

# Ecumenical and Governmental Representative

African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church

Philadelphia Baltimore Conference

Mid-Atlantic District

Bishop W. Darin Moore, Presiding Prelate

Pursuant to my appointment as the Ecumenical and Governmental Representative, by Bishop W. Darin Moore, I focused on the following:

- To represent our Bishop (upon his request) and the Philadelphia /Baltimore Conference at Ecumenical meetings and events that connects with or impacts the conference and its constituencies.
- To work with ecumenical and governmental groups on pressing issues that concern social justice, religious and spiritual life and services to special populations such as the incarcerated and the elderly.
- To partner with churches and local governmental representatives to monitor and influence regulations and laws that impact congregations and their ability to carry out ministry.
- To inform the Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference about rules, legislation, and events relevant to the mission and success of the conference and its mission.
- To plan and execute the Ecumenical night program of the Annual Conference.

In an effort to fulfill the office to which I have been assigned, I have done the following;

- Represented our conference and the Bishop at the Annual Congressional Black Caucus Conference.
- Attended and represented our Bishop at the BREAD for The World meeting – and visited with the congressional representatives.
- Attended and represented our Bishop at the Samuel D. Proctor Conference in Memphis, Tennessee and added literature for ACT Now to registration packets.
- Attended and represented our Bishop at Trinity College on Human Trafficking, Rev. Christopher Zacharias, a presenter.
- Represented our conference at the NAACP National Convention, Baltimore MD.
- Sent out letters for support of the NCC Gathering highlighting Bishop Moore as incoming Chair of the Board.
- Attended and participated in the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Peace EXPO at the New York Presbyterian Church, where Dr. Benjamin Chavis was the speaker.
- Met with Mayor Muriel Bowser at an informal gathering at the home of Marilyn Brown.
- Attended the inauguration of the Fifty-Third President of the Missionary Baptist Minister's Conference.

- Attended the 92nd ASALH (Association For the Study of African American Life and History) Annual Black History Luncheon at the Washington Renaissance Hotel.
- Attended and represented our Bishop at the Faith-Based Neighborhood Partnerships Information Roundtable at the US Department of Veterans Affairs, Washington, DC.
- Attended the Poor People's Campaign planning meeting, a national call for Moral Revival at Shiloh Baptist Church, Washington, DC. And Plymouth Church of Christ.
- Submitted a prayer for publication - ACT Now To End Racism
- Attended several meetings for the March on Washington, ACT Now, April 4, 2018.
- Attended the Mid-Winter Christian Education Conference in Atlanta, GA.
- Attended and participated in the Shabbat Service honoring the late Rev. Dr. Louis Anthony at the Washington Hebrew synagogue.
- Attended the Interfaith Conference of Washington, DC consisting of Baha'i, Buddhist, Hindu, Islamic, Jewish, Latter-Day Saints, Protestant, Roman Catholic, Sikh, Zoroastrian.
- Attended the Whitney M. Young, Jr. Urban League Annual Dinner, Washington, DC.
- Working with the Poor Peoples Campaign – A National Call for a Moral Revival

#### Churches where I preached

- St. Catherine AME Zion Church, New Rochelle, NY, Rev. Noble, Pastor
- Trinity AME Zion Church, Washington, DC, Rev. Timothy Freeman, Pastor
- Union Wesley AME Zion Church, Washington, DC, Rev. Alvin T. Durant, Pastor
- Beth Shalom AME Zion Church, Rev. Darrell Gaskin, Pastor
- Galbraith AME Zion Church, Rev. Pharaad Masahel, Pastor
- Lomax AME Zion, Rev. Samuel Whittaker, Pastor

#### Churches where I have worshipped

- Contee AME Zion
- St. Lucille AME Zion
- Pennsylvania Avenue AME Zion
- Foundry United Methodist Church
- Nineteenth Street Baptist Church
- Israel Metropolitan CME Church
- Metropolitan AME Church
- Beth Shalom AME Zion Church
- United Church of Christ
- John Wesley AME Zion Church
- Varick AME Zion Church
- Silver Spring United Methodist Church

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