

May 21, 1973

Dear Black Deputies:

I have attempted to summarize what happened at the Black Deputies Meeting at Absalom Jones Institute in Atlanta, Ga. May 11-13.

By anyone's standard, the meeting was successful. The attendance was extremely good (25 present); and those who could not attend, for various reasons, called or sent letters saying they could not be with us. They, however, wanted to be kept informed and included in any future meetings.

The climate of the meeting was one of warmth, seriousness, cooperation and unity. I think a lot was accomplished as shall be shown in the following.

It was thought that while there will be many Church issues dealt with at Louisville, the consensus of those gathered was that certain areas are crucial for Blacks in the Church. They are:

1) Empowerment - that GCSP must be maintained as is and that the funding capacity be kept at the present level of \$1 million and/or expanded. (Leon Modeste to share his thought with the Taskforce^o who will write a position paper.)

a) Bishops' power to veto grants need to be rescinded and they need only to be notified of grants made in their dioceses.

b) Barbara Harris to contact the newly elected Bishop Coadjutor of Pa; Jessie Anderson, the Bishop of Washington, Bishop Burgess, the Bishop of Minnesota, and Marcus Cummings, the Bishop of Southern Ohio, to get certain bishops to originate the rescinding of the Bishops' veto in the House of Bishops.

2) Black Colleges must be maintained at the present funding level of \$1 million, plus an additional \$50,000 a year for each college for development. No phasing out of the colleges. (Dr. Robinson to share notes with Taskforce.)

3) Qualifications of the Presiding Bishop will be spelled out - but should be a person sympathetic to racial and minority groups. (Bishop Burgess to share his thoughts with Taskforce.)

* See item #5.

4) The Church must give greater attention to and provide funds for general Black Church work. (Jessie Anderson to share proposal with Taskforce.)

5) A taskforce was elected to write a position paper incooperating the above concerns. The Rev. Joseph Green will serve as Chairman, and other members of the taskforce are: Mrs. J.W. Wilson, Dr. Charles Lawrence, Fr. Dalton Downs, Mr. Byron Rushing, and the Rev. Ed. Rodman, consultant.

6) Paul Washington was elected to serve as Floor Manager for Black Deputies, and Irving Mayson to serve on the Dispatch of Business Committee for the Convention. (Lloyd Casson to inform John Coburn - President of the House of Deputies.)

7) Serious attention will be given to the election of Executive Council members. The following persons are being nominated for the Council:

<u>Bishop</u>	<u>Province</u>	<u>Presbyter</u>	<u>Lay</u>
Brown	II	✓✓ Bob Parks	H. Kellog (Pa.)
Spears	II	✓✓ Grant Morrell	Barbara Harris*
McNairy	IV	Paul Washington *	Marcus Cummings*
Primo*	V	Holzhammer VI	Karl Gregory*
Masudo	VI	Royster VI	Maxine Boyd *
Burt	V	Sadler VIII	✓ Geo. Guernsey
Gordon	VII	✓✓ Ed. Simms V	✓ Jean Jackson
Wolfe	I	Quirogu (?) Theodore Gibson*	

(I am not sure how many are to be elected in each area.)

8) Finance Committee - this committee was elected to handle all contributions toward the expenses of the "Concerned Committee's" work before and during General Convention, such as printing, mailing, Taskforce expenses, office and secretarial help. Marcus Cummings will serve as treasurer, Barbara Harris, and Byron will serve with him. All checks, money orders, etc, should be made out to U. B. E. General Convention Fund, and sent to Marcus Cummings, 224 Woolper Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45220.

9) An operating budget of \$3,000 was agreed upon by the Deputies for its work, and the following pledges were made:

Barbara Harris (Dio., Pa.) \$500.00; Quin Gordon (AJTI) \$300.00; Joseph Nickolson (All Saints) \$100.00; Joseph Green (Grace Church) \$100.00 Bp. Burgess (Dio., Mass.) \$500.00; Mattie Hopkins, \$100.00 and Theodore \$50.00. Other persons will seek additional funds from various sources; plus, a letter is to be sent to all Black Parishes and Missions asking for financial support. Marcus Cummings will send these letters.

*Indicates Black ✓ Eligible for re-election (should be supported) ✓✓

10) Deputies agreed to meet in Louisville after the opening service of the Convention. At this time those Deputies who could not attend the May meeting will be brought on board, and briefed as to strategies for dealing with issues and concerns.

If I have left out any important matters or misrepresented the work of the Committee in any way, please let me hear from you.

Respectfully submitted,

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Those present at the Black Deputies meeting:

Rev. Cecil Cowan, Rev. Lloyd Casson, Ms. Barbara Harris,
Rev. Harry Nevels, Mr. Richard Bowden, Mr. Gerald Lamb, Mr. J. Wilmette,
Wilson, Mr. Byron Rushing, Ven H. Irving Mason, Rev. Joseph W. Nicholson,
Rev. Dalton Downs, Dr. Charles Lawrence, Rev. Theodore Gibson, Rev. Joseph
Green, Jr., Rev. Henry Mitchell, Rev. Jessie Anderson, Mr. Marcus Cummings,
Mr. DaCosta B. Mason, Ms. Mattie Hopkins, Rt. Rev. John Burgess, Very Rev.
Quin Gordon, Mr. Leon Modeste, Rev. Ed. Rodman, Mr. Charles K. Baker, and
Rev. Frank Turner.