

**SYNOD OF THE MID-ATLANTIC
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTING FORM
ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCES
MONTHLY BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 2018 AND FEBRUARY 2019**

Committee Reporting Form

Committee: Executive _____ Recorder: Susanne Taylor _____

GENERAL ITEMS:

The Synod Executive Committee consists of Helen Bessent-Byrd, Robbie Phillips, Riley Burgess, Jim Kirkpatrick, Cindy Privette, Richard Claterbaugh, Moderator Susanne Taylor and Vice Moderator Mawuna Gardesey. It meets monthly via Zoom video conferencing with Synod Executive Warren Lesane and Synod Administrator Tami Scott providing staff support. A quorum was present for all meetings and the administrator served as the meeting recorder.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. Disaster Assistance in the wake of Hurricane Florence.
2. Synod Permanent Judicial Commission hearing involving AKAP and GAPJC trial in which Nam Hong Cho and AKAP brought charges against the Synod. The trial was held in Atlanta on October 19, 2018. The results of the trial were presented in which the GAPJC ruled that while appointing an AC was the right of the synod, it needed to further clarify what powers the AC would have.
3. The Stated Clerk would list out the specific items needing to be addressed by the AC. The AC will not be given original jurisdiction.
4. The Synod Executive and the Moderator attended a gathering of their counterparts from other Synods in Montgomery Alabama on January 14–15, 2019, and participated in a tour of the Legacy Museum and the National Memorial of Peace and Justice. The subject of the conference was Racism, White Privilege and Power.
5. We discussed the need to have continuing conversations regarding *per capita* and considered a request from Western North Carolina for a reduction in *per capita* from prior years due to the loss of some congregations and complications regarding the property.
6. Discussed a possible theme for the Synod Assembly starting with Romans 12: 1-2, supported by I Corinthians 12. "Who Are We Anyway?"
7. The need to listen to what our presbyteries are doing as well as providing information to the presbyteries.
8. The Executive and Stated Clerk provided a Talking Paper lifting up areas of work and mission the synod should be focusing on. The paper became the focus of a work session in order to discuss the paper more in depth.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. On November 13, 2018, Executive Committee approved \$100,000.00 for disaster relief to be used to address Hurricane Florence rebuilding in presbyteries in North Carolina. Jim Kirkpatrick and Cindy Privette were appointed and given the authority to evaluate requests and approve requests up to \$5,000. Larger amounts would come before the Executive Committee for approval. Any requested amount from individual congregations must have presbytery approval prior to submission to the Synod.

2. On November 13, 2018, the committee received a disaster relief request and approved this request from the Neuse Forest congregation in the amount of \$2,500 to assist with the upgrade to the educational building to become a permanent volunteer housing site.
3. On December 11, 2018, the Committee granted the request from Western North Carolina to reduce the *per capita* for 2018. The request also from Western North Carolina to reduce the *per capita* for 2019, however, was denied.
4. At its January 8, 2019 meeting, the Committee voted to create a new application form for Disaster Relief Assistance using the Small Church application template. The new form would be called Disaster Assistance Relief form. Once Cindy Hollingshead has had the chance to review it and approve its accuracy, it will be put into use.

RECOMMENDATIONS: