

2021 STATE OF THE CHURCH REPORT
February 5, 2022
Rev. Dr. Edward Mulraine, Pastor

MINUTES FROM MEETING

January 14, 2021

Deacon Henry Garvin moderated the meeting for our annual church meeting which was held virtually on zoom. We began with scripture from Matthew 5:1-10 which was read by Deacon Garvin, he also lead us in prayer.

Pastor Mulraine welcomed all officers and members and thanked them for their continued efforts to join in on the virtual service.

STEWARDSHIP

The Deacon's report was read by Deacon Garvin, which told of their ongoing service to the members in the midst of a pandemic. Deaconess Campbell read the Deaconess report which highlighted the activities of their ministry to members. The Trustee report was read by Pastor Mulraine and gave specific actions the Trustees were taking to keep the finances flowing and the maintenance of the church ongoing in the midst of the pandemic.

Pastor Mulraine gave the State of The Church report by highlighting the steps the church was taking to continue ministry during the pandemic, how the virtual aspect of the church was necessary to keep us in fellowship and why our tithes and offering must continue to sustain us. Pastor Mulraine discussed the budget and a discussion ensued regarding the increase and raises which Pastor Mulraine explained that increases of five percent was necessary for cost

and increases associated with revenue and expenses for the coming year. Deacon Bassett motioned that the budget be accepted, Sister Ivy Bacote seconded the motion, a vote was cast and motioned was accepted. Rev. Mulraine asked that we return to church together in “unity and love”. The meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Mulraine.

Respectfully submitted,

Deaconess Colleen Campbell

STATE OF THE CHURCH ADDRESS FOR 2022

Rev. Dr. Edward Mulraine

MINISTRY MUST CONTINUE...

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.” 1 Corinthians 15:58

2021 was an unpredictable repeat of 2020. We had hoped that the pandemic would end and we would be back in the church worshipping our God and fellowshiping with one another once again. However, our hopes were dashed and our in person fellowship was put on hold, as the pandemic pursued. But somehow the greatness of God, kept our resolve strong, our faith long and our worship ongoing through virtual means. We continued in Bible study (including during the summer months), Sunday School (Deacon Reed and Deacon in Training Bassett kept it going through the summer), Morning Prayer, Mental Health and Wellness sessions, Worship service every Sunday, funerals, weddings and other services that would edify the body of Christ.

MINISTRY

During this unusual time, God calls us to more ministry, not less. Thank God for all those heads of ministry that are taking up the mantle and running with it **in person, risking their health to assure ministry continues.** The Youth Ministry, under the leadership of our Deaconess Pat Bassett and Latisha Randall gathered with our young people on special occasions to keep them growing in the Lord. The choir, under the leadership of our Sister Donna Medley-Houston, is steadfast in Clothing the Community. Thanks to those who have given clothing and shoes and those who help to assist in the giving. Again, thanks to those choir members who

made their way out, under the leadership of our Brother Saint Christopher Wilkerson, whenever the church doors were open. Our Sister Barbara Ramsey, has not hesitated to Feed The Community. Thank God for those who are assisting in this effort. Thank God for our Sister Carry Dendy-Livingston and the Nurses Ministry for assuring those who enter the church are checked and properly suited with masks. Thanks to our Catering Ministry, under the leadership of our Sister Mary Brown, for continuing to cook for those special occasions. Our Deacons, under the leadership of Deacon Henry Garvin, are assisting greatly with funerals and reaching out to the members and helping with technology. Our Deaconess Ministry, under the leadership of our Deaconess Campbell, is assisting the pulpit and assuring communion is available to our members. Our Trustees, under the leadership of Oscar Hanks, is keeping our church financially sound and upgraded. Anyone who has come out, in person, to assist with the work of the Lord during this trying time, thank you.

And to all the ministry leaders that are still assuring their annual days are recognized virtually and by phone on a week day or Sunday morning, I thank you.

