

**NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
OF
TURNER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**

Mid-Year Meeting Minutes
June 27, 2005



The meeting of the Alumni Association of Turner Theological Seminary was held at the Wyndham Anatole Hotel, 2201 Stemmons Freeway Dallas, Texas at the seat of the General Board and Bishops' Council Meeting on June 27, 2005 at 1pm with the Reverend Ammie L. Davis, Presiding.

The President Ammie L. Davis called the Turner Theological Seminary Alumni Association Meeting to order. **Devotion was held.**

Present: President/ Dean Daniel W. Jacobs, Sr., Reverends Ammie L. Davis, Terence Gray, Ronald Owens, Ellis Washington, John White, Jr., Cassandra Mency Hill, Mark Thompson, Kecia Lewis, George Tyler, Linda Powell, **Mashod Evans, Cory Watts, Richard Yancey and Gregory Eason.**

President Davis greeted the alumni's members and thanked them for responding to the scheduled meeting during the General Board and Bishops Council. President Davis gave those in attendance copies of Mid-Year President's Report and the new Alumni's Brochure for review.

President Davis stated that she wanted to put together something to give to people for their support. She stated that the Alumni has an Employer Identification Number (EIN). She wanted to be able to present herself and the alumni as professionally as she can. A copy of the Alumni brochure was handed out. She further stated that Mashod Evans, 3rd Vice President, is the Chair of the Membership Committee.

Rev. Terence Gray commended President Davis on her report and suggested to the President that the Advisory Board of the President should be listed in order of seniority—specifically the Bishops.

It was stated that we should make sure that members can review the President/Dean's report presented at breakfast before the breakfast. If the President/Dean needs the Alumni in any way for the breakfast, the alumni are willing to serve, per President Ammie Davis. It was suggested that the Administrative Assistant be contacted for details of what is needed for the breakfast hosted by Turner Theological Seminary.

Rev. Gray asked for the dates of the major gift that is to be presented to President/Dean from the alumni association. He stated that it is to be a substantial gift and suggested January 29, 2006. **President Davis accepted the suggestion and recommended that this be tabled until the Annual Meeting at Founders' Day 2006.**

Rev. Gray suggested that of the funds raised in February, the alumni should take a "dime" (10 %) and set it aside for would be taken out each year to be given to the President/Dean as a substantial gift for retirement, available by 2008.

President Davis stated that 135 to 140 students have graduated during Dr. Jacobs' time. This is a significant amount and the alumni association needs to reach out to them. It was recommended that **we should place this item of discussion on the next Annual Meeting's agenda.**

President Davis discussed the Fund Development Campaign. The Chairs are Reverends Leslie White (West Coast-25K) and Terence Gray (East Coast-25K). The Fund Development

Campaign is to help raise additional funds by the alumni as a collective body to be presented to Turner Theological Seminary during the 2006 Founders' Day Convocation. President Davis reminded the alumni members that the goal is 50k. The Executive Board designated the savings account for all monies set aside for the Fund Development Campaign and the checking account for Operational Funds.

The Districts assigned to the Fund Development Chairs are as follows:

West Coast Chairman	East Coast Chairman
Rev. Terence Gray	Rev. Leslie White
1 st Episcopal District	3 rd Episcopal District
2 nd Episcopal District	4 th Episcopal District
6 th Episcopal District	5 th Episcopal District
7 th Episcopal District	8 th Episcopal District
9 th Episcopal District	10 th Episcopal District
11 th Episcopal District	12 th Episcopal District
13 th Episcopal District	

The President discussed the organization of Regional Chapters/Representatives. The organizing of Regional Chapters across the connection will ensure accurate data and increase visibility of our alumni association. The Regional Chapters will organize and plan an event, program or worship service for the Regional Chapter Alumni Day/Turner Day to raise funds for support of the (a) Chapter (15%), (b) Alumni Association Operation Budget (15%) and Turner Theological Seminary (70%). The amount raised and distributed will be reported during our Founder's Day Meeting in February 2006 in Atlanta, Georgia.

President Davis stated that Chaplain Ronald Owens had agreed to be the liaison for the retired military chaplains and Chaplain Addison Burgess would be the liaison for the active duty military chaplains.

The Regional Chapter Representatives are:

Jocelyn Hart	1 st
Alvin	5 th
Portia Cavitt	5 th
Orea Parker	6 th
Moses Simms	8 th
Joyce Moore	11 th

Michael Mitchell	11 th
Anthony Reed	11 th
Vetrel Smith	13 th
Pedro Badsen	13 th

No one was listed for the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 7th and 9th as this time.

President Davis stated that the Regional Chaplains should organize and plan their own day according to their schedules in the districts. 2nd Vice-President, Rev. James Thompson is the Chair of Regional Chapters and Rev. George Tyler is the Director.

Discussion Items

Founders' Day is scheduled for February 7-February 9, 2006 with the Alumni day on the 7th. The President/Dean stated T that the banquets had not been profitable in the past. In most cases the hotel ended up with the bulk of the money.

Souvenir Journal was discussed to be an annual journal for the Alumni Association. Consensus.

It was stated by the President that the alumni do not have a scholarship fund and to utilize 50 percent of the funds raised from the Souvenir Journal toward an Alumni Scholarship Fund. C. Hill stated that it had been her experience that the emergency fund for students from the alumni tended to make a bigger impact. More students were helped as opposed to two or three students receiving the bulk of the money and then there was no money to help needy students. No action.

The Alumni Budget in TTS budget calls for \$108,000.00. Only \$57,000.00 was raised last year. President Davis stated that the goal for Founders' Day each year would be \$50,000.00 to be given to TTS.

President/Dean Jacobs stated that since Morris Brown's adverse situation, TTS has been impacted. Additional sources of funds are needed and desired.

President/Dean reported that several Districts pledged support but so far we have only received the following:

7 th	\$10,000.00
6 th	\$50,000.00
1 st	\$ 5,000.00

President Jacobs stated that Bishop Richardson has pledge full tuition for 2nc District students.

Chaplain Owens asked how did the \$57,000.00 come in. President Jacobs stated that at Founders' Day and special appeals to the alumni. Some churches have TTS Day and raise funds.

Chaplain Owens asked how much money was needed. Dean replied that \$100,000.00 is needed.

Chaplain Owens stated that the Alumni needed to come up with something different from the dollars given at Founders' Day.

Rev. George Tyler stated that we need to generate more funds from other sources so that the money already coming in would not be diluted.

President/Dean stated that there was a complaint about "being hit" with solicitation at TTS Breakfasts and therefore there would be no formal request for donations at this breakfast or any other breakfasts. TTS would gladly accept what is given otherwise.

Because of the vacancies left by Morris Brown, Dean stated that 3rd and 4th floor dorm rooms would be converted to efficiencies. It would take approximately \$450,000.00 to convert the rooms. This should be done in the summer of 2006.

President/Dean stated his appreciation for the job being done by President Davis and the alumni.

President Davis introduced four meetings approved by the Executive Board during the April 21, 2005 meeting. She stated that meetings would be as follows:

April	Organization and Planning meeting
June	General Board and Bishop Council (Mid-Year)
October	Teleconference or During the TTS Trustees Board Meeting
February	Founders' Day - Annual Meeting

President Davis stated her gratitude.

Rev. Terence Gray moved for adjournment. It was seconded by Rev. Ellis Washington. Consensus. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Rev. Dr. Cassandra Mercy Hill, Assistant Secretary

Approved by:

Rev. Ammie Davis, President