

## National Convocation Disciple Men

### Report to Board of Trustees

11/15/2020

Greeting in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

On behalf of the National Convocation Disciple Men (NCDM), the following is being reported as an update.

1. At our last meeting (11/14/2020) brothers of NCDM shared updates regarding their local activities, projects and outreach events.
  - A. Brother Bob Williams reported by email as follows: The TCMF, DM is having their annual gathering at Center Point CC and Virtually on Saturday November 21, 2020. He further shared this information in the meeting.
  - B. Brother Milton Bowen reported by email as follows: My congregations Disciple Men did a service project of cutting and clearing limbs from the Oklahoma ice storm. Also hosted a virtual gathering of young men called Brothers at the Table.
  - C. Brother Franklin Gee reports the outreach efforts of his congregation to pass out at least 100 boxes of items to those in need in his community. Stated this event to take place on 11/28/2020.
  - D. I (Brother Walter Parker) reported an improvement project at EPSCC lead by the Disciple Men and Deaconate of the Church.

The improvements included repairs, painting, new pews, new carpet and flower arrangements to the sanctuary. Outreach included food box give a ways on Wednesdays and Milk give a ways on Thursdays over the period April through September. To date, 1243 boxes were distributed to the community. Disciple Men and Deaconate conducted this outreach.

Thanks to the Southern Foundation of Starkville, Mississippi.

2. There was discussion on the effects of Covid-19 on Disciple Men activities as well as congregational activities. Brother Gee asked a comparative question with regards to how the different congregations were holding services; most are doing virtual or other means rather than assembling. Covid-19 has certainly minimized our ability to meet in person as most opportunities for meeting were cancelled.
3. Prayer was encouraged for our President Elect (Biden) and Vice President Elect (Harris) with regards to the transition to office and the long road ahead.
4. There was a period of sharing in the group; with regards to occurrences and personal experiences during the pandemic. Further discussion involved projects of outreach during the Thanksgiving and Christmas.
5. As president, Covid-19 has been very challenging. In reference to NCDM, due to career duties as a nurse, paramedic and educator often left me unavailable to attend, call meetings and devote time to issues of NCDM. I'm happy to say that my availability has increased. Future goals would be to increase our communications between brothers; provide more opportunities for fellowship and outreach. I would like to see more involvement and recruitment

of more Disciple Men and become a stronger force in the Disciple Church. An email received from a NCDM Brother confirmed the need for increased leadership and that starts with me as president. Otherwise, I encourage all NCDM to stay safe and prayed up during this Covid-19 Pandemic.

6. With regards to financial issues, nothing significant to report.

Submitted by: Brother Walter Parker, NCDM President