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Chaplain, Lt Col Myrtle Bowen, Chair

Chaplain Edgar S. Bankhead

Chaplain E. Marie Johnson

Chaplain Barbara Quinton

Chaplain Francine Ferguson

Chaplain Samuel Whittaker

Chaplain Clarence Cross (Retired)

Chaplain Paul Hoggard (Retired)

# CHAPLAIN COMMITTEE REPORT

189<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference

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To Bishop W. Darin Moore, Presiding Bishop of the Mid Atlantic Episcopal District, Bishop Louis Hunter, General Officers (Past and Present), Presiding Elders, Pastors, Ministers, Delegates, Visitors and Friends of this Philadelphia and Baltimore Annual Conference.

***Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!*** The Chaplain Committee is blessed and honored to submit this report to the 189<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Philadelphia and Baltimore Annual Conference. On behalf of the committee, “thank you” Bishop Moore for acknowledging, affirming, and supporting the validity and vitality of the Chaplain Ministry.

On this pending Memorial Day weekend, we celebrate and salute all Military Personnel for their service unto this great Nation and our GOD. I ask that you join me in a moment of silence for those who paid the ultimate sacrifice with their lives.

***Honorable mention and recognition of retired Chaplains:***

Chaplain, Colonel Ray Hart (Retired) United States Air Force

Lt. Junior, Chaplain Paul Stanton Hoggard, (Retired) United States Naval Reserve Corp - USNR45.

Chaplain Clarence Cross (Retired) Washington, DC Veterans Affairs Medical Center

Chaplain E. Marie Johnson for Howard University – non active no report

*During this conference year one of our dynamic and dedicated Chaplain’s transitioned -- Chaplain, Allie Julius Harper, Jr for the Franklin County/Chambersburg Area. We are truly grateful of his servant’s heart, leadership and commitment to excellence in ministry!*

This Chaplain’s report will provide a brief summary of the accomplishments for several (active) Chaplains during Conference year 2017 - 2018.

## **REPORT OF THE WORK OF CHAPLAIN EDGAR S. BANKHEAD:**

Chaplain Bankhead Department of Veterans Affairs at the Veterans Hospital Center reports:

Over 6,033 In and Out patient visit to assess, provide and facilitate the appropriate spiritual support to commensurate with their faith and desires that may nurture their faith, strengthen their hope, console and encourage their spirit with the Ministry of Presence, opportunities for Worship, Music Ministry. In addition, Chaplain Bankhead provides Intercessory Prayer in order to encourage the numerous patients.

End Stage Hemodialysis Clinic

Hematology and Oncology Radiation and Chemotherapy Clinics

Psychological Rehabilitation Clinic

Community Living Center Long Term Care, Palliative, Hospice and Rehabilitations wards

Worship Services 260

Memorial Services 65

Sincerely,

Chaplain Edgar S. Bankhead Sr.

Chaplain Veterans Hospital Center

## **REPORT OF THE WORK OF HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN FRANCINA FERGUSON**

Chaplaincy Report Francina Ferguson

During this conference year Chaplain Ferguson intended to complete her 60 hours of clinical work as the last part of her spiritual journey in order to become certified. Currently, Chaplain Ferguson is scheduled to complete the remaining hours at The MedStar Washington Hospital Center.

Chaplain Francina Ferguson

## **REPORT OF THE WORK OF HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN BARBARA A. QUINTON**

Chaplaincy Report Chaplain Quinton - Northern Virginia Mental Health Institute.

Chaplain Quinton conducts a weekly prayer group in the hospital spiritual center for all who choose to attend regardless of their faith background. In addition, she conducts group prayer, individual prayer, and listens to individual testimonies. Currently, the prayer group is studying prayers from the Book of Psalms.

**Multi-Media Ministry** – Chaplain Quinton supervises the weekly digital video seminar. *Dvds* and occasional movies on various religious topics, and sometimes significant individuals, are chosen for their educational impact. Religious topics which match holidays as listed on the CPE newsletter are used as guides. The idea that the more one knows about other religions the more the individual will know about his/her own is the guiding theme.

**Ecumenical Christian worship** - On the third Sunday of the month, Chaplain Quinton conducts the ecumenical Christian worship service. The service includes the delivery of the Holy Communion. Scripture sheets from the Common Revised Lectionary are used.

**Coverage** – Chaplain Quinton provides coverage in the absence of the Chief Chaplain, as needed.

Chaplain Quinton also serves on the preaching staff at Doctor's Hospital Rehabilitation Center. As a member of this group she preaches frequently and provides prayers as requested.

