## Executive Committee of Executive Council Meeting Minutes March 5, 2024

Attending: Kent Anker, Kurt Barnes, Michael Barlowe, Jane Cisluycis, Mark Goodman, Charles Graves, Julia Ayala Harris, Scott Hayashi, Sarah Stonesifer-Boylan, Gina Angulo Zamora

Staff and Invited Guests: Betsey Bell, Mike Glass, Ann Hallisey, Molly James, Mary Kostel, Chuck Robertson, Stephanie Spellers

Vice Chair Julia Ayala Harris called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with prayer.

The Chair called on Secretary Barlowe to review the April Executive Council agenda. There is an open plenary slot, as the Diocese of North Carolina cannot join Council until the afternoon. Several topics were discussed. Kent Anker will convene a meeting with the four Joint Standing Committee Chairs and a new agenda draft will be presented for approval.

The Chair called on Kurt Barnes to update ECEC on the language of the Delaney Endowment Fund. The family does not want the language to change. The tabled resolution was brought forward, and Kurt spoke to it.

## ECEC 013 Trust Fund # TBD - The Delany Endowment Fund (2024)

**Resolved,** that Trust Fund # TBD, The Delany Endowment Fund, shall be established pursuant to a memorandum outlined by the Trustees of the Sadie and Bessie Delany Trust ("S&B Trustees"); and be it further

**Resolved,** that Trust Fund #TBD shall be designated as a trustee endowment account for the benefit of scholarships for students of St. Augustine's University ("SAU"), Raleigh, North Carolina; and be it further

**Resolved,** that the trust fund balance shall be transferred to SAU when the university regains and maintains its academic accreditation and financial stability for three consecutive fiscal years; and be it further

**Resolved,** that should SAU not be able to comply with the third Resolve above by March 2026, the Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society shall rename the trust as the "Bishop Henry Delany Endowment" and be used to support undergraduate students attending any accredited college or university.

ECEC 013 was adopted.

The Conant Committee submitted this resolution for approval:

## **ECEC 014 Conant Grant**

Resolved, That the Executive Committee of Executive Council, meeting virtually on March 5, 2024, approve and authorize the following, as recommended by the Conant Grant Review Committee

The fifteen grants listed below total \$108,378.

- 1. Travis Bott, Nashotah House \$4,300.00 Ecumenical Perspectives on the Old Testament as Christian Scripture
- 2. Anne Katherine Grieb, Virginia Theological Seminary \$4,000.00 Scriptural Reasoning and Theological Education
- 3. Robert Heaney, Virginia Theological Seminary \$4,350.00 Witnessing Faith: Anglican Mission Discourse
- 4. Ruthanna Hooke, Virginia Theological Seminary \$3,500.00 Prayer, Community, and Social Action: A Study of the Iona Community for Course Development
- 5. John Knight, Virginia Theological Seminary \$6,000.00 Original Sin and Self-Deception: An Interdisciplinary Interpretation
- 6. Melody Knowles, Virginia Theological Seminary & The General Theological Seminary \$10,000.00
  Bible and Film: An Intercultural and International Exploration
- Sheryl A. Kujawa-Holbrook, Bloy House \$5,000.00
   Critical Christian Formation and Engagement: Dismantling White Christian Nationalism (STAGE II)
- 8. Julie Lytle, Bexley Seabury Seminary \$9,000.00 Etuaptmumk- Learning to See with Two Eyes: Western and Indigenous
- Emlyn Ott, Bexley Seabury Seminary \$11,000.00
   Realignment and Development of Doctor of Ministry Programs at Bexley Seabury Seminary
- 10. Dominique A. Robinson, Seminary of the Southwest \$6,200.00

  Black Homiletics: Preaching from a Valley View with a Mountaintop Hope
- 11. Carla Roland, The General Theological Seminary \$6,800.00 Identifying Historiographical Gaps in the History of the Episcopal Church
- 12. David Stark, The University of the South \$14,000.00
  Proclamation for a Transformed World: Climate Crisis and American Preaching with the Global Church
- 13. Shawn Strout, Virginia Theological Seminary \$4,128.00 Ritual Maximalism from the Margins: Research and Book Proposal
- 14. Eric Thomas, The General Theological Seminary \$7,400.00

  God's Home Place: Unmapping the Basileia tou Theou through Minoritized Biblical Interpretation
- 15. Paul Wheatley & Matthew Olver, Nashotah House \$12,700.00
  A History of the Western Eucharistic Lectionary: An Introduction for Students

## ECEC 014 was adopted.

The Chair called on Secretary Barlowe for the nomination process for the Transitional ECEC. Seven names were received for nomination. The rules of order require double the number being elected, and with five open positions, ten names are needed. If we do not receive ten when opened for floor nominations, the rules of order will need to be suspended to vote. There was a motion to put

forward the seven nominated people to stand for election, which was seconded and unanimously adopted. Nominees will be shared with the full Council before the April meeting.

The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn, which was moved and seconded. The meeting ended in prayer led by Scott Hayashi.