

**120<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE  
EAST TENNESSEE ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Bethel AME Church  
2460 Parkview Ave  
Knoxville, TN 37917

September 9-13, 2020

To: Bishop Jeffery Leath, the officers and delegates of the 120<sup>th</sup> Session of the East Tennessee Annual Conference.

The Conference Trustees begs leave to make the following report:

The Conference Trustees met at various times over the year. Matters under consideration:

**QUINN CHAPEL, CHATTANOOGA (4228 Quinn Adams Street)**

The Quinn Chapel property title has been transferred. The AME Church no longer holds assets or liabilities with the exception pending fees for legal counsel.

**PHOENIX CHAPEL, PULASKI**

The Phoenix Chapel congregation desired to disaffiliate with the AME Church. There was an outstanding mortgage on the church of over \$13,000. It was agreed that the new congregation would assume all debt and retain the property with no financial consideration to the annual conference.

**POWELL CHAPEL – PULASKI**

Powell Chapel has reached a point where the members agreed that to disband would better serve the spiritual and community interest of the church. There is a cemetery at the property. The Trustees have encouraged the development of a cemetery association to be the recipient of the land to maintain the legacy. The church structure recently experienced over \$20,000 of damage and the church received an insurance claim payment which was commensurate. Even with repairs, the structure would have deficiencies.

**CLAYBORN, KNOXVILLE**

Having acknowledged the decline and unlikely growth of the congregation, Clayborn Church has been out of its facility for a few years. There is a current contract for sale of the property.

**FRIENDSHIP CHURCH**

The members of Friendship are of the view that God is leading them in a different direction as the congregation faces twilight years. While they would like to retain the legacy of the property,

they do not desire to continue as a part of our connection. We are grateful for the Christian, polite and orderly atmosphere around the discussions thus far. There is an inclination to facilitate a reasonable, fair resolution.

### **ALLEN CHAPEL, CHATTANOOGA**

The Allen Chapel Church is engaged in property line disputes with its neighbors. Up to \$2,000 in support is requested to perform survey and necessary title work to clarify proper boundary lines.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That, the record reflects the transfer of title to Quinn Chapel and Phoenix Chapel along with any liabilities pertaining to the respective properties.

That, the Annual Conference authorizes The Trustees to manage and transfer title to the Powell Chapel properties at its discretion and in their collective wisdom.

That, the Annual Conference authorizes The Trustees to negotiate and transfer the Friendship Church property at its discretion.

That, the Trustees and the Annual Conference authorize the sale of the Clayborn Church property with the understanding that the net proceeds will be deposited with the East Tennessee Annual Conference for appropriate disbursement.

That, the Trustees, and the Annual Conference, authorize up to \$2,000 to clarify border and title issues at Allen Chapel.

Humbly submitted:

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Rev. Dr. Terrence Mayes

Rev. Dr. Eva Settles

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