TECHNOLOGY

Last year we built our website, giving people an opportunity to give their tithes and offering, join the fellowship and keep updated with the church's activity. This year, we continued our technical build up and virtual reach by investing more technology inside the church. We were able to rewire the church, add spot lights, wifi, purchase new updated equipment for sound and visual and enhance our reach on social media. So whether we are in the church or out, we can still have fellowship and worship as a result of the updates we've added to the house of God.

Our work in this area has just begun, for the future calls us to greater work outside the church. We are learning every day to be more technically savvy and proficient for the purpose of spreading the gospel.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

The Deacon's Ministry continued to work

DEACON MINISTRY – 2021 YEAR END REPORT

The quality of service provided by our Diaconate Ministry continues to be outstanding. Our Diaconate Ministry continues to reach out to each member individually; each member has been assigned a Deacon for their spiritual, personal and church growth in Christ.

“Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.” Isaiah 6:8.

In the year 2021 we continued to be deeply affected by the Corona Virus and have made adjustments in our processes in order to adhere to recommended CDC guidelines.

1. Deacons have been involved in the transition to Virtual Worship Services, to help maintain the same worship experience as conducted in the Sanctuary. Deacon Glen Bassett has been working with the Virtual Services Technical Team to help enhance this experience. Deacon Henry Garvin has been coordinating each virtual Service to ensure Scripture, Prayer and all visiting Speakers are included seamlessly.
2. Deacon Jacqueline Holliday is overseeing the Benevolent Funds for the Church.
3. The Deacons Ministry consistently communicates with those who are listed on the Sick and Shut-in list. Deacons also communicate with their members to help maintain spiritual relationship.
4. The Deacons assisted the Pastor in multiple Homegoing services that were held this year.
5. The Deacons assisted Sis. Barbara Ramsey in distributing food to the community.
6. The Deacons are always committed to providing support to the church financially.
7. Deacon Jacqueline Holliday has been supporting the Clothing Drive that is headed by Sis. Donna Medley-Houston. We rejoice in contributing to this blessing.
8. The Deacons are currently teaching Sunday school virtually each Sunday on a rotating basis, coordinated by Deacon-in-training Patricia Bassett.
9. Deacon Joy Watson and Deacon-in-training Coleen Campbell have been leading the Daily 6am prayer sessions.

We respectfully request that the Deacons Ministry be contacted and informed about any member who may be sick or shut-in. This will enable us to better serve those members.

We hope and pray that our work is truly being a blessing to others. We continue to seek prayer and support from all members while we are about our Father's work.

Respectfully submitted,

Deacon Henry Garvin, Chairman, Deacons Ministry

Deaconess Ministry – 2021 Annual Report

Therefore take up the whole armor of God that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Ephesians 6:13

The Deaconess Ministry continues to do our duties remotely in whatever capacity we can do for the state of our church and community. We stay in touch with members and their family, supporting and comfort during bereavement, sickness and social needs.

- We continue to make communion elements available to the congregation. Communion kits have been given out during all of our community events such as Unity Feeds the Community.
- As with the Deacons we are assisting the pastor with the multiple funerals of the past year.
- We have not been able to engage with other churches, associations for anniversaries etc., but hopefully we will resume as soon as possible

Our chain has not been broken, thanks be to God.

We are seeking your prayers one for another as we stand.

God bless us all.

Respectfully submitted, Deaconess

Colleen Campbell-Chairperson, Deaconess Ministry

TRUSTEEE REPORT

The Trustee Ministry continued to work

For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do Hebrews 6:10

The year 2021 was challenging in performing the duties of taking care of the church's finances, the church and the parsonage. However, God has blessed us to do the duties entrusted to us.

Projects completed in 2021:

Design Electronics

Approximately \$27,000 was spent to upgrade our technology and church.

