



**Black Disciples
Endowment Fund
Report to the
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National Christian
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In order to give the Board of Trustees of the National Christian Missionary Convention (NCMC) a sense of where we are, we begin this report with the call on NCMC to act on the following nominations for the election to the Board of Trustees.

ELECTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEMBERS:

- Mary Lou Kegler, Dale Braxton, and Patice Holland as the Class of 2022 of the BDEF Board of Trustees.
- Lenita (Jackie) Bunch as Chairperson of the BDEF Board of Trustees.
- Patice Holland as Vice Chairperson of the BDEF Board of Trustees.

MINUTES:

The minutes of all conference calls, face to face, and our September 26-September 28, 2019 meeting can be provided by Dr. Timothy James upon request.

2019 GRANTS:

BDEF each year gives to Disciples Home Missions African-American School of Faith and Life. Monies are also given each year to AACLD from the Merchant Fund.

2019 GENERAL ASSEMBLY WORKSHOP:

#LC2—Laity & Clergy to a Higher Power: the Making of a Healthy Congregation

“As the Church seeks to live out the Great Commission (Matt. 28:18 – 20), we can only do so by first equipping his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. (Esp.4:12).”

Knowing that all gifts are needed for Christ work and one gift is not better than another gift. But realizing all gifts are needed, BDEF presented the #LC2 workshop at the 2019 General Assembly to bring the Church together (laity and clergy) to hear the same, and hopefully move forward together.

The workshop #LC2 *Laity & Clergy to a Higher Power: the Making of a Healthy Congregation*, was BDEF’s determination to gather the 2019 General Assembly community around: Shared leadership, The Letter of Call, The Pastor’s Evaluation, Why Church Policies, and Tips on Expediting the Board Meeting.

We are grateful to Board Trustees Dale Braxton, AL., William Lee, VA., and Jackie Compton Bunch, OH for providing leadership for the workshop presentations. A special thanks to Jackie Compton Bunch who spear headed this whole idea.

BDEF's *Monkey Survey* was sent to participants after the workshop and confirmed that the workshop was greatly received and appreciated. Personal comments as participants were leaving the workshop and comments on the survey established the fact, that there is a need for more education for laity and clergy together learning, dialoguing and interacting.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORMS:

Conflict of Interest forms were distributed to all Trustees to read and sign. Forms were collected

BOARD CHAIR SUMMARY:

Again, I say I work with an amazing group of devoted church folks! We don't always agree when we are at the table. But we ALL love the Lord, the church, and love doing the work that BDEF has been called to do.

Our investments are financially sound with Christian Church Foundation under the leadership of Gary Kidwell and Marilyn Fiddmont who are ex-officio members of our board.

We are still identifying ministry partners with whom BDEF may have the most impact. We are also working on a Lay Leadership Seminar to be held sometime in 2020.

We look forward to being at the 2020 Experience being held in Fort Worth Texas in July 2020.

Please continue to pray mightily for the important work of the Black Disciples Endowment Fund as we continue forward.

