

**Episcopal Church HBCU Committee
TELECONFERENCE**

Friday, October 26, 2018, 12 Noon (EDT)

HBCU Committee Members Present: Fr. Martini Shaw (Chair); Dr. Scott Evenbeck; Dr. Joel Cunningham; Dr. Anita George; Fr. Jamie Callaway; Dr. Eugene Lowe (only for first 10 minutes)

HBCU Committee Member Absent: Canon Michele Hagans

Consultants Present: Fr. Lang Lowery; Ms. Cecilia Malm

Guests: Dr. Everett Ward

A. Meeting Called to Order by the **Chair** at 12:02 P.M.

B. Opening Prayer offered by **Fr. Callaway**

C. The **Chair** welcomed our guests with an emphasis on **Consultant Malm** who will be replacing Tara Holley in the Development Office

D. Dr. Ward gave an update on the recent SACS Site Committee visit.

- Feels very encouraged by the recent
- St. Aug. were out of compliance with four sanctions against it. Following the recent visit, there are now only two sanctions.
- One of the sanctions removed was in office financial control. Great thanks to **Consultant Fr. Lowery** for his hard work in this area.
- The two remaining compliance issues are: a.) Financial Stability; and b.) Institutional Effectiveness. The Financial stability piece will
- require the most strategic work.
- Dates to note:
 - Nov. 6th - St. Aug will respond to Site Committee Monitoring Report
 - Nov. 19th - Final response to SACS Committee
- **Dr. Ward** solicits any recommendations from HBCU Committee to assist with addressing the two sanctions, including Fundraising options. **Consultant Lowery** is making some recommendations to SAU and its Board.

E. Consultant Lang stressed the importance of Land Development as a strong option to assure Financial stability. SAU Board must make a decision.

Consultant Malm reported on:

- 2019 Absalom Jones Appeal. She has received the final letter from the Presiding Bishop. The letter will be circulated via email in November. Additional circulation will occur in December. **Consultant Malm** also gave a brief report of her efforts of relationship building with Voorhees and churches in the area. She will report more on this during our time at Voorhees in a few days.

F. Voorhees Visit - Individuals arriving Sunday in time for informal dinner with others should meet in the hotel restaurant at 8:00 P.M. Dinner this evening is on your own

G. Meeting adjourned at 12:41 P.M.

NEXT MEETING - MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2018, AT VOORHEES COLLEGE, FOLLOWING BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING.