

Addendum Report for **Merger Staff Contacts and Activities for 2019**

National Convocation Board of Trustees Meeting/ December 4-7, 2019

List of Contacts and Activities Summary Addendum:

[Since the last NCCC Board of Trustees meeting December (2018), some of our direct ministry contacts include the following]

Office of Christian Education/Faith Formation

Sheila Spencer- Director and Assistant to the President, DHM

Here is some of the travel I did this year that connected to African American Congregations/Community. I know there are more emails/calls and connections that I haven't listed.

Travel/Correspondence/Connections:

- Birmingham, Alabama - Samuel Proctor Clergy and Lay Leadership Summit that addressed areas of concern that affect the African American Community – Met with African American Disciples Ministers present at event – shared info on grants, resources and 2020
- Nashville, TN – Black Ministers Retreat – Consulted with African American Ministers on resources, Black Leadership Project Grant applicants, etc.
- Indianapolis, IN – Preached at Light of the World Christian Church
- Raleigh, NC – Participant in Ordination for Rev. Marilyn Williams
- Los Angeles – Connected with members from PSWR African American Churches (Faith Christian Church, Abundant Life, 105th Street, McCarty Memorial and United)
- Rabat, Morocco – Conducted workshop on Spiritual Formation and Pastoral Self Care to African pastors/leaders at Seminary in Morocco. Invited to preach the following Sunday at local church in Morocco.
- General Assembly – Worked with Education/Workshop Experience
 - Elders Workshop – Shared resources that were used during Elders Workshop offered by LIT
 - National Convocation Banquet
 - Indianapolis, In – Mixed Methods Preaching Conference
- Newport News, VA – Christian Unity Gathering – Christian Education/Faith Formation Convening Table Grateful to be asked to do the closing prayer at The Emancipation Oak in Hampton,VA. It is over 400 years old and bore witness to what is believed to be the first reading of the Emancipation Proclamation in the South. Being in that place literally connects me with my ancestors
- Oklahoma City, OK – IMBUED Leadership Experience -This will be a experience hosted by Wildewood Christian Church and will include

participants for African American Churches in the Oklahoma Region. Leadership training will be taking place Fri- Sat. I will be preaching on Sunday.

Phone/Consultations include:

- Los Angeles - – Faith Christian Church – Consultations on Leadership Projects for Grant Proposals.
- Oklahoma City, OK - Wildewood Christian Church – Consultation on idea for leadership experience and training opportunity resources.
- Tulsa, OK – Consultation Rev Sharyn Cosby– Educational resources for Advent proposals – consultation with educational resources. Grant advisor and contracted with Rev Cosby to write Advent.
- Lexington, KY – Consultation– discussing literacy program and afterschool program.
- Indianapolis, IN – Consultation with Tonya Reynolds, discussing mentoring and resources for young women.
- Chicago, IL – Met with Mentee Minister Na’Keya Haslett to discuss seminary options. Connected with Rev Dr Stephanie Crowder to connect her with Minister Haslett.

Disciples Women’s Ministries

Rev. Chesla Nickelson- Director

2019

January

- Meeting with Convocation Women at DWLC

February

- Met with Paula Garret and Deborah Calhoun at IN Women’s Retreat

March

- Black Ministers Retreat
- Hosted Clergy Women’s Retreat with Cherisna Jeane- Marie at Bethany

April

- Marilyn Williams Ordination
- IL/WI Women’s Spring Retreat and did a little follow up with a couple of the IL/WI 2018 LAP participants

May

- Larry Morris,III Ordination (PSWR)
June

- Sheila Spencer Ordination
July

- General Assembly Convocation and Women Events plus sporadic meetings and networking
- Visit to The Gathering and Black Disciples Clergy Women retreat
- Visit Virzola Law at new call-in Dallas, Northway Christian Church

August

- Anti – Racism training for new NBA – XPLORE fellows and made special connections with the African American Fellows
- Introduced Sarah Lue Bostick to IN Women’s Fall Retreat
- Lee Ivey,III Ordination

September

- ROSES Intergerional – met with Tera Daniels while there and made new connections with African American Disciples Women
- Women in Ministry, Atlanta, Ray of Hope
- Taught at Balck Women and HIV Awareness Symposium and how the church could be part of the solution (BLPG and a DWEF grant recipient)

October

- Visit to Mills Grove Christian Church and Tapersty Church in Oakland
- Met and worked with other Balck Disciples women, teaching about need for and possibilities of comprehensive sexuality education in churches, especially black churches

November

- Paula Holiday and Second Christian in New London, MO (Hannibal) – Women’s Fall Retreat

Office of Evangelism and Congregational Transformation

Rev. R. Wayne Calhoun, Sr.-Executive

January 2019

- Teleconference call-consultation on congregational transformation with Stoneville Christian Church, Stoneville, NC.
- Teleconference call-consultation on congregational transformation with Pastor Wendy Wilson, Unity Christian Church, Radford, VA.
- Merger staff meeting with Dr. James, Indianapolis, IN.

- Meeting with Dr. Eric Brown in Indianapolis in reference to NCCC Board of Trustees research about Merger staff.

February 2019

- Video conference call-consultation with Congregational Transformation team of Unity Christian Church, Radford, VA.
- Served as Resource Person for Phase Two of the Congregational Transformation process, Radford, VA.
- Joined in on teleconference call for Evangelism Connections at the end of February (Annual set call winter meeting).

March 2019

- Attend Black Ministers Retreat, Nashville, TN.
- Video conference call-consultation with Congregational Transformation team of Unity Christian Church, Radford, VA.
- Attend Executive Committee meeting of the Board of Trustees of the National Convocation, Indianapolis, IN.
- Video conference call-consultation with Congregational Transformation team of Unity Christian Church, Radford, VA.

April 2019

- Video conference call-consultation with Congregational Transformation team of Unity Christian Church, Radford, VA.
- Teleconference call-consultation with Pastor Milton Bowens Jr., Shepherd Street Christian Church, Chickasha, OK.
- Teleconference call-consultation with Pastor Vincent Dial, Bethel Christian Church, Jonesboro, TN

May 2019

- Video conference with the Board of Trustees of National Convocation.
- Attend Evangelism Connections Spring meeting, Springhouse Ministries (First Christian Church), Minneapolis, MN.
- Teleconference call-consultation with Pastor Buddy Self of Stoneville Christian Church, Stoneville, NC.
- Teleconference call-consultation with Pastor LaRue Smith of United Christian Church, Montgomery, AL.
- Served as resource person on Disciples African-American history for the Mid-America African-American Convocation (Mid-America Region), Second Christian Church, Jefferson City, MO.

June 2019

- Video conference call-consultation with Congregational Transformation team of Unity Christian Church, Radford, VA.

- Teleconference call-consultation with Pastor Wendy Wilson of Unity Christian Church, Radford, VA.
- Teleconference call-consultation with Pastor Perry Wiggins of Alameda Christian Church, Nashville, TN.
- Video conference with the Missional Network, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- Served as a facilitator for the Alabama-Northwest Florida African-American Convocation Biennial meeting.

July 2019

- Served as resource person on evangelism for the Texas Christian Missionary Fellowship Biennial Session, Fort Worth, Texas
- Served as resource person on Disciples African-American history for the Mississippi Christian Missionary Convention, Port Gibson, MS.
- Began initial consultation on congregational transformation with Stoneville Christian Church, Stoneville, NC. Rev. Buddy Self is the contact person.

August 2019

- Began initial consultation on congregational transformation with First Christian Church, Hampton, IA. Rev. Alan Berneman is the contact person.
- Joined in on teleconference call for Evangelism Connections at the end of August (Annual set call meeting).
- Continued ongoing consultation process on congregational transformation, Phase One with Shepherd Street Christian Church, Chickasha, OK. Rev. Milton Bowens is the contact Person.

September 2019

- Attended the 25th Anniversary of Pastor & Wife Celebration of Rev. William and Deborah Garr. This was a joint celebration of the work and ministry of Rev. and Sister Garr by the Seventh Street Christian Church, Paris, KY, the Kentucky Christian Missionary Convention and the Kentucky Region of the Christian Church for the Garr's. (Celebration and activities took place over the course of the 2nd weekend in September)
- Continued and introduced Phase Two process on congregational transformation process for Unity Christian Church, Radford, VA. Rev. Wendy Wilson is the contact Person.
- Began initial consultation with the Missional Network of Toronto, Ontario, Canada on possible partnership on transformation with Disciples Congregations partnering with selective Regions for the first phase

- Continued ongoing consultation process on congregational transformation, Phase One with United Christian Church, Montgomery, Al. Rev. LaRue Smith, Pastor is the contact Person.

October 2019

- Served as facilitator for BCE's New Church Ministries Leadership Academy. Worked with thirty plus clergy persons on matters of Leadership in new and sustaining congregations. This event took place in Indianapolis, IN in early October.
- Continued initial consultation with the Missional Network of Toronto, Ontario, Canada on possible partnership on transformation with Disciples Congregations partnering with selective Regions for the first phase.
- Attended fall meeting of Evangelism Connections, Presbyterian Church (USA) headquarters in Louisville, KY. (Dates were October 22nd thru 25th)

November 2019

- Consultation with East Side Christian Church, Longview, TX on the possibility of starting a congregational transformational journey early in 2020. Contact persons are Rev. Margaret Dixon, Pastor and Elder Bobby Jackson.