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## BWC .UMM Executive Board Meeting Minutes DRAFT

December 3, 2021, 3 pm – 4:30 pm

Attendees: **Ceferino Epps** - BWC UMM President, **Alwyn Taylor** - BWC UMM Treasurer & Central District UMM President, **Bryon Gould** – BWC UMM & NEJ UMM Prayer Advocate & Baltimore Metropolitan District UMM President, **Richard Campbell** – Communications Servant, **Hampton Conway, Jr.** – BWC UMM Past President & Washington East UMM Treasurer, **Bill Weller**, BWC UMM Past President, **Johnny Walker, Sr.** – Central MD District Past President, **Curtis Warren** – BWC UMM Past Prayer Advocate, **Tony Brzeczko** -Man in the Mirror Coordinator & BWC UMM Nominations Chair, **Morgan Smith** - Annapolis District UMM President

Absent: **Barney Putnam** – BWC UMM Secretary, **DS John Wunderlich III**, UMM Rep to the Bishop’s Cabinet, **Sherman Harris** - BWC UMM Past President, **Morris Hawkins** - BWC UMM Past President, **Curtis Brisbon** – BWC UMM Past President, **James Gainey** – EMS/Chartering Coordinator, **Steven Hill** – Greater Washington District UMM President, **Darryl Jamison** – Sports Ministry Chair, **Malcolm Clory** – Wave (ROck) Security Chair, **Rev. Ken Lyons** – BWC UMM Scouting, **Deloris Martin** – BWC Lay Leader, and **Greg Witte** - WCA Representative.

Ceferino opened the meeting with a welcome  
Bryon Gould gave the opening prayer.

### New Communications Team

The following have expressed an interest in joining the Communications Team:

- Rodney Farmer from St Mark UMC, Hanover, recruited by Curtis Warren
- Yvonne Pelham from St Mark UMC, Hanover, recruited by Curtis Warren (she retired as St Mark UMC Secretary)
- Keston James from Queens Chapel UMC, Beltsville, recruited by Hampton Conway, Jr.

Richard reported he had talked to each and sent them an email of the tasks and resources he uses. He reminded the Board, effective January 1, 2022, he will be on a sabbatical for one year.

### Executive Board Meetings for 2022

Future Executive Board Meetings

The body agreed to hold bimonthly meetings via zoom and possibly in-person on the second Saturday every other month at 9 am starting in January 2022. The following dates were confirmed:

- January 8 @ 9 am
- March 12 @ 9 am
- May 14 @ 9 am



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- July 9 @ 9 am
- September 10 @ 9 am
- November 12 @ 9 am

Richard said all Virtual executive Board Meetings would use the following Zoom Log-in:

Topic: BWC UMM Executive Board Meeting

Time: This is a recurring meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 9 am bimonthly

### **Join Zoom Meeting (video)**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8698029380?pwd=RzVMRGVteVpTNOR4bmsyZ21nMThBZz09>

Meeting ID: 869 802 9380

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### **Dial by your location (audio only)**

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Johnny reminded all that at the last Executive Board Meeting (Nov 12, 2021), the Annual BWC UMM Prayer Breakfast was set to March 19, 2022, and the BWC UMM Annual Gathering was set to October 15, 2022.

### **Annual Prayer Breakfast**

Bill reported that he has submitted a form to Glen Mar UMC requesting their facility for March 19, 2022. Bill suggested we plan for alternate venues in case Glen Mar UMC does not approve his request. The following sites were recommended:

- West Baltimore UMC. Bryon said it has recently been renovated. He will be responsible to check on their availability
- Catonsville UMC – Tony volunteered to check on their availability.

Bryon suggested we need to get a flyer out as soon as possible announcing this event.

### **Nomination Report**

Tony reported that since elections are not until our October 2022, he recommends the following:

- Each District UMM President recommend possible candidates for the Board Vacancies and report back to the Nominations Committee. There is an urgent need for a VP until the October elections.



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- Each District UMM identify three men to attend the Board meetings.
- Bryon Gould currently serves as the Prayer Advocate for the BWC UMM and NEJ UMM. At the Nov 12, 2021 Board/Planning meeting, Tony proposed replacing Byron as the BWC UMM Prayer Advocate with a new person because it would give two votes at NACP from BWC UMM members without incurring any additional cost. Bryon's expenses would be covered by the NEJ UMM and Upper Room. (Ben Nelson confirmed Tony's expense assumptions.) At the November meeting Tony said he was willing to be the candidate. Tony's recommendation was approved on Nov 12, 2021.
- At the Board meeting today, Tony said he had discussed the Board's decision with Bryon. Bryon agreed. Since this is an appointed position by the BWC UMM President, the Nominations Committee will explore possible candidates for Ceferino. Hampton offered Dr Gregory Parham as a Prayer Advocate. He is currently the Prayer Advocate for the Washington East District UMM and a Men's Ministry Specialist.
- Ben suggested that the Board consider aggressively encouraging each church to have a Prayer Advocate.

### **Support for Men's Men's Ministry.**

The following was suggested as way to "make the circle wider":

- Reach out to District Lay Leaders
- Reach out to District Superintendents
- Reach out to Certified Lay Servants

Morgan, Curtis, Alwyn, Bryon and Tony each shared what they believed the duties of a Certified Lay Servant. See <https://www.bwcmc.org/ministries/certified-lay-servants/> for a description from the Baltimore-Washington Conference.

A typical definition of a Certified Lay Servant is:

*"A certified lay servant is a professing member of a local church or charge or a baptized participant of a recognized United Methodist collegiate ministry or other United Methodist ministry setting who desires to serve the church and who knows and is committed to Scripture and the doctrine, heritage, organization, and life of The United Methodist Church. This is a person who has received specific training to witness to the Christian faith through spoken communication, to lead within a church and community, and to provide caring ministry."*

Ceferino said he would contact Delores Martin, DS John Wunderlich and Rev Rebecca Iannicelli for a meeting to discuss ways to get the above involved as well as Bishop Easterling.

### **EMS distribution of Funds**



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Hampton asked when the EMS funds for each each district would be distributed. Alwyn said he will get checks for a total the approximately \$700 in EMS funds to the District Treasurers before the end of 2021. He noted that the Greater Washington District does not have a bank account, which needs to be resolved.

### **BWC UMM 2021 Gathering**

Richard reported that he is nearly complete in splicing the videos into the Zoom recording of the 2021 Annual Meeting. Additionally, it will be posted on our web not only as the entire meeting, but also into three segments – Worship, Men’s Ministries Stories and Business Report. Also, to encourage men to use the presentations for their own ministries, the web will include video links to each individual slide program titles.

Richard reported he was able to work with Zoom USA to get a list of all unique attendees and match them to the registration logs where possible. The final count for attendance is 99 unique attendees vs 150 registrations.. Richard will prepare a report with names and contact information for all the attendees and submit to the Board.

### **Words of Wisdom for the Body**

Alwyn suggested that men consider the powerful messages of Nehemiah as a model for men’s ministry. Nehemiah shows **how much you can accomplish when you align yourself with the will and plan of God**. Nehemiah and his followers do what seems to be the impossible because they are doing what God has called them to do. You don’t have to rebuild a wall to do the will of God.

Curtis suggested the words Ecclesiastes 4:12, “...though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken,” is another message to consider to help men see the the benefits of building relationships, and building teams, instead of trying to do the ministry solo.

Tony closed the meeting with a prayer.

Meeting adjourned 4:27 pm. Our next meeting is Saturday, January 8, 2021 at 9 am.

Blessings,  
Richard