1. Wiring of the church for virtual services.
2. Computers and other electrical equipments.
3. Speakers, Amplifiers
4. Spotlights
5. Microphones
6. Router

Parsonage

1. Gas leak – \$4,4000.00
2. Mold Removal \$600.00
3. Repair Porch
4. Install New Fence – \$4,600
(Remove Broken down fence)
5. Paint side of house due to graffiti
6. New washing machine –

Church Building Repairs

- 1) Replace slates on roof
 - 2) Clean drains
- Lights were placed outside the church
 - Lights repaired inside in several areas
 - Walls and storage area improvement outside by the office entrance
 - Roof slates repaired on the sanctuary and Sunday school
 - Water drainage and valve repaired
 - Employed a new landscaper for the grounds and
 - Snow removal for the church and parsonage
 - We had the entire building including the Sunday school, gym etc. professionally cleaned, and sanitized. Weekly cleaning is done as needed.
 - We engage a professional accountant to upgrade our system and financial structure
 - Purchase new computer for online operations.
 - Website purchased
 - Continue to keep the building clean and warm

We thank God and hope we will be able to resume normal function of our duties. We ask for your prayers and support.

Respectfully submitted,

Oscar Hanks, Chairman

FINANCIAL REPORT

This report was audited by Sam Wilson, CPA

Exhibit "A"

**UNITY BAPTIST TABERNACLE, INC.
STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND
NET ASSETS- CASH BASIS
DECEMBER 31, 2021**

ASSETS

Current Assets:

Cash-In Bank	\$ 46,351
Investment	<u>27,648</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>73,999</u>

Property and Equipment:

Land	35,500
Buildings	142,000
Building Improvements	460,259
Furniture & Equipment	39,179
Computers	<u>10,223</u>
	687,161
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(458,585)</u>
	<u>228,576</u>

Total Assets \$ 302,575

Liabilities and Net Assets

Current Liabilities:

Total Current Liabilities	\$ _____
Long-Term Debt	_____
Total Liabilities	_____

Net Assets:

Unrestricted Net Assets	
Without Donor Restrictions	302,575
With Donor Restrictions	<u> -</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>302,575</u>

Total Liabilities and Net Assets \$ 302,575

Unity Baptist Tabernacle, Inc.
Statement of Functional Expenses For The Year Ended December 31, 2021

Gross Income and Revenue	2020	2021	DIFF	PROPOSED BUDGET 2022
Tithes, offering and Loose(Givelify and Envelopes)	312,971	276,860	(36,111.00)	290,703.00
Interest	2	5		
Givelify (Tithes, offering and Loose)	00.00	00.00	0.00	00.00
Pre -Church Anniversary	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00
Pastor's Anniversary	560	00.00	00.00	00.00
Church Anniversary	833	00.00	00.00	00.00
Benevolence	9,676	10,242	566.00	10,754.1
Homecoming	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00
Rental	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00
Scholarship	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00
2020 Vision	12,754	8,925	(3,829.00)	9,371.25
Ministry Income	7,873	3,680	(4,193.00)	3698.4
Watch Night Service				-
Revival				
Dividend & Interest Income			5	10
Donations				-
Oil Donation				-
EFT				-
Deacon. Trustee Day				-
Additional Worship Service and Workshop				-
SBAD Treasurer	30,100	00.00	00.00	00.00
Total Revenue	374,868	299,712	(75,156.00)	314,536.75

Program Expenses	2020	2021	DIFF	PROPOSED BUDGET 2022
Salaries, Taxes	87,590	75,707	(11,883.00)	79,492.35
Housing Allowance, Secretary & Stipends	8,350	34,904	26,554	36,649.2
Ministry's Expenses	10,915	2,014	(8,901.00)	2,114.7
Musician Services	14,945	15,283	338.00	16,047.15
Convention & Conferences	00.00	1,000	00.00	1,050.00
Radio Broadcasting	00.00	190.00	190.00	199.5
2020 Vision	3,000	0.00	(3,000.00)	3,150.00
SBAD Treasurer Expenditure	5,536	0.00	(5,536.00)	5,813.00
Guest Preachers/ Additional WorshipService and Workshop	3,850	8,450	4,600.00	8,872.5

Total Program Expenses	134,187	137,548.00	3,361.00.00	144,425.4
General Administration	155,222	160,149.00	4,927.00	168,156.45
Total Expenses	289,409	297,697.00	8,288.00	312,581.85

