

Moderator's Report

24 August 2017

(The format of this report reflects Essential and Transitional Functions of the Interim Moderator)

Essential Functions

As the CEO of MCC, head-of-staff in leadership and management of MCC staff

- Regular consultation with SLT and staff, nearly weekly with SLT as available or needed.
- Addressing conflict with the SLT following the F2F meeting in St. Louis.
- General conference Core Team selection is complete - diverse and international. Other teams are being identified. A walk through with the Core Team of the hotel and conference center is scheduled for 12-13 October.
- Supporting OCLH as requested with conflict in churches or with leadership in transition

Leads the execution of MCC governance as the Moderator of the GB and guiding MCC's strategic plan

- Addressing culture change and concerns with GB following the F2F meeting in St. Louis.

Assures sound financial management of MCC, fiscal accountability and overall development plan

- Continued oversight of Operations transition of budget codes.
- Participated in a Moderator's Circle fundraising event which added new members, received direct donations, and informed donors of vision for programs and projects in 2017.
- Securing additional funding through improving relationships with pastors including large church pastors.

Leads MCC in shaping and living its values, mission, and vision as the visionary/futurist

- Listening Tour survey completed. Data is being organized according to themes.

As the primary pastoral and prophetic leader of the denomination

- Participated in the PAD conference and supporting the largest denominational leadership presence in the history of the conference.
- Facilitating a pastoral response to the death of Delores Berry
- Working with communications and John Fowler in Australia to raise awareness about Marriage Equality mail-in vote
- Church anniversary videos and greetings as requested – at least one a week.
- Installation videos and letters as requested.
- Retirement letters as requested

As a spokesperson for MCC

- Response to Charlottesville naming racism as a sin and a call to churches following the PAD conference
- Signature on multiple issues in letters through activist organizations
- Presenting two workshops at the Embody Conference, Birmingham, Alabama - the first time MCC is present

Transitional Ministry Functions

Preparing the Way

- Listening tour planning for late Summer through end of year completed.

Sept 1-3 - European Network Gathering, Stuttgart, Germany

Sept 9-10 - Washington/Oregon, Seattle, Washington

Sept 22-24 - Texas-New Mexico Network Gathering, Arlington, Texas

Sept 30-Oct 1 - Northeast Network Gathering, Hartford, Connecticut

Oct 21-22 - Eastern Network Gathering, Washington DC

Nov 2-5 - MCC Women's Conference, Sarasota, Florida

Nov 10-12 - Mexico Network Retreat, Mexico City, Mexico

Process Facilitator

- Participation in the U.S. Clergy Retreat facilitating an extensive conversation about the mission of MCC and leadership for this era in the U.S.

Change Mentor

- Working with the Walker Leadership Institute to bring in Rev. Steve Lawler for the joint GB/SLT meeting to engage change process.

Leader of Healing

- Continuing to engage large and program size church pastors – email exchanges underway
- Continuing dialogue around concerns raised by US Persons of Color – joint meeting with PAD Working Group went well as a first meeting
- Due diligence continues regarding 2016 events in the leadership and General Conference – only a few more people from former GB to speak with in the next few weeks.

Innovator and Revivalist

- Working towards robust International Inclusion and Diversity

Systems Coach

- Continued analysis of ways in which MCC remains personality driven as the work culture continues the shift towards programs and projects.

Head of Staff in Transition

- Supporting Operations in the pending sale of the Sarasota Office.