

AFRICAN DESCENT LUTHERAN ASSOCIATION (ADLA) - LOS ANGELES CHAPTER
ZOOM Teleconference Meeting
Saturday, August 28, 2021
9:00AM
MINUTES

Present: Carolyn Foster, Pr. Charlene Limenih, Marquita Curry, Randall Foster, Thomas McKee, Andrea Barnes, Connie Chaney, Brenda Johnson, Gwen Jackson, Valerie Shaw, Kathleen Chillison, Pr. Peg Schultz-Akerson, Gavin Curry, Mayome Lawson, Jeannie Armstrong, Barbara Walton, Willa Glover, Dale Washington, Judith Tutt-Starr

Excused: Tempie Beaman, Enid McGraw

Meeting was called to order at 9:04a, followed by a brief welcome by President Carolyn Foster.

Devotions: Marquita Curry discussed: "What Can Happen When We Pray?". This was begun with a scripture reading from 2Samuel 5:12.

Approval of the Agenda – The meeting agenda was review and approved, as written.

Minutes accepted

Treasurer's Report – Report submitted. Current balance (8-20-2021) is \$6,404.47. Approved as presented.

Region II Report – No report or meetings.

Special Announcement - President Foster discussed the email concerns regarding ADLA's participation, with the celebration of Bishop -Elect Brenda Bos. Of most concern were the assignments for ADLA's participation, as ushers, food servers and the cleanup crew after the repast. Pr. Bos acknowledged there was an error in assuming these duties by the planning committee to ADLA participants and apologized.

Old Business

1. Meeting of ADLA Executive Committee with Pr. Brenda Bos

We brought concerns of leadership, expressed the concern of having qualified pastors of AA descent and or being able to vet others the SO may suggest, we expressed a need for a rep from the Cal Lutheran community, Bishop-Elect discussed the process for staffing of the SO, Bishop discussed possibility of volunteers teaching at the HAVEN events/seminars. Also stated that the new DEM will probably cover the African American and Latino Ministry Desks.

2. Congregation Reopening plans

Ascension – No known date for sanctuary
Chapel of Peace – No known date for sanctuary
Community – currently inside the sanctuary
First, Carson – In person and streaming

Holy Trinity – Open, all health standard protocols in place
Lutheran Church of the Master – In Sanctuary since June w/mask. Also, Zoom worship.
Olivet – In October will begin with 1st and 3rd Sundays
St. Mark's – Outside worship space and Zoom worship.

*** If someone in your worshipping community tests positive for COVID you have 30 days to notify your insurance company.

3. **God's Work Our Hands, Sunday September 19th @1:00pm.** Church of the Nazarene, 6th and San Pedro Streets.

Stuffers of backpacks and tote bags, Tempie, Enid, Valerie, Peg, Judy, Andrea, Carolyn, Randall and Dale will gather on Saturday, September 11, 2021. Backpacks were donated by Dale Washington and tote bags by My Friends House, Inc.

4. **Trout Chapel Update.**

Installed lights over donor plaque and picture, purchased Kente Cloth to be framed and used as a backdrop for the back wall, and paid for the electrician to install and run the lights.

5. **Webpage Update.**

Very informative, worth the money spent, reminder to check content and comment often, donation button is active.

6. **Casino Bus Fundraiser Trips**

Not during 2021, hopefully return to business 2022

7. **National Goals and Assessments**

Ongoing work

8. **Recycle of Old Eyeglasses**

Ongoing collections

9. **Pull Tab Initiative**

Ongoing collections

New Business

1. **Biddy Mason Charitable Foundation, MFH, Inc. and ADLA**

Judy Tutt-Starr to report on at next meeting

2. **Carol Raines-Brown Children's Ministry**

Fulfills #5 on the National Goals Assessment Grid

3. **Bishop - Elect Bos' Installation September 12th at Angelica.**

If present, please wear your green ADLA polo shirts.

4. **2022 Rev. Dr. Martin Lutheran King, Jr. Service**

Bishop Patricia Davenport will be our speaker. (This will be a virtual service/program again)

5. Synod Chapel Dedication February 26, 2022

Listen for future updates please.

6. Donation to ADLA (encumbered)

Member has donated \$500, requesting this money be given to a current seminary student of African American descent. Ms. Rayjenne Roberts was the recipient. This also speaks to our goal for engaging youth through Development and Advocacy.

Open Discussion

Discussion Group regarding lack of African American pastors: *African Descent Strategy Planning Team.*

Randall Foster leads this team. 16 persons of interest met via Zoom, good discussions, received work assignments to look at and understand trends of respective churches, the data presented helped to fuel the discussions, reminder to invite council presidents. Reminder that there is no quick fix to the challenges of our churches, however, investment of personal commitment and mental input will create purposeful conversation and maybe aid to our conversation.

William Horne, the ELCA Churchwide Vice President, from Clearwater, Florida, has passed unexpectedly. Bill was a lover of this church, a giant of a politician, understanding the ELCA, and being proud to be a part of it. He will be sorely missed.

Reminder to think about attending the **ADLA Biennial in Columbus, Ohio in 2022**. Dates, etc, to be confirmed. A new president and treasurer will be elected.

Closing prayer

Randall Foster - In Memory of William Horne.

October devotions will be by Dale Washington

Meeting Adjourned at 10:35am

Minutes submitted by

Judith Tutt-Starr, Recording Secretary

