

**Report to the Board of General Ministries
Meetings of the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board**

There have been two meetings of the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board since our last Board of General Ministries gathering in November. One was a special meeting held in Fort Lauderdale Beach. The second was held at the New York City offices in May.

Our meeting in Florida, held in late January and early February, was called by President George Tooze to elect a new Executive Director for MMBB. At that meeting, Louis P. Barbarin, Treasurer of MMBB, was elected to be the new Executive Director of the 100 year old organization. It was an unanimous decision.

Following Mr. Barbarin's election, a wonderful dinner and program were held for the Reverend Dr. Sumner Grant, our retiring Executive Director. It was an evening filled with joyful tributes, recollections and music. Dr. Grant's wife, children and spouses, and grandchildren were all in attendance.

In May, our regular semi-annual gathering of the Ministers and Missionaries Board met in the offices at 475 Riverside Drive in New York City. At that time, the board is brought up-to-date on all financial reports, audits and any other business that needs to come before the entire board. I serve on two committees, Benefits and Governance, ably chaired by Dr. Annie Marie LeBarbour and Dr. R. Roosevelt Thomas, Jr, respectively. Sadly, Dr. Thomas died shortly after our meeting in New York. Executive Director Louis Barbarin represented MMBB at his funeral in Atlanta, Georgia.

Again, it is a great privilege and honor to represent the Board of General Ministries at the Ministers and Missionaries Board.

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