

## AAMEN Quarterly Meeting

March 27, 2021

10:12 am to 12:57 pm

### Attendees:

Jennifer Jones	Sandra Wagner	Sandra Deans
Martha Carter-Bailey	Antony Bishop	Tiffany Dove
Stephanie Tetterton	Leon Cooke	Valerie Wehiong-Batta
Adriene Gamble	Lauren Green	Brenda Jones
Carolyn Ross-Holmes	Rene Corders	Kevin Green

### Agenda

- Recap Bishop's Meeting – Tabled due to the recent responses from the Diocese of Raleigh. Open Wide Our Hearts Taskforce created to work collaboratively with the diocesan the Priest Continuing Education Committee and the newly formed OWOH Committee/Team.
- Update from the AACC goals committee – postponed due to a discussion around the reorganization and operation of AAMEN to meet the desired needs of the community and to be more in line with the goals set forth.
- Any major issues from the African communities – postponed due to the above.
- 2021 - 2022 Planning calendar – committee created to formulate an 18-month calendar to meet the goals and spiritual needs of the African Ancestry Community.
- June quarterly meeting date (move to June 19th, Juneteenth) – will be addressed under the new organization structure.
- The team felt time would be better served discussing the Organization and Communication structure of the ministry that would be more conducive to moving our goals forward as it relates to our Social Justice, Spirituality and Youth goals. The outcome of those discussions are as follows:
  - We will replace the AAMEN Quarterly Meetings with a semi-annual meeting with a digital report on the accomplishments of the Committees, Sub-Committees and Taskforces.
  - The team approved an **Organizational Change Ad Hoc Taskforce** to examine the structure, work and meetings relating to the African American Community.  
**Chairperson:** Kevin Green  
**Members:** Rene Corders, Jennifer Jones, Brenda Jones, Martha Carter-Bailey
  - An **OWOH Ad Hoc Taskforce** was created to work in collaboration with the diocesan Priest Continuing Education Committee and the newly formed Open Wide Our Hearts Committee/Team.  
**Chairperson:** Carolyn Ross-Holmes  
**Members:** Jennifer Jones, Margaret Cross, Adriene Gamble, Leon Cooke, Padre Leon
  - A **Communications Sub-Committee** was created to better communicate with our diverse community spread throughout the 54 counties of Eastern North Carolina.  
**Chairperson:** Lauren Green  
**Members:** Stephanie Tetterton, Antony Bishop, Adriene Gamble, Sandra Deans, Valerie Wehiong-Batta, Martin Green.

- Also created was an **AAMEN Calendar Committee** to work on revamping and fleshing out activities in line with our mission moving forward. This committee has set a goal to have a final product by May 1<sup>st</sup> to be submitted for budgetary consideration.

**Chairperson:** Martha Carter-Bailey

**Members:** Valerie Wehiong-Batta, Lauren Green, Carolyn Ross-Holmes, Antony Bishop, Stephanie Tetterton, Tiffany Dove.

- Tristan will reach out to **Lytia Reese** and **Lisa Perkins** for three possible dates where the community can understand the work these ladies are doing to support our mission and for the community to share what we are doing to address the goals we have set. The plan is to have these events recorded so they may be shared with those who are unable to attend.
- The **Goals Committee** will continue to move forward with their work.
- A diocesan web page has been set up to house our important outward facing documents and Tristan will work to secure a license for a cloud-based content management tool (Box or similar) for inward facing content as well as a desired license for a group teleconferencing tool (Zoom or similar).
- The team was made aware of the passing of Mr. Milton Jenkins of Saint Gabriel parish in Greenville recently passed. We are waiting for more details from the family. Tristan will notify the Bishop's Office of Milton's great service and will ensure our condolences are sent to the family.