

**SYNOD OF THE MID-ATLANTIC
SYNOD COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION (SCOR)
ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES
Monday, July 16, 2018 - 3:00 PM**

OPENING:

The Synod Stated Clerk, Warren Lesane, convened the SCOR at 2:04 p.m. using an unison prayer.

ATTENDANCE:

Present were Barbara Yancy, Kay Ziglar, Kevin Powell, Millicent Fauntleroy for Steve Mabie, Olivia Haney and Rosia Freeman. Excused were Chi Yon, Donna Bowers and Donna Fair. Absent were Kathy Haga, AW Dickerson and Don Cooper.

APPOINTMENT OF RECORDER:

Tami Scott was appointed as the temporary recorder for this meeting. The committee will need to elect a recorder from its membership at a future meeting.

QUORUM:

A quorum was present.

INTRODUCTIONS:

A time of community building was provided by inviting everyone present to introduce themselves and the presbytery they represent.

STATED CLERK PRESENTATION

In the absence of a Moderator, the Synod Stated Clerk led the meeting aided by a power point presentation designed to give a brief orientation of the COR Committee. The presentation reviewed committee membership and its three year term class structure, discussed the purpose of COR, its duties, responsibilities, goals and objectives. Members reviewed the Synod Standing Rules (Section 2-Meetings/Membership) highlighting that representation is mandated to show diversity and inclusiveness as also noted in the Book of Order. In 2007, the synod established a formula for the rotation of commissioners that would adhere to diversity. The formula is being further researched but a sample diversity chart was provided to members for observation. Lastly, the synod administrator reviewed the synod office calendar which included synod meetings, deadline dates, office holidays, staff vacations and business travel.

QUESTION/ANSWER PERIOD

Committee members were provided an opportunity to ask questions for clarity. Several questions focused on clarifying the leadership style of the previous COR Chair and his task for completing the mandates of the committee.

After discussions on committee make up, history, objectives and the relationship of COR to the Nominating Committees in various presbyteries, Stated Clerk stressed the importance of

committee leadership. The committee was slow in getting started because the previous Moderator's term had expired in 2017. The concept of co-chair of the committee was shared if a member desired to provide leadership, but would feel more comfortable with the assistance of someone else. Olivia Haney agreed to co-chair and requested the assistance of another co-moderator.

Several members agreed to take the co-chair opportunity under consideration. The minutes will be communicated to those who were unable to attend the meeting to also consider the same. **Monday, July 23, 2018 will be the time for members to share their decision.** Synod staff will meet with the co-chairs in a mutual place to provide further orientation. It will be the responsibility of the co-chairs to convene a second meeting via zoom or in persons to complete it work prior to the 242st Synod Assembly in Richmond on September 10-11, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m. with confirmation that meeting minutes would be sent to the COR Committee members the following day (July 17, 2018). Kevin Powell provided the closing prayer.