General Administration	2020	2021	DIFF	PROPOSED BUDGET 2022
Audit		-	-	-
Auto Expenses	526	0.00	526.00	552.00
Bad Debt/Overdraft	445	0.00	445.00	467 .00
Bank Service Charge/Fees	3,984	740.00	(3,244.00)	781.00
Benevolence	8,287	5,684	(2,603.00)	5,968.2
Business Expenses	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00
Building Tech Update	-	22,629	00.00	23,760.45
Chase Ink (Credit Card Expenses)	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00
Church and Pastor Ann. Expenses	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00
General Property Insurance	20,785	21,199	414.00	22,258.95
Church School Publishing Board				-
Church Supplies/Office Supplies	00.00	7,529	7,529.00	7,905.45
Computer Equipment	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00
Employee Benefits/ Health and Insurance	16,582	23,351	6,769.00	24,518.55
Education	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00
Facilities & Equipment	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00
Flowers/Landscaping	00.00		00.00	00.00
Food Expenses/Catering Ministry	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00
Fuel Oil	22,110	27,642	5,532.00	29,024.1
Landscape Expenses	3,000	5,350	2,350.00	5,586.00
Marketing/Media	3,393	00.00	3,393.00	3,562.65
Meals & Entertainment	1,869	00.00	1,869.00	1,962
Miscellaneous	-	540	540.00	540.00
Offices Expenses	5,682	2,519	(3,163.00)	2,644.95
Operations				
	2,766	00.00	(2,766.00)	00.00
Overdraft	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00
Outside Contract Services	15,946	00.00	(15,946)	16,743
Payroll Service Fee	4,878	5,044	166.00	5,296.00
Photography Expenses	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00

Professional Fees	700	3,080	2,380.00	3,234.00
Taxes (Property & Other)	1,531	1,414	(117.00)	1,484.7
EFT	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00
Church and Parsonage Repairs & Maintenance	180	14,854	14,674.00	15,486.7
Scholarship	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00
Security and Fire Inspections expense	00.00	742.00	742.00	779.1
Stipend	24,941	00.00	24,941.00	26,188
Telephone/Fax/Internet	9,277	7,858	(1,419.00)	8,250.00
Conferences and Conventions	1,120	00.00	00.00	1,176.00
Unity and Community	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00
Utilities+ Water, (Church and Parsonage)	7,070	9,974	2,904.00	10,472.7
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General Administration Total	155,222	160,149	(4,927.00)	168,156.45

Our finances continued to flow. The year 2021 was much tougher than 2020 to stay afloat, mostly due to the lack of fundraising by ministries and other sources. However, we operated by the biblical principle of tithes and offering to keep us above the water, and we witnessed God's saving grace. We audited our books for 2021 to assure accuracy and transparency in spending and to get financial tips on how to better monitor our spending for the future.

1. We were able to continue our savings this year. By meeting weekly, monitoring and managing our spending, we have money to fall back on in case of an emergency. The audit shows approximately \$43,000 cash. During this time of hardship, all bills have been paid on time, there is no outstanding debt, and we continue to build up savings for the future.
2. Our improvements and maintenance to the building, keeps our assets strong and our property valuable.

3. Our area of contention is the lack of fundraising through our ministries. Ministry income served to compliment our efforts to offset expenses associated with the church. As a result, we rely solely upon tithes and offering to keep us viable and strong. This includes funding from our members and those who are not members but watch our service virtually.
4. We continue to cut our expenses where necessary, but there are some things, whether we are in the building or not, that will continue to cost and even increase (light, oil, telephone, insurance, rental equipment, etc.). These things must be done for the maintenance of our building.
5. We anticipate from our proposed budget that our revenue will clear our expenses and we'll be able to sustain the buildings, do ministry and pay for our programmatic and general expenses.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET

BENEVOLENCE REPORT

We Continued to give through benevolence

UNITY BAPTIST TABERNACLE
101 SOUTH 2nd AVENUE
MT. VERNON NY 10550
REVEREND EDWARD MULRAINE, PASTOR
BENEVOLENCE FUND REPORT

