

MEETING DATE: Saturday December 16, 2023

REPORTING PERIOD: Fourth Quarter (September 1, 2023, to November 30, 2023)

MINISTRY NAME: Christian Board of Education (CBED)

MEMBERS:

Betty Adams	Truniere Kirby
Clarene Montgomery	Elenora Northington
Jeanette Frazier	Deloris Gillis, Sunday School Super
Deacon Carla Bunn, Chair	Rev. Linda Smith, Trans Pastor, Ex Officio

Summary of Past Events/Activities Completed during Reporting Period

All MLK ministry work should have an impact on Evangelism, Youth and/or Outreach.

In May 2023, Deacon Carla Bunn was appointed by Rev Linda Smith to the Christian Board of Education because the board did not have leadership. It was agreed at that time that this is a temporary assignment; it does not commit Deacon Bunn to a regular position. She can resign this position at any time.

The Scripture that we use to guide our ministry work is: *“See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.”* Colossians 2:8 As a Board, our purpose is to aid our church in teaching and understanding the truth about God and discipleship. It endeavors to equip members to grow, develop, and mature in faith and in effectively reaching people for Jesus Christ by providing educational programs, resources, and learning opportunities, and by overseeing the functions outlined in the Church Constitution. It is responsible for developing, implementing, and overseeing the educational activities and programs of the church and assuring their outreach is in alignment with the church’s mission. This scripture helps us to be reminded that we must be careful of the doctrine being taught here at MLK Church.

This year, the CBED has not functioned to its fullest capacity as the church has continued to work to regain its strength due to the pastoral transition, decline in membership and the lingering effects of COVID-19. We also regrettably received the resignation of Gwen Dupree, who with competing priorities, made the decision to move on and commit her services in other areas of the church. We miss her and continue to encourage her in her continued support to Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Baptist Church. Despite all these things, we have tried to retain our general function by continuing to hold regular meetings as well as identifying activities that will be our major focuses in 2024.

Youth Impact

In 2023, our focus was on conducting a full Vacation Bible School held August 9-11 with a kickoff on Sunday August 6. We had a delicious and nutritious dinner every night. And despite our



dwindling youth department, we had full attendance from youth in our church and in the community. There were also adult classes held every evening.

We also had Graduation Sunday and awarded 2 scholarships on Sunday July 16, 2023 while supporting the Youth Department in providing one graduation award to a past member who graduated from high school.

Calendar of Educational Events

In 2024, we have several activities that we will be really focusing on:

- 1) Developing a Calendar of Educational Events
- 2) Scholarships:
 - a. Rules aligned to the different Scholarship Funds and the distribution of funds.
 - b. Write letters to businesses to request scholarship donations for 2025.
- 3) Sunday School
 - a. Curriculum and ways to communicate weekly lessons.
- 4) Annual Fund-Raising Activities (Target: Sunday School and VBS Materials)
 - a. SouperBowl Sunday
 - b. Cake Auction

In 2024, we will also continue to identify our areas of impact to Evangelism, Youth and Outreach to make sure our ministry aligns to one or more of them.

And, we thank you for your patience as we continue to grow and continue to serve God in our roles on the CBED as faithful stewards! We pray that He be pleased with our service.

**On behalf of the Board and In His Service,
Deacon Carla Bunn, Chairperson**