

MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE MEETING MINUTES - Thursday, February 20, 2020

Present

Wilfred Graves Jr., Chairman
Dennis Bullock
Thomas E. Cryer
Devon Davis
Lawrence Dixon
Larry Edmonson
Wilfred Graves, Sr.
Flenoid C. Harris
Anthony Haywood
Gerald Jones
Willie Jones
Robbie Kindle
Daniel Lawrence
Richard McCauley
Oscar Owens Jr.
Oliver Thomas Jr.
Eugene Wilder
Otis Wright

Welcome and Introductions

Elder Graves welcomed the men to the first meeting of 2020 and circulated a sign-in sheet.

- Prayer: Elder Oliver Thomas
- Scripture (Isaiah 49:15-16): Minister Flenoid Harris
- Praise and Worship: Elder Dennis Bullock

Following the time of praise and worship, the men introduced themselves and shared with the group about their ministry interests and involvement. Several men also offered testimonies.

Annual Business Meeting Highlights

We discussed the meeting held on Wednesday, February 2020. Please email Dr. Graves if you would like a PDF of the Business Meeting Report.

Workers Meeting Reports

For elders, the national report remains at \$150. The workers meeting report and other assessments have increased from \$55 to \$65. For licensed ministers, the national report remains at \$50. The workers meeting report and other assessments have increased from \$30 to \$40.

Review of Ministerial Alliance Flyer

Please see attached document.

Ministry Updates and Suggestions

- Elder Graves has served as Chairman of the Ministerial Alliance for 17 years.
- During that time, several leaders have been cultivated. Some, like Elder Dennis Bullock are serving as pastors and doing great things in ministry.
- Elder Graves thanks everyone who has participated in the ministry life of West Angeles (preaching, communion, baptisms, facilitating services, prayers, Scriptures, praise and worship, etc.).
- Elder Graves encouraged the men to be prepared. Some suggestions include:
 1. Bringing a manuscript to services.
 2. Carrying extra clothing in the car.
 3. Practicing the reading the Scripture.
 4. Focusing on the meaning and purpose of prayers of invocation
 5. Arriving early for communion . . .
- Three men are currently is in the ordination process: **Randolph Bryant, Daniel Lawrence, and Johnny Medina.**
- Elder Graves encouraged each man to mentor a young person this year.

Ministers' Training Program

Elder Owens spoke to the men concerning the formal process.

Final Agenda Items

Elder Graves concluded the evening by:

1. Leading a discussion on the 2020 COGIC theme.
2. Praying for various needs and concerns.

Benediction

Elder Wilfred Graves Jr.

NEXT MEETING: **Thursday, March 19, 2020.**

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