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To: The General Board of the African Methodist Episcopal Church
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Paul Quinn College Dean of Chapel Report

The Chapel at Paul Quinn College continues to serve as the heart of the campus time in worship and the Word, with a source of inspiration for all on the campus. The Chapel services are held each Friday from 10:00-11:00 a.m. and is required for all students. Chapel services are designed to supplement, and complement the total educational and spiritual experience at the college. Emphasis is placed on the broad dimensions of the academic, social, cultural, and religious experiences. The chapel services address personal salvation, foundational beliefs of the Christian faith, and traditions of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, while addressing Biblical teaching, preaching, and pragmatic examples of Christian maturation.

The Chapel seeks to serve as the spiritual center of the campus ensuring that each student strives towards excellence, Christian ethics, equality, and engagement, while creating a theologically faith based disposition and developing scholars, and life changing believers. All chapel services will model the order of worship in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, with a homily given by the Dean of Chapel or other guest clergy and Bishops. The worship services are condensed to 45-50 minutes with gospel singing, liturgical dance, contemporary worship, hymns, scripture and prayer.

In addition, the Dean of chapel is in the process of working with the Vice President of Academic Affairs to formulate a Religious Advisory Board. This board will be comprised of pastors, bankers, social agencies, attorneys, laypersons, and Religious Studies majors. The Religious Advisory Board will meet quarterly and will work with the Dean, and Vice President of Academic Affairs, to administer rubric for chapel services, i.e. the frequency of chapel services, programming, making recommendations for additional spiritual venues such as Bible studies, midweek services, Religious Emphasis Week, campus revivals, conferences and ministerial institutes.

Chapel service is an opportunity for students, faculty and staff to mature in their faith as they listen to a broad range of speakers from Paul Quinn College, Missionaries, pastors and Christians impacting our culture.

Goals/Objectives for Chapel Services at Paul Quinn College

- To work with the 10th Episcopal District under the leadership of Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie and Dr. Michael Sorrell, President of Paul Quinn College, and the Board of Trustees on the renovation and beautification of the Richard Allen Chapel on the campus of Paul Quinn College.
- Host a Minister's Conference that will serve as a conduit for Pastors, Ministers, and other Religious Leaders to refuel, and revitalize their ministries through teaching, preaching, seminars, and workshops.
- Introduce a Chapel Assistants Program a comprehensive year-round program that develops leadership qualities and skills in Religious Studies students; with hopes of many transitioning into seminary and other theological institutions. This program will provide education and professional practice of ministry for persons pursuing both theological education, and Pastoral ministry and will catapult them into developing effective ecumenical ministries; conversations with Perkins Theological Seminary are in the introductory stages.
- Midweek Bible studies and Theological table talks, which would serve as a venue for Religious Studies majors, and others to engage in table discussions on issues ranging from social justice, politics, leadership, church administrations and other current events.

Humbly Submitted,

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