

Quarterly Meeting Minutes – 29 June 2019

In attendance:

Jennifer Jones – St. Michael (Cary)	Michael Patterson – St. Ann (Fayetteville)
Linda Cox – St. Gabriel	Esther Patterson – St. Ann (Fayetteville)
Stephanie Tetterton – St. Gabriel	René Corders – St. Ann (Fayetteville)
Barbara Williams – St. Gabriel	Leon Muba – St. Raphael (Francophone Community)
Lauren Green – Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral	Ann Morgan – Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral
Kevin Green – Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral	George Morgan – Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral
Sandra Wagner – St. Michael (Cary)	Adriene Gamble – St. Joseph
Nathan Wagner – St. Michael (Cary)	Ada Horton – St. Joseph
Tristan Evans – AAMEN Coordinator	Michele Evans – St. Michael (Cary)

Agenda:

1. Introductions
2. African Heritage Mass
3. Forward Planning

Discussion:

- **Agenda Topic 1 - Introductions**

Tristan introduced himself to the team and gave a brief outline of the direction of his role and where it sits in the diocesan organization chart. He explained that his position is part of the Office of Evangelization and Discipleship. He also explained that his role has responsibility to support and build up the leadership of several communities (African American, Native African, Afro-Caribbean) and Organizations (Parishes, Fraternal Orders, Faith Communities, Campus Ministries, Religious Orders, Community Outreach Programs including other diocesan offices) that serve the people of African heritage.

We had introductions from the individual team members stating their name, parish home, and affiliation within the AAMEN community. The Team also expressed a few questions and concerns regarding the following topics:

- Vicar and Chaplains
- Part-time diocesan resource
- Channels and Quality of Communication
- Grants and Funding
- Student Scholarships
- Cristo Rey High School
- Printed History of AAMEN
- Better Cultural Awareness
- Ensuring AAMEN Leadership Representation
- Engaging our youth

- **Agenda Topic 2 – African Heritage Mass**

The African Heritage Mass and Celebration is planned for August 18, 2019 at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral in Raleigh starting at 3:30 pm with a celebration to follow. The planning is underway for what we hope to be a joyous celebration of the African Heritage Community. It was agreed that the three African communities would take the lead on this event with support from the African American community and the AAMEN diocesan office.

Committees will be needed for the following in order of extreme importance:

- Communications
- The Mass
- The Food
- Set-up/Clean-up
- Entertainment
- Parking

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- **Agenda Topic 3 – Forward Planning**

We currently find ourselves at the beginning of the fiscal year throughout the diocese and our goal during the forward planning was to plan our upcoming year programming as much as possible. Tristan explained to the team that this year will have a few bumps as we are working under an aggressive timeline for some activities, we have a new bishop and the Office of Evangelization and Discipleship is launching under new directives in hope to better serve our communities. With that being said, the Team was able to lay out a preliminary schedule that we all will flesh out as we progress throughout the year. The ultimate goal for the future will be to have all of this completed by late April/ early May in years to come.

The schedule developed by the Team follows:

Date	Event	Location (Preliminary)
2019		
Aug 18th	African Heritage Mass	Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral
Sep. TBD	Quarterly Meeting	TBD (Holy Cross)
Nov. TBD	Black Catholic Month – Day of Reflection	TBD (Holy Cross)
Dec 14 th	Quarterly Meeting	St. Ann Fayetteville
Jan. TBD	Prayer Breakfast	TBD
Jan. TBD	MLK Mass/Service Project	TBD
Feb. TBD	Black History Month	TBD
Mar. TBD	Quarterly Meeting	TBD (St. Michael – Cary)
June TBD (13 th /20 th /27 th)	Family Reunion (and Quarterly Meeting)	TBD (St. Ann – Clayton/St. Mary – Goldsboro)

The Team also began work on planning the Black Catholic Month Day of Reflection. The program would begin with Mass followed by a Keynote presentation to set the stage for the

theme of the day. The program would then break out into three group tracks (Youth, Young Adult, Adult) followed by Lunch and then a second series of breakout sessions.

Mass		
Keynote Presentation		
Track 1 – Youth	Track 1 – Young Adult	Track 1 - Adult
Lunch		
Track 2 – Youth	Track 2 – Young Adult	Track 2 – Adult
Sending Forth Blessing		