

General Board
Commission Report Form

Commission On:	Economic Development
Presiding Officer:	Bishop Harry L. Seawright
General and/or Connectional Officers:	
Vice Chairperson:	Bishop Wilford Messiah
Secretary:	Veronica Wiley (9)

Actions Taken:

Bishop Wilford Messiah presented the Commission Chair, Bishop Harry L. Seawright, who greeted and thanked the members in attendance and asked Rev. James Harris (3) to offer prayer. Bishop Seawright stated that economic development is about empowering the people.

In a discussion on economic development, Mr. Randolph Scott stated that the Commission needed to come up with a purpose for the Commission. The purpose was drafted and reads as followed: It is the purpose and vision of the Commission on Economic Development this Quadrennium to promote and share practical and innovative approaches for stewardship ministries and economic empowerment for our churches and the communities we serve.

Bishop Seawright presented an economic development plan proposal to host an International Stewardship and Economic Development Summit in 2018 to the Commission. After much discussion, Rev. Mark Griffin moved to accept the proposal and Rev. James Harris seconded, it was unanimously received by the Commission members.

Recommendations:

The Commission recommends the A. M. E. Church sponsor an International Stewardship and Economic Development Summit to be hosted tentatively in May, 2018 in partnership with Beeson School of Divinity at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama.

A Global Outreach Initiative

A collaboration between the Commission on Economic Development and the Department of Retirement Services to convene an International Stewardship and Economic Development Summit in 2018. The objective is to share practical and innovative approaches to stewardship ministries and economic development best practices for churches, communities, and individuals.

Roll:

Bishop Harry L. Seawright	Rev. Keith Sanders (YA-8)	Bro. Martin Lombe (17) E A
Bishop Wilford Messiah	Ms. Veronica Wiley (9) P	Rev. Albert Thwala (18) A
Rev. Jocelyn Hart (1) A	Rev. Roderick Dawson (10) P	Rev. P. J. Mengoal (19) P
Mr. William Boykin (2) P	Rev. Mark Griffin (11) P	Sis. Passion Musa (20) P
Rev. James H. Harris (3) P	Mrs. Sandra Lucas (12) A	
Rev. Reginald Blount (4) P	Ms. Angelica Jones (YA-13) A	
Mr. Randolph Scott (5) P	Bro. Eric Coleman (YA-14) A	
Ms. Janice Stewart (6) P	Rev. Innocent Monare (15) A	
Mr. Keith Britton (7) P	Rev. Newton Dixon (16) P	

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