

## Executive Council Committee on Historically Black Colleges and Universities

August 12, 2019

### Minutes of the Teleconference

**HBCU COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Canon Martini Shaw (Chair), Ms. Martha Alexander, Dr. Joel Cunningham, Canon Michele Hagans, Dr. Eugene Lowe, Scott Evenbeck. **Those absent:** Bishop Arthur Williams, Canon Jamie Callaway, Dr. Sean Decatur, and Canon Anita George

**Guests:** Mr. Kurt Barnes, Canon Lang Lowery, Bishop Anne Hodges-Copple, Cecilia Malm, Father Ronald Byrd.

Canon Shaw called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM and Father Byrd offered a prayer.

The minutes from the June meeting were moved (Cunningham), seconded (Alexander) and approved as presented. Dr. Lowe was thanked for stepping in to take notes.

Bishop Hodges-Copple reported on the SAU Board retreat and the various actions taken as well as the names presented by the Nominating Committee. An independent consultant has been called to administer the Meyers-Briggs inventory to help with planning.

There is an interim Chaplain in place, Sally Simpson, who is a deacon. Conversations are ongoing with a solid candidate. A matching, three-year grant has been received from Southern Ohio.

Ms. Malm talked about a July meeting with the Voorhees College leadership team and Trinity Wall Street to craft a grant request from Trinity in the fall. She is working on preparing the Absalom Jones appeal for 2019. An opportunity for giving was presented at UBE, results of which are not yet in. Various ideas are being pursued for Voorhees by way of partnerships. There was concern about promoting the Chaplain's position in that location.

Canon Lowery added that the outcome of the Trinity meeting looked hopeful. He had made a trip to Voorhees to achieve some evaluations for future planning.

Canon Shaw discussed the activities at the UBE conference including a recognition of Mr. Barnes for his contributions to the church. Father Byrd had been a presenter at that conference. He recommended visits to the OBM page on the church website.

Ms. Alexander talked about Campus Connections' visit to St. Augustine's. Bishop Anne talked about the scholarship check process currently in place. Mr. Barnes will alert those in the treasurer's office to direct payments to Bishop Anne.

The question arose regarding a face-to-face meeting. Discussion focused on where that meeting should be located. Ms. Malm will get the exact dates for the Voorhees board meeting and Canon Shaw will contact Dr. Evans about meeting there.

Next teleconference: Thursday, September 12 at 10:00 AM Eastern Time.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Caparulo, staff support to the committee

Approved 10/7/19