

The Common Table for Church Vitality

The Virginia Annual Conference

August 5, 2020

The Common Table met on August 5, 2020 by Zoom. Members taking part in the meeting were:

Mr. Warren Harper (Conference Lay Leader)

Rev. Steven Summers (Cabinet Representative)

Mr. John Dunning (Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministries)

Rev. Lyle Morton (Commission on Ethnic Minority Concerns and
Advocacy Representative)

Dr. Carlos Liceaga (2021)

Rev. Harold White (2021)

Rev. Ashley Isernhagen (2022)

Ms. Kimberly Young (2023)

Rev. Don Jamison (2024)

Ms. Terry Bain (2024)

Rev. Susan Reaves (Annual Conference Secretary, without vote)

Not present were Bishop Sharma Lewis, Rev. Ted Smith, Mr. David Dommissie, Ms. Unsil Choi, Rev. Jonathan Page, Ms. Susie Wolf and Rev. Megan Saucier.

Vice Chair Warren Harper opened the meeting at 1:02 with a word of welcome. Rev. Don Jamison led the group in prayer.

The discussion and proposed motion tabled at the previous Common Table meeting was taken up again. Previously, Bishop Lewis proposed the Meetings section of the Common Table Charter, section V. be changed to read, "Meet monthly by Zoom and quarterly in-person to build trust." Rev. Ashley Isernhagen proposed the following substitution, "The Common Table will prioritize the work that needs to be accomplished in a timely

manner. We plan to meet as often as we need to complete this work, meeting at least quarterly.”

Rev. Don Jamison asked for an amendment. The motion would then read, “The Common Table will prioritize the work that needs to be accomplished in a timely manner. We plan to meet as often as we need to complete this work, meeting at least quarterly. Quarterly meetings would include a time for team building and operational issues.” The amendment was accepted. Rev. Isernhagen made a motion that this be accepted as a proposed edit to the Charter of the Common Table. The motion was seconded by Dr. Carlos Liceaga. The motion passed unanimously.

The remaining sections of the Charter were discussed.

Rev. Harold White led the group in prayer and Mr. Harper adjourned the meeting at 2:18.