

## **Fare Well from Brother Jabulani**

Since I've transitioned from being your Interim Operations Manager on November 30, I wanted to say "Thank you" for helping us support you over the past year.

When Rev. Dr. Debora Jackson resigned earlier this year, the BOG contracted with me and Rev. Dr. Randall Harris to serve as part-time Interim Management team. Since we were on the BOG they felt us serving in these roles would provide continuity and stability in order to continue to meet the needs of our constituents through the Mission Summit.

After the Mission Summit, The BOG reduced our roles and responsibility to work through November 30<sup>th</sup>.<sup>\*</sup> In mid-December, the office will be closed while the BOG moves the office to a nearby local church space (details forthcoming).

As you know, we have experienced financial challenges and major staff transition over the last years. The financial challenges have been as result of granting sources ceasing to provide funding. Even with increased or sustained membership dues, we are faced with how to structure the MC going forward. Contact your local chapter representative for most recent reports on this.

While I will no longer be on the Board or staff, I pray God sends the right person to help with forward progress yet to be seen.

Farewell and God Bless You.

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## **TESTIMONIES OF GRATITUDE FROM THE BOARD**

- Thank you for representing Ministers Council so graciously right up to your last days on the job. Your contributions during this interim period are greatly appreciated and will be missed next year.
- I know you will keep us in your prayers, and we will continue to pray for you in your multiple ministries.
- Thank you for welcoming me into national Ministers Council and the Board of Governors over -- these past three years! Your gracious friendship is an encouragement to me as I seek to continue to discover home and place in our larger American Baptist family.
- Your steady, faith-filled witness, steadiness and humility have enriched the board and our office this year. Will miss you deeply!
- -I want to say thanks for the tremendous gifts you have extended throughout your leadership. You both set a high bar in terms of excellence and inspire the rest of us to serve at our best. I am thankful for your dedicated service and excellent leadership and look forward to continuing to cross paths with both of you as we continue to serve in various roles throughout ABC USA.

<sup>\*</sup>We're grateful that Randy Harris will staff the office through December 15, at which time it will be closed until January 2 for the move and preparation of staffing plans moving forward.