Chaplain Quinton is very pleased to participate in the planning for the incorporation of clergy in specialized ministry. Chaplain Quinton recommend that our committee define chaplaincy using the guidelines developed by the CPE and that we locally develop a mechanism for the incorporation of the community ministers of the conference.

Sincerely,

Chaplain Barbara Quinton

### **REPORT OF THE WORK OF HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN REV. SAMUEL W. WHITTAKER**

Chaplain Report for Chaplain Whittaker - Med-Star Washington Hospital Center

Chaplain Whittaker serves as Supervisory Chaplain for Religious and Volunteer Services Department of Corrections, Washington DC. The Religious and Volunteer Service department is responsible for ensuring that all incarcerated citizens, regardless of their religious preference are given the opportunity to practice their religious beliefs. This department oversees and develops worship services, faith studies, and observances of religious holidays based upon the faith needs of the current inmate population.

Our chaplaincy program at the Washington D.C. Department of Corrections has many aspects to it. As chaplain, he oversees approximately 250 volunteers, who perform varied services for the inmates. They include 25 separate Bible studies at the jail seven days a week. We also have Saturday and Sunday services each week. In addition, I invite outside groups from the community to come in and do special concerts at Easter and Christmas. We offer the sacrament of baptism and have baptized 108 inmates. Along with baptism we also offer communion.

Chaplain Whittaker duties also include providing inmates with Christian books, Bibles, Bible studies, and other literature to help them grow spiritually. Chaplain Whittaker provides a lot of counseling with the inmates. As a result of this, he often refer inmates to outside contacts who may be able to assist them with clothes, housing, and drug or alcohol treatment. Also, Chaplain Whittaker often refer them to local churches where they can continue their spiritual growth

As a contract Chaplain, he also conducted worship services in the hospital chapel as needed.

Sincerely,

Chaplain Rev. Samuel Whittaker

### **REPORT OF THE WORK FOR MILITARY CHAPLAIN LT COL MYRTLE BOWEN**

I (Chaplain Bowen) continue to serve at Andrews Air Force Base, a part of the 113<sup>th</sup> District of Columbia Air National Guard. The DC Guard is known as the “Capital Guardians” because they are the first responders to emergency and security incidents in Washington, DC. Since 1 October 2012, I have served as the first African American Woman Wing Chaplain; wherein my responsibilities include meeting the spiritual and pastoral needs for 1,200 military members. As the Wing Chaplain, I also provide leadership for four Chaplains and four Chaplain Assistants. This year I have provided over 3,000 unit visitations, 200 counseling sessions, the invocation for 6 Change of Command Ceremony, 15 Retirements invocations/benedictions and 12 Promotion Ceremonies invocations. As well as, provided ministry of presence to those in need of spiritual support. In addition, organized and conducted monthly both Catholic Mass and Contemporary worship services and three memorial services. During the year, I also organized and facilitated a three day conference for a total of 160 families members, of which 100 were children costing over \$60,000.00. This all-expense paid resiliency training/conference took placed at Great Wolf Lodge, in June 2017. The training focused on building family relationship. In September 2017, I hosted and organized an Individual and Couples training which took place at Ocean City, MD also focusing on focused on building relationship for over 90 adults, costing over \$ 40,000.00; however, was an all-expenses paid resiliency training for military personal.

On May 1, 2018, I was selected as the Air National Guard Assistant to Command Chaplain, the United States Africa Command (AFRICOM). This is the first for the Air National Guard for a

woman to be promoted to the rank of Colonel in the Chaplain Career Field. AFRICOM is one of ten unified combatant commands of the United States Armed Forces headquartered at Germany. It's area of responsibility covers all of Africa except Egypt. Upon the completion of the Colonel promotion ceremony on 9 June 2018, Ch, Col Myrtle Bowen will relinquish all leadership responsibilities for the 113<sup>th</sup> District of Columbia Air National Guard and begin her new leadership responsibilities as the Air National Guard Assistant to Command Chaplain, AFRICOM – to god be all the glory, honor and praise!

In closing, Isaiah 61:1 reminds us that “*the Spirit of the Lord God is upon me (us)*” therefore with the power of GOD’s Holy Spirit and as Paul encourages us in Romans 12 :6 “*Let us use* “ our varying gifts to serve our God, serve God’s people as well as, serve this present age (Nation).

To God Be the Glory!

Respectfully submitted, this 23rd day of May 2018, Chaplain Committee

Chaplain, Colonel (Select) Myrtle Bowen,

Chairperson

**Committee members:** Rev E. Marie Johnson, Rev Clarence Cross and Rev Edgar Bankhead, Rev Barbara Quinton, Rev. Francina Ferguson, Rev Samuel Whittaker and Rev Dr. Paul Hoggard