

**SYNOD OF THE MID-ATLANTIC  
REPORT TO THE 245<sup>TH</sup> STATED MEETING  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Committee Reporting Form**

Committee Name: Executive Committee

Recorder: Tami Scott

**GENERAL ITEMS:**

The Synod Executive Committee consists of Helen Bessent-Byrd, Robbie Phillips, Riley Burgess, Jim Kirkpatrick, Moderator Mawuna Gardesey and Vice Moderator Felecia W. Hardy. It meets via Zoom video conferencing with Synod Executive Warren Lesane and Synod Administrator Tami Scott providing staff support. The Committee met 2 times since the last assembly. A quorum was present for all meetings and the administrator served as the meeting recorder.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

- Executive Committee meetings to take place every other month (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 1pm) or as needed as assembly time grows closer.
- One Executive Committee meeting a year shall include representation from Synod Nominating Committee to address vacancies and to strategize.
- A committee was formed to review and approve Disaster Relief Applications and also grant applications for Racism Training Opportunities.
- Three Disaster Relief Applications have been received and funded since last Synod Assembly (September 2019). Award checks are sent with an Evaluation Form to be completed and submitted by awardee.
- Moderator/Vice Moderator attended November 2019 Moderator's Conference-Louisville, KY
- Planning Group met in December 2019 to discuss plans for a February 6, 2020 pilgrimage to Montgomery, AL (National Museum of Peace & Justice/Lynching Tree Museum)
- As of December 31, 2019, Speer Trust Fund no longer exists as a Permanent Committee of the Synod.
- Policy Guidelines to be developed addressing Disaster Recovery Relief grant resubmissions.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Approved allocation of \$10,000 funding from Presbytery Initiatives 2019 budget to help fund Montgomery Immersion Experience to Montgomery, AL. New Castle Presbytery representatives Mawuna Gardesey and Tracey Keenan to spearhead this trip.
- Approved grant application from Salem Presbytery in the amount of \$1,500.00 for Montgomery Civil Rights Pilgrimage.
- Approved the March 2020-245<sup>th</sup> Assembly Nomination Slate presented at December 2019 Executive Committee Meeting.
- Approved and awarded Disaster Relief Grant applications for: Bladen County Disaster Recovery (\$5,000); Columbus County (\$5,000) and Cumberland Co. LTRG (\$5,000)

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**