

ABC Black Caucus 2019 Final Activity Report

Overview

The Caucus leadership team consists of Dr. Trinette V. McCray, President, Judge Albert Mathews, Secretary, Mrs. Clem Winbush, Treasurer.

Activity

The Caucus leadership continued to meet regularly using virtual platforms to structure our on-going work and communicate to our membership about our direction and aims. That communication was delivered via email and on the Black Caucus Facebook page.

Trinette McCray attended Inter-caucus meetings which were by conference calls. Clem Winbush attended the McKee Consultation held in Alaska in April. The Black Caucus sponsored a refreshment break during the conference.

The Black Caucus sessions during the 2019 Biennial/Mission Summit in Virginia Beach, VA, June 20th-23rd celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the Caucus. The Caucus was formed in 1969 resulting from the demands for inclusion, representation and a more forceful Black voice in the ABC. The “Black Churchmen” as they called themselves, established an intentional set of demands which became their active agenda and mission. These events were extremely well attended. Our Thursday evening Opening worship preacher was Rev. Dr. Marsha Brown Woodard. The Friday morning Forum had over 125 participants. The annual banquet was at capacity with 225 attendees. The speaker was Rev. Dr. Leslie D. Callahan.

New materials were developed to communicate to the American Baptist constituency about the Black Caucus. These materials were printed in bulk by an outside company. They include: An historical brochure covering the beginnings of the Caucus, the early founders and leaders through the years; several placards that share the progress of Black leaders, staff and executives in the ABC over the 50 years of the Caucus, and a give-away of church fans displaying the photos of Black leaders in the ABC. These were distributed at the booth during the Mission Summit.

We are still focused on completing the writing of the history of Black American Baptists and partnering with Deborah Van Broekhoven, former Executive Director of the American Baptist Historical Society for its deposit in their archives and in publishing the material.

During the 2021 Mission Summit meeting of the Caucus, we will present for affirmation the revised By-Laws that will bring the outdated references and processes into alignment with the new ABC structure and processes.

Currently, we are engaging constituents with interest in re-establishing regional black caucuses.

We will attend and participate in any Inter-caucus meetings that may be planned for 2020 and any related AB gatherings.

Submitted by:

Rev. Dr. Trinette V. McCray
President

ABCUSA Black Caucus
2020 Funding Proposal

ABCUSA Grant Requested \$5,200

Administrative Goals:

Using the current executive team as a base, recruit new leadership to advance the implementation of the Black Caucus goals; engage in succession planning

Continue the implementation of the Call to Engagement priorities through strategic programming and leadership for the next two years.

Purposefully engage with AB national partners to inform mutual mission goals that relate to Black Caucus constituency

Participate with and support McKee Consultation of AB Black Executives

Intentionally visit and/or connect with Black Caucus member churches through regional relationships with interest in establishing regional black caucuses

Further develop and maintain the activity of the Black Caucus Facebook page as broad communication strategy

Announce and expand the use of the ABHMS MinistrELife platform for Caucus connections, communications and resourcing

Support Black Caucus constituents at National and Regional gatherings by maintaining communication, connections and information.

Continue cooperative and collaboration with the Inter-caucus; and with other ABC national and regional partners on initiatives of mutual interest.

Be a resource of AB black leadership and history for constituents and national partners.

Print and circulate Black Caucus information pieces, i.e. historical brochure, Caucus strategy, etc.

Target Dates for Reporting to the body:

2021 Mission Summit

End of Year, 2020

Persons Responsible: Current Executive Leadership –Trinette McCray, and Clem Winbush

Clem Winbush, Treasurer

Trinette McCray, President