



Paul Quinn College

Dean of Chapel Report

General Board Report

June 26, 2018

To: The General Board of the African Methodist Episcopal Church

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Chapel Services

Chapel services are held each Friday at 11:00 a.m. and continue to serve as the nucleus of the campus with the exposition of the word. This service remains the ongoing inspiration of students, faculty, and staff. These services are designed to supplement and complement the total educational and spiritual experience at the college. A choir has been formed and a group of chapel assistants has been initiated with active participants in the chapel services from students, guest clergy, faculty, and staff.

Weekly Homily

As Dean of Chapel, I am tasked with bringing the weekly homily which is often times combined with memorial services and tragic events that may occur during the year such as: police shootings, school shootings, and other unexpected and tragic events .

When these untimely incidents occur, the Dean of Chapel can take leadership in bringing the campus and community together for mutual support and consolation.

Special Services

This year Paul Quinn College Chapel has presented special worship services to commemorate important dates in the liturgical year, particularly the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday, Holy Week Services, Advent Services, and Religious Emphasis Week.

Tuesday Nights

This fall the Chapel will begin offering Bible Study on Tuesday nights beginning at 6:00 p.m. These Bible

Studies will be conducted by the Dean of Chapel and interns of the Religious Studies Program. These Bible Studies will be contemporary, biblical, educational, and

inspiring.

Fire Starters

The Chapel has just implemented a program called Fire Starters which is a program led by clergy in the community. The clergy meet with students and have open dialogue on spiritual, political, and controversial topics. They meet once a month on Tuesday nights. These conversations are led by clergy who are Pastors, Teachers, Counselors, and Social Workers. Students are free to discuss painful issues and, often times, leave feeling rehabilitated, therapeutic, and healed.

Partnerships

Southern Methodist University, Perkins Theological Seminary/Paul Quinn College Partnerships - Perkins

Theological Seminary has partnered with the Religious Studies Department and Chapel at Paul Quinn College and has written a Memorandum of Understanding with the Paul

Quinn College to work on ministry programs, preaching conferences, poverty symposiums, and spiritual conferences which will be held on the campus of Paul Quinn College. This M.O.U. will also facilitate students who graduate from Paul Quinn College with a Bachelor of Science Degree to attend S.M.U./Perkins Theological Seminary to pursue their Master of Divinity degree, as well as, assisting with financial aid.

Graduation

First Graduating Class with the B.S. Degree in Religious Studies.- May of 2018 Paul Quinn College graduated 34 students with B.S. Degrees. One of the students received her B.S. Degree in Religious Studies making her the first student to graduate with an undergraduate degree in Religious Studies since the introduction of the Religious Studies Program.

Humbly Submitted,

**Rev. Dr. C. Dennis Williams
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