next month in May, please email them to me right away, I need the highlights and make them brief to allow for space and others to share by April 28, 2011.**

**BARBARA CHRISTIAN CAMPBELL**  
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**CONNECTIONAL LAY VISION...**  
*To Be Known As An "Essential Department" In An Essential Church*

## Healthy Living...

# BECOME A HEALTHIER CHRISTIAN

## ...Health is Wealth



Don't Stop any Preventive Care! Preventive exams can make a big difference in your life and your health. Now may be a good time to schedule an annual check-up with your doctor. This is one of the many steps one can take to improve and/or maintain our health.

This year, give ourselves one of the most important gifts of all – the gift of good health!

If you want to take control of your life, then spend quality time doing the things that give you pleasure, and to fully enjoy and appreciate your life, then maintaining healthy habits is the most important thing to do. Remember that eating wrong will not only affect your physical health, but also have hazardous effects on your mental fitness.

*The most important part of preventive health care is maintaining good health habits. This includes:*

- Daily exercise
- Weight control
- Proper nutrition
- Avoidance of smoking and drug abuse
- Abstinence from or moderation of alcohol use
- Proper control of any diseases or disorders, such as high blood pressure, diabetes or high levels of cholesterol in the blood

**Periodic screening of adults for specific problems is important and recommended:**

- Pap smear
- Breast self-examination
- Mammography
- Testicular self-examination
- PSA test (Prostate)
- Cholesterol screening
- Colon cancer screening
- CT scan to screen smokers for lung cancer
- Abdominal aortic ultrasound
- Blood pressure

**Many diseases can be effectively treated when detected early. See your primary health care provider right away if:**

- A lump or persistent lesion appears on your body.
- You have unexplained weight loss.
- You have a lasting fever.
- You develop a chronic cough.
- You notice continued body aches and pains.

**HAVE A PLAN FOR OBTAINING PROFESSIONAL CARE BEFORE THE NEED ARISES.**



**HOURS OF OPERATION FOR PRAYER LINE... Mon ♦Wed ♦Fri 6:00 A.M. - 6:30 A.M.**  
**Free conference number to call: (805) 360-1000 then enter access code: 455811#** If you are unable to stay on the entire time, you may still call in your prayer request. Also, if you're unable to call and have access to a computer, please e-mail your private requests to: **prayercommitte@gmail.com** where requests are only retrieved and read by the annual conference prayer committee team.

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 Rev. Angela Brown-Neville (336) 245-8402 rabn2008@gmail.com

The Lay Ministry Song—We're Laity

Contemporary Words by Dr. Victor Taylor

Original Words By Dr. Willie L. Graham  
*Traditional Hymn Tune*

1. We're ask - ing o - thers to come And join Lay Mi - ni - stry work And  
 2 We know some may not come But we won't lose the faith, For  
 3. So let us do our best In ser - vice of the Lord To

Help to build a stron - ger church And help to build a stron - ger church  
 Christ the Lord is on our side, For Christ the Lord is on our side.  
 bring God's King - dom here on earth, To bring God's King - dom here on earth.

And win more souls to Christ, And win more souls to Christ.  
 With Him we can - not fail, With Him we can - not fail..  
 And win the hearts of man, And win the hearts of man.

**CHORUS**

We're La - i - ty, God's peo - ple, His ser - vants we're du - ti - ful Lai - ty. We're

Lay who're work - ing for Je - sus To build the King - dom of God.