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**Lay Leaders & Lay Speakers** - led by District Lay Leader Harold Tarpley and Conference Associate Lay Leader Dianne Spencer

**SPRC Training** - for all SPR Committee Chairs and committee members, led by DS Carol Cook

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