

Martin Luther King Jr Memorial Baptist Church

1st Quarter 2023

Diaconate Report

Greetings Fellow Servants of the Most High,

As we look at Evangelism and Outreach, the Deacons will continue to address the needs of our congregation, and witness to surrounding communities through Worship Services, and the sharing of the gospel remains the Deacon's top priority as we minister discreetly and without any applause. As servants, we faithfully serve the flock in the ministry of mercy, support the Pastor and Protect the Peace. The Board continues to assist and work alongside Rev. Dr. Smith, Pastor, to minister and care for the needs of this congregation. We will continue to reach out to all members via phone, make home visits to the sick and shut-ins if allowed, and minister to bereaved families. If you encounter or receive any congregational concerns from our members, please advise any Deacon as soon as possible. The quicker we know, the quicker we can work with and assist the Pastor in addressing congregational concerns without delays.

In support of the Youth Ministry, the Deacons will support this ministry's Biblical teachings, Worship Services, and special events.

Moving forward, the deacons will be mentoring five (5) Deacons in training, as foundational Deacon teachings will be led by Pastor, Dr. Linda Smith, and Deacon Dr. Cheryl Graves, as well as fellow Deacons as assigned. Also, the board will continue to focus on reviewing and updating the membership roster by verifying membership status and providing the status to the Church Clerk to update the official membership roster count. Please note, per Article IV -

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Membership, Section 7, if after 90 days of unsuccessful communication with an inactive member, they may be removed from the roster as the Diaconate Board is responsible for reviewing the membership roll continually.

In addition, I would like to report that the Pulpit Search Committee and the Constitution Change Committee have begun their work as charged by Martin Luther King Jr Memorial Baptist Church.

We consider it an honor to serve you as we proudly proclaim our motto at Martin Luther King Jr Memorial Baptist Church, as "A New Church ~ A New Path Forward". I leave you with this covering prayer, together, we Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints (Ephesians 6:18).

In His Service,

Deacon Dr. Cheryl Graves – Chairman

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