**MAYOR’S INTERFAITH COUNCIL**

Thursday, June 27, 2019

10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

**Washington National Cathedral**

3101 Wisconsin Ave NW, Washington, DC 20016

**Meeting Wrap Up**

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| **Members Present**    Usra Ghazi  Dwayne Johnson  Monica Raines  Darryl Roberts  Gerald Serotta    Maria Swearingen  Christopher Zacharias- Vice Chair  Lennard Hamlin  Darrell Smith-Bey | **Staff**    Thomas Bowen     Sheila Reid  Julia Irving  Brittany Williams |

Meeting was called to order at 10:15 am by Rev Bowen. An opening prayer offered by Gerald Serota. Quorum was not established.

Rev. Bowen and Committee Vice Chair, Christopher Zacharias offered opening remarks and facilitated a discussion around the new subcommittees of the commission. The discussion centered on organization, subcommittee meetings, and the need for having committee chairs.

**Next Steps**

a.         Subcommittee Meet during next MIC Meeting (September)

b.         Subcommittees Appoint chairs

**I.       Presentation - Sheila Reid, Director, Mayor’s Office of LGBTQ Affairs (MOLGBTQ)**

a.               Provided Statistics on Bias/Hate Crimes; especially those upon LGBTQ Persons

b.             Mentioned the full wrap around services that community organizations and DC

Government offers (including employment services and a Pre-Arrest diversion program)

c.              Announced the proposed media campaign around hate (to include religious affiliations

and partnering with OHR)

d.             Petitioned MIC to organize and attend sensitivity and awareness training target towards

religious communities and congregations (Working Title: Unconscious Bias)

e.              Request for MIC presence at DC Pride Parade 2020 (Faith in Love)

**II.       Presentation - Julia Irving, Director, Mayor’s Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS)**

a.               Mayor’s Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS) Overview (connecting

Communities with City Services)

b.             Summer Crime Initiatives (SCI) - Now Through the end of August, DC Government is

extending resources to six areas experiencing a high volume of violent crime. The initiative seeks to prevent crime and provide additional programming for residents in these areas. The areas include:

o  Langston/Carver/Kingman Park

o  Fort DuPont/Benning

o  Benning Ridge/Marshall Heights

o  Historic Anacostia

o  Congress Heights

o  Washington Highlands

<https://mayor.dc.gov/release/mayor-bowser-kicks-2019-safer-stronger-dc-summer-crime-initiative>

<https://mpdc.dc.gov/page/summer-crime-prevention-initiative>

c.              Other Crime and Violence Interruption Initiatives: ONSE Office and CURE Violence

d.             Community based programs (PASS - Urban Institute, Yay Me, Pathways Program)

e.              Rev. Bowen proposed a MIC Bus Tour with Julia throughout DC Neighborhoods

**III.       Brief Census Sharing**

Vice Chair, Christopher Zacharias briefly discussed the participation of clergy/congregations to participate in the US Census 2020. (Please See attached presentation for more information)

**IV.** **Announcements**

**Ward 7 & 8 Faith Leaders Breakfast** is sponsored by the Anacostia Coordinating Council, East of the River Clergy Police Community Partnership, and the Far Southeast Family Strengthening Collaborative.

The information below is for the next two Ward 8 Faith Leaders’ Breakfasts:

Saturday July 13, 2019 at 9am - 11am

Garden Memorial Presbyterian Church

1720 Minnesota Avenue SE

Saturday September 14, 2019 at 9am - 11am

Saint Elizabeth’s East Campus

801 Men's Shelter