

MCC Eastern USA Network Call Summary

Date: 28JUL2016

On The Call: Network Co-Leaders; Rev. Cathy Alexander and David Wilson, Rev Dr. Tom Bohache, Rev. Gail Minick, Rev. Elect Tom Simmons, Rev. Victoria Burson, Jane Bennet-Bailey, Melinda Ludy

Opening Prayer Offered By: David Wilson

Individual Check- In (One or Two Personal Items & Preferred Gender Pronoun): Rev. Dr. Tom Bohache (M/he) - "Church is not pay/view, but requires sustained giving." Rev. Elect Tom Simmons (M/he) - Ordination Ceremony to be held on 27AUG2016 3PM @ MCCDC, Collaborating to create an MCC First Nations Affinity Group. Rev. Gail Minnick (F/she) - Has just returned from vacation following GC, Rev. Pat Spears (F/she) filled in during her absence and continues to offer an ongoing Bible study. David Wilson (M/he) - glad to be back home and getting caught up and back to normal operations. Rev. Victoria Burson (F/she) – Emerge GC "Amazing and challenging, still processing feelings and issues... participated in PFAM Conference with Bishop Flunder." Jane Bennet- Baily (F/she) – Back home from GC and traveling/vacation. Rev. Cathy Alexander (F/she) – Back home to the heat, looking at, calling out the "elephants in the room from GC."

Our Churches' News:

- Empowerment Liberation Cathedral MCC – N/A
- MCC Baltimore – Rev. Victoria Burson – Church Chat Program featuring Rev. Elder Darlene Garner, Reviving/Restructuring post Rev Angie's departure, 40-55 attending in spite of heat and HVAC issues, Melinda Ludy (F/she) – Refinancing Mortgage
- MCC of the Blue Ridge – N/A
- MCC Christ the Liberator – Rev. Dr. Tom Bohache – Attendance down, limited AC, appointed Rev. Elect Tom Simmons Minister of Community and Congregational Life, Facilitating Prayer Group
- MCC DC – Rev. Cathy – Congregational Meeting approved new Vision and Mission Statements, Lay Reports from GC, heat issues in the "greenhouse," *Administrative Book Keeper needed ASAP*
- MCC Holy Redeemer – N/A
- MCC Rehoboth – N/A
- MCC Richmond – David Wilson – Rev. Kenny Callaghan (godguykenny@gmail.com) getting settled, having had a "Southern Style Pounding," new HVAC system working well, summer numbers a little down
- MCC NOVA – Jane Bennet- Baily – Lay Delegate, Rev. Emma Chattin hours have been increased to 25-30/week as Support Pastor, After Life Class being offered, 1st Sundays feeding homeless on-going, Transgender Ministry doing well, new Green Ministry emerging
- New Life MCC of Hampton Roads – N/A
- New Light MCC - N/A
- Open Door MCC – N/A
- Shenandoah Valley MCC – Rev. Gail Minnick – attendance a bit down, No Ac in the Sanctuary but doing church in the round in the Celebration Hall, Deacons developing an October Sermon Series

- The Beauty Way MCC – N/A

Associated Ministries, Organizations & Special Works Updates: N/A

- Covenant Baptist UCC
- F.I.R.E.-Friends Include & Respect Everyone
- Chaplains
- Chi Rho Press
- P.A.D.

Keeping In Prayer: Our MCC denomination and Governing Board as they and we seek Interim Moderator leadership

Local Up Coming Anniversaries & Special Events: 45Years of Ministry for MCCDC continues

Fellowship News and Events: Reflections on Emerge General Conference

Enet News & Events: 27AUG 2017 3PM MCCDC Rev. Tom Simmons Ordination Ceremony, 8OCT 2016 2PM MCC Richmond- Rev Kenny Callaghan's Ordination and Installation Ceremony, 29OCT 2016 Fall Network Gathering planning is underway. ***New Life of Hampton Roads, Norfolk, VA Celebration of their New building and Sanctuary (Re-Development and planning underway)***

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Fall MCC Eastern USA Network Gathering is set to take place on Saturday, October 29th, 2016 at MCC Rehoboth, Rehoboth Beach, DE

*****Mark your Calendars*****

Closing Prayer Offered By: Rev. Cathy

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