

**National ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
OF
TURNER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**

**Minutes of the Founders' Day Meeting
February 1, 2005**



The meeting of the Turner Theological Seminary Alumni Association was held at Flipper Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church, 514 Fair Street, Atlanta, GA on February 1, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel with the Reverend Dr. Debora Grant, President, presiding.

Devotion

The Devotion began with the Hymn entitled, "To God Be the Glory." The prayer was led by Reverend Claude R. James and the scripture (Ecclesiastes 3) was read by Reverend James Thompson.

Adoption of Agenda

The Agenda was presented for adoption by Reverend Dr. Debora Grant. It was moved by Reverend George Tyler and seconded by Reverend Thomas Stegall to adopt the agenda as read. The motion carried.

Reading of Minutes

Dr. Leeomia Kelly, Secretary, was absent due to family illness. The minutes of the last official meeting were not read.

- Dr. Mark Thompson, newly appointed Pastor of Big Bethel A.M.E. Church -- The Mother church of African Methodism in GA, located on Historic Auburn Avenue, Atlanta, GA
- Dr. Stafford Wicker, Senior Pastor & CEO -- \$30 million dollar Building Initiative.
- Reverend Leslie White – Church & Community-Wide Building Project in Los Angeles (Watts), CA
- Educational Achievements – Awarding of D.Min. Degree
 - Reverend Cassandra Mency Hill,
 - Reverend Mark Thompson
 - Reverend Lena B. Flowers
- Reverend Stephen Cousins, Newly appointed Presiding Elder in Kansas.

The following members were appointed to the Nominating Committee:

- Reverend Casey Childs
- Reverend Dee Dawson Haigler
- Reverend George Tyler
- Reverend Gregory Eason

The following positions were open:

- President
- First Vice-President
- Second Vice-President
- Secretary
- Assistant Secretary
- Chaplain
- Treasurer

Greetings were made by Reverend Dallas Terrell, ITC Director of Alumni Affairs and Dr. Daniel W. Jacobs, President of Turner Theological Seminary. Dr. Daniel Jacobs shared the names of those individuals receiving the Honorary Doctorate Degree from TTS. President Jacob's primary focus was on the TURNER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY Alumni as it relates to personnel changes and/or achievements.

- TURNER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY – Avid Supporters
 - Bishop Robert Norris – 1st Episcopal District - \$25,000 pledge
 - Bishop Adam J. Richardson – 2nd District - \$25,000
 - Bishop William P. Deveaux – 6th District - \$50,000
 - Bishop Preston Williams – 7th Episcopal District - \$30,000
 - Bishop C. Garnett Henning – 8th Episcopal District – \$5,000
 - Bishop T. Larry Kirkland – 9th Episcopal District
 - Bishop Gregory Ingram – 10th Episcopal District

Reverend Orlando McCauley, President of the TTS Fellowship shared achievements made by the Fellowship:

- Establishment of a website by Reverend Cory Watts
- The Student Colloquy.

The President's Report

The President's Report was shared by Dr. Debora Grant, President. *(See attached report).

The Election

- **Ammie L. Davis – President**
- *Philis Griffin – First Vice-President*
- *James Thompson – Second Vice-President*
- *Lena Flowers – Recording Secretary*
- *Cassandra Mency Hill – Assistant Secretary*
- *Richard Yancey – Treasurer*
- *Gregory Eason – Parliamentarian*
- *Lonnie McClain – Chaplain*

Highlights from Bishop Deveaux

- Encouraged continued enrollment at Turner Theological Seminary.
- Continue providing monetary support.
- Introduces Special Guest to the Turner Alumni Association –
 - Dr Calvin Sydnor, III, Editor of The Christian Recorder, a publication of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

A Time to Remember – (In Memory)

The National Alumni meeting was dedicated to the loving memory of our own:

- Reverend Charles E. Wells, Sr. – Treasurer (2004)
- Reverend Ronald E. Nored – Assistant Secretary (2003)

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

The following members offered themselves as candidates for the office of President of the Alumni Association: (1) Ammie L. Davis and (2) James Thompson. James Thompson withdrew his candidacy for President. It was moved by George Tyler and seconded by Casey Childs that James Thompson serves as Second Vice-President. The motion carried. The remainder of the officers elect ran unopposed.

The 2005-2009 Officers were presented to the body by the Nominating Committee:

Lena B. Flowers
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Recording Secretary

Approved by:

Ammie L. Davis
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President