

Antioch Baptist Church (ABC) Congregation

February 1, 2024

Happy New Year! The new year brought new beginnings – we are "Shifting and Stretching". January has been a month focused on corporate consecration – dedicating ourselves to God. Our Antioch Partners in Prayer Ministry kicked off the year with a wonderful Prayer Breakfast, our Senior Pastor-Elect, Reverend Dr. Kevin B. Taylor, lead us in 21 days of life changing prayer and our Anniversary Committee did an amazing job in recognizing and celebrating thirty-five years of Loving God, Loving Others. This ABC Communication provides an update for the month of January from various Antioch Committees. Key items from the committees are covered below.

Provisional Leadership Committee (PLC) Report:

PLC Co-Chairs, Trustee Ron Beasley and Deacon Capers Brown, provided the PLC Report. As we start 2024, the PLC is collaborating closely with Senior Pastor-Elect Reverend Dr. Kevin B. Taylor to ensure that the progress and momentum started in 2023 continues in 2024 under the leadership of our new lead shepherd because clearly "Greater is Coming." While there are several key items that will be focused on early in the year a few stand-out as clear priorities, such as:

- Providing our full support of Senior Pastor-Elect Reverend Dr. Kevin B. Taylor as he transitions from Memphis, TN to Fairfax Station, VA.
- Recognizing the 35th Anniversary of Antioch Baptist Church, providing full support to the Anniversary Team. Hats off to the Anniversary team for doing an excellent job recognizing this milestone.
- Providing direction and support for key new hires (i.e., Minister of Music and Arts and Director of Finance). Additionally, to bring forward recommendations for Church Treasurer and Church Clerk.
- Assessing and providing recommendations as needed on any remaining Bylaws changes as a result of the Business Meeting held on December 14, 2023.
- Bringing forward to the church a set of Financial Policies, Strategic Plan, and Investment strategy.

Working with the PSC and the entire church leadership, the apex of Antioch's efforts in Q2, will be the installation events for our Senior Pastor-Elect, Reverend Dr. Kevin B. Taylor. While it is a new year, the work continues, and the PLC remains excited about where we are able to serve during this time in Antioch's journey. We look forward to the opportunities for Antioch to move closer to the church God would have us to be in the months ahead.

Bylaws Committee Report: Bylaws Committee Chair, Deacon Desi Crouther provided the following committee report. During the December 14-15, Regular Business Meeting, the Bylaws Committee presented for adoption the ABC proposed Revised Constitution and the proposed Revised Bylaws. On December 14th, the proposed Revised Constitution was adopted with no amendments (changes). The effective date for Antioch's new Constitution is December 14, 2023.

The ABC membership made amendments to the proposed Revised Bylaws during the business meeting. The Bylaws were adopted with an effective date of December 15, 2023. The amendments have been incorporated into the Bylaws document and submitted for legal review. The Constitution, Church Covenant, and Bylaws are posted on Antioch's website: https://antioch-church.org/new-communication%2Fbylaws.

The Bylaws Committee will provide any requisite technical or editorial changes and/or corrections to the ABC members for consideration during a 2024 business meeting.

"... The Lord hears when I call to Him." - Psalm 4:3



Pastor Selection Committee (PSC) Report: PSC Chair, Deaconess Tujuanna Williams provided the following update. The Pastor Selection Committee/Installation Committee is pleased to announce that our sponsorship opportunities are moving swiftly and will be open until March 1, 2023, if packages remain available. Additionally, we are happy to announce that individual Installation Gala ticket sales will begin on February 11th. Individual tickets are \$125.00 each and will be sold through Antioch Baptist Church Website only. We praise God for the blessings that He continues to bestow on us and look forward to all of the Installation Weekend Festivities:

- **Thursday, April 18, 2024:** Evening with Lady Leona at 6:00PM Antioch Baptist Church. Ministry Center Multipurpose Room
- Friday, April 19, 2024: Pastoral Installation Gala at 7:00PM
 Hilton McLean Tysons Corner
 7920 Jones Branch Drive, Mclean, VA 22102
- **Saturday, April 20, 2024:** Pastoral Installation Service at 10:00AM Antioch Baptist Church, Sanctuary