

Report to the Mission Council Community Transformation Corporation February 9, 2010

- The inaugural meeting of the Newark Presbytery Community Transformation Corporation (CTC) Board of Directors was held on October 1, 2009, with Board Member Robert N. Burkins, Sr., serving as the meeting co-facilitator.
- The CTC Board is currently made up of seven elders and deacons representing several Newark Presbytery congregations and the Board of Trustees. The members are as follows:

Robert N. Burkins, Senior Pastor, Elmwood United Presbyterian Church

Doris Glaspy, Pastor, Roseville United Presbyterian Church

Kimberly Grafton, Elder, Memorial West Presbyterian Church

Jim Hill, Elder, Newark Presbytery Board of Trustees

Lawrence Jackson, Elder, Elmwood United Presbyterian Church

Doris Peterson, Pastor, Elizabeth Avenue/ Weequahic Presbyterian Church

Eric Spencer, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church Verona

- Board members have identified the need to begin sourcing additional candidates to join the board, both from within the Presbytery and from the community at large. The group will work with Newark Presbytery Nomination Committee to source prospective candidates.
- The election of board officers was held during the November monthly meeting, resulting in the following appointments:
 - Doris Peterson, Vice President
 - Lawrence Jackson, Treasurer
 - Doris Glaspy, Secretary

Robert Burkins has been serving as the acting Board President while the ad hoc nomination committee seeks to identify other candidates for the position.

- Prior to the appointment of the CTC Board, the Presbyterian Transformation Committee (PTC) Work Team accomplished a number of critical milestones that have paved the way for the establishment of the CTC as a 501c3 non-profit organization, including:
 - Approval of the Letter of Incorporation from the State of New Jersey on January 30, 2009. Securing the LOI was an important step in the process to obtain federal non-profit status.
 - Development of a mission statement and by-laws.
 - Completion of the federal application for 501c3 status -- IRS Form 1023.
 - Receipt of a \$50,000 PCUSA/Mission Program Grant to fund a Youth and Young Adult Coach with experience in community organizing and leading youth and young adults in non-traditional,

innovative and relational methodology. The project is a joint initiative between three Newark Presbytery churches – Clinton Avenue, Elizabeth Avenue/ Weequahic, and Roseville United.

- The primary goals for the CTC Board over the next 3-4 months are to 1). develop a clearly-articulated strategic plan for the organization and 2). formulate a fundraising strategy to attract the necessary financial resources to support the CTC's mission initiatives.
- CTC has contracted with Harambee Community Development Initiative to provide the necessary staff support for a six-month period, beginning in December 2009 and ending in on May 31, 2010.
- The CTC Board meets the first Thursday of each month from 4:30-6:00pm. Meeting dates for the remainder of 2010 are as follows:

March 4, 2010

April 1, 2010

May 6, 2010

June 3, 2010

July 1, 2010

August 5, 2010

September 2, 2010

October 7, 2010

November 4, 2010

December 2, 2010

- According to an October 31, 2009 report, the CTC funds account balance was \$25,952. (Note: since that report, an additional \$8,500 has been expended from the account to cover consultant fees and other charges.)
- Newark Presbytery Staff to the CTC are:
 - Dr. Kevin Yoho, General Presbyter
 - Elder Warren C. McNeill, Stated Clerk
 - Mr. Nailesh Bhavsar, NP Accountant (present as requested)