OPENING BANK BALANCE FOR YEAR 2021 \$2,144.88

2021 TOTAL INCOME	\$4,977.00
EXPENDITURES FOR 2021	
BANK FEES	-\$360.00
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	
CHURCH WOMEN UNITED	-
CONFERENCE AND CONVENTION	\$2,100.00
DDINNERS THANKSGIVING / OTHER	-\$300.00
JOURNALS ADS	-\$350.00
NAACP	-
OUTREACH COMMUNITY / CHURCH	\$2,000.00
OUTREACH TO MEMBERS	-\$400.00
PULPIT SUPPLIES	-\$172.70
REIMBURSEMENT	
REPASS FOR DECEASED MEMBERS	-\$300.00
SICK & SHUT-IN MEMBERS	
SOCIAL JUSTICE CONTRIBUTIONS	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$5,622.70
CLOSING BANK BALANCE FOR 2021	\$1,139.18

OUR FUTURE...WE CONTINUE

And so we continue to do God's will and love God's church whether we are in the sanctuary or outside of it. We continue to minister near and far.

1. Our plans, if it is God's will, are to go back into the church and fellowship with one another yet continue to build on our virtual reach. So we continue to invest in technology.
2. We also plan to raise revenue through our ministries. The plan is to have an All Ministries Day where we acknowledge every ministry and their giving virtually through whatever means they have raised money for the church.
3. We want to also assure that tithing and offering continue in a strong way and even more in a sacrificial way. We have taught, we have preached, so now it is necessary to act on the biblical principle more than ever.
4. We will continue our community outreach, our assistance to those who are in need. We continue to pray for those who are losing faith in the church, in the leadership, in the Word of God. We continue to be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for we know that our labor is not in vain.

Lovingly submitted,

Rev. Dr. Edward Mulraine, Pastor

Mission and Evangelism Ministry of Unity Baptist Tabernacle, Inc.

"But we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the Lord"
Acts 6:4

"That at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow of things in heaven, and things in earth and things under the earth ; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Phillippians 2:10-11

The above scripture references support the genesis of the missioned -minded servants whose desire was to do the work of Mission from its early beginning up to and including our present time.

The work of Mission in our Church has had powerful servant minded leaders such as Mrs. Sadie M. Allen, Deaconess Bertha Brown, Deaconess Lila Fields, and Deaconess Shirley Maurice. Their leadership may have been labeled as Missionary Society, Missionary Auxillary, or Mission and Evangelism Ministry, all was unified in carrying out our duty to help those in need . Their leadership along with a team of deciple-minded Missionaries have proven effective in spreading the work of Mission locally, as well as globally. We have been sheparded since 1932 by four pastors. Our Founder, Rev. Dr. E.W Bowen, 2nd Pastor, Rev. Dr. Henry Grant Jones, 3rd Pastor Rev. Dr. David N. Heywood, all of which have now answered the Divine Call. Our current pastor, is Rev. Dr. Edward Mulraine.

We have been blessed to have Deaconess Henrietta Rush , and Sister Alice Farmer , to serve as Vice Presidents , Dean Mattie Little to serve as Secretary, Sister Geraldine Boyden to serve as our Correspondence Coordinator, Sister Rosa Eskridge to serve as our Treasurer along with a host of dedicated missionaries to carry out the work of Mission. Some of our members are currently on our sick and shut in list, but we are grateful to God for their service rendered through the years.

Our work has been experienced through support in our local community to members of the Cancer Society population, globally to Hurricane Katrina vicitms, and also the needs of the Haitian Community during the volcanic eruptions . Our Mission is to not only provide tangible support , but provide a spiritual component through Evangelism as well. As such, we distribute copies of the Daily Word to individuals to bring strength and and comfort as they navigate through challenging situations.

It is our hope that we continue to build on the foundation that the Saints of yesteryear established so that we may continue to be deciples working in the earth for the cause of Christ, and be ready to spend eternity with Him, when he comes back to claim us.

Because of Christ,

Deaconess Shirley Maurice

President