

**Synod of the Mid-Atlantic
240th Synod Assembly
Presbytery Initiatives Committee
Ginter Park Presbyterian Church
Richmond, VA.
September 11-12, 2017**

The Presbytery Initiatives Committee met by conference call on Tuesday evening September 5th at 9 p.m.

OPENING

Gregory Busby, Chair called the meeting to order at with prayer.

ATTENDANCE

Present were: John Bethard, Gregory Busby, Sarah Eller, Mawuna Gardesey, Debbie Reese and Kim Robinson

Excused were: None

APPOINTMENT OF RECORDER

Sarah Eller was appointed as recorder.

QUORUM

The Moderator attested that a quorum was present.

Adoption of Docket

The docket was approved as presented.

MINUTES

After Chair's welcome and personal updates from all present, we went into our discussions of the four applications we received and how we can award their requests. The following awards are by consensus of the committee.

Applications:

- 1) Authentic Parenting Retreat - sponsored by the Presbytery of the James and New Hope – Recommended Award \$2,156
- 2) Annual Meeting, Newsletter, Travel and Youth Retreat – sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic Black Caucus – Recommended Award \$4,000
- 3) Charlotte Youth Ministry Consortium – sponsored by the Presbytery of Charlotte and New Hope – Recommended Award \$2,156

- 4) Mission Trip to Kenya – sponsored by the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Men’s Council – Recommended Award \$4,000

OTHER BUSINESS

- 1) We discussed changing the deadline of the applications to our committee to September 1st so that we are in alignment with the other committees of our Synod. This was approved by vote.
- 2) Because of absences of committee members at the Assembly, it was approved to have Sarah Eller act as Temporary Chair at the Assembly.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting followed by prayer from John Bethard. Meeting was adjourned by Greg Busby at 9:45 pm.