

HBCU Teleconference Notes

Thursday 9 March 2017

Task Force Members Present: Scott Evenbeck, Eugene Lowe, Michelle Hagan, Anita George, James Callaway, Joel Cunningham, Martini Shaw

Absent: Robert Wright

Guest: Kurt Barnes

- We reflected on our time and experience during our visit to Voorhees. All thought that it was a very productive meeting.

- Anita George gave a short report of the last Executive Council meeting. She reported that the common questions of the relevance and importance of HBCU's were raised again.

- We decided that an official formal statement needs to be written. This statement will be written using input from both school presidents and a letter written by Bishop Nathan Baxter on the issue. Martini will request this information from both Presidents.

- We need to prepare for the next Executive Council meeting in June. The Task Force's work officially ends in June - 2017.

- Kurt reported that Martini will soon receive a request from General Convention (Executive Council). The requested information will seek the following: "what work has been accomplished?" "what work still needs to be continued?" And why?

The request is not for a financial amount.

Once Martini receives the request, he will share with the Task Force for input.

Along with answering these questions, we will attach the statements from the school Presidents and Bishop Baxter in support of HBCU's. We will also send a copy to the Presiding Officers in hopes that the necessary authorities will appoint a permanent Committee or Task Force to continue and strengthen the bonds of support between the Episcopal Church and the schools.

- The Inauguration of Dr. Evans at Voorhees is Friday, April 7th. Jamie will be present to represent Episcopal Schools and Colleges. Martini cannot be present, but Joel agreed to represent the Task Force.

- Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, **March 30th, at 4PM (EST)**

It is hoped that Rob Wright will be able to be with us. If not, the alternative date is Friday, March 31st, at 3PM

Thanks to all who participated and remain committed and dedicated to our work.

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