

**MCC Eastern Network Conference Call**  
**Thursday, 29 May 2014, 12 noon**

Fifteen people from eight works joined in the bimonthly MCC Eastern Network conference call on Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon, including Rev. Miller Hoffman and Lay Delegate Adam DeBaugh.

Represented were MCC of Northern Virginia (NoVa), Fairfax; MCC of Washington, DC; Shenandoah Valley MCC, Winchester, VA; Open Door MCC, Boyds, MD; New Life MCC, Hampton Roads, VA; MCC Richmond, VA; the People of African Descent Support Group; and Chi Rho Press. Missing were New Light MCC, Hagerstown, MD; Holy Redeemer MCC, College Park, MD; MCC Baltimore, MD; MCC of the Blue Ridge, Roanoke, VA; and MCC Rehoboth Beach, DE.

The Rev. Cathy Alexander, chair of the Eastern Network Team, asked the Rev. Emma Chattin, MCC NoVa, to lead the group in an opening prayer. Then she asked each church and work represented to give a brief update on events at their work.

Cathy and the team reported on the address lists that went around at the in-person Eastern Network meeting for people to sign-up for one of the Operations, Communications, or Administration Committees. The Communications Committee had four people signed up and the team has asked Adam DeBaugh to be the lead person for that committee. Adam reported that the first task of the committee is to create and populate an MCC Eastern Network Joint Calendar on which all the churches and works would add special events, anniversaries, and the like. The calendar has been created through the end of the year and Adam has entered Open Door dates thus far. He is awaiting a complete list of pastors, clergy, and lay delegates from each church to contact them for their dates.

The next in-person Network Gathering will be hosted by New Life MCC, Hampton Roads, VA in a weekend in mid-September (beginning Friday evening and ending Saturday, late afternoon). Potential Agenda items and format for the gathering were discussed, including a Pastoral Round Table discussion, other ministry Round Table discussion (chaplains, other ministry works), Lay Delegate and Lay Leaders training, and Choir and Music program workshop. Adam suggested communications as a theme, including how we do newsletters for our local churches and how we communicate with our congregants in social and other media. The Rev. Candy Holmes suggested racism as a topic and to widen it to include all kinds of inclusiveness in our churches.

The Eastern Network calls are in odd months on the last Thursday of each month from 12 noon to 1 pm and the next calls will be July 31, September 25, and November 20 (moved up a week because of Thanksgiving).

The call ended in prayer by Cathy Alexander at 1 pm.