A Message from the Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Rev. Emmett L. Dunn

June 2020

Dear Lott Carey Partner,

"Time is filled with swift transition." These are the opening words of one of my favorite hymns. Indeed, we are experiencing how swiftly time can transition. The last four months ushered us into a season; many are calling unprecedented. The Coronavirus pandemic has impacted our usual way of life, forcing us to learn creative ways of connecting and staying engaged. The movement for racial justice and equality has reawakened our social consciousness to fight for change for the betterment of our communities, nation, and the world. Both are being fought against the backdrop of church closures, economic decline, rise in unemployment, and natural disasters. The optimism we had coming into 2020 is damper by these historical times and events.

Financial experts are predicting a challenging year for many. The downturn in the economy caused by the Coronavirus has threatened the livelihoods of many who are part of the Lott Carey network, impacting the level of giving being made towards missions. Consequently, we had to delay the transfer of our monthly commitments to our international partners, and in some cases, implement reductions, creating even more hardship in an already stressful situation. Lott Carey depends solely on the contributions of individuals and churches to support our global initiatives and to manage the organization’s general operations. Notwithstanding, Lott Carey is grateful to God for partners like you, who still make sacrifices to help us fulfill our commitments despite the changing times. Thank you!

As we reach the end of another fiscal year, June 30, 2020, I am again reminded of the words, “Time is filled with swift transition.” A year ago, Lott Carey was going through a transition in executive leadership. Today, we find ourselves going through another transition due to the events of our time. I must confess that it has not been easy. Demands for assistance were high, but funds were low. While we are doing our best to respond in tangible ways, we are still experiencing a significant drop in mission donations. Please help us.

The Annual Session typically helps generate funding for missions. The decision to not meet in-person was deemed appropriate for the health and safety of our constituents. We will miss the fellowship, the hugs, and kisses, the early morning prayers, the meet and greet, and all the things that make attending Lott Carey’s Annual Session exciting. With faith and trust in God, we hope to be together in Atlanta, Georgia, August 8-12, 2021. For this year, all is not lost. An exceptional virtual experience is underway for Lott Carey’s 123rd Annual Session, August 11-13, 2020. Persons interested in attending our Mission Education Classes should visit our website at www.lottcarey.org to register. On-line registration opens Monday, June 22, 2020. The registration cost for Mission Education Classes is $50.00. This amount includes the cost of your book and other class materials. Divinity credits will also be issued to all students who successfully complete the coursework and required course hours. All other sessions are FREE and open to the public. A program schedule is included on the back of this brochure.

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Information about our national and global impact, highlights of our ongoing support to our international partners, the virtual experience for the 123rd Lott Carey Annual Session, and our Mission Education Classes, is contained herein. A Donor Information/Pledge Commitment card is also included in this package. The purpose is so that we can update our records and know that we can count on your support. More importantly, that we stay connected! President Greg Jackson joins me in asking you to consider doing the following as a means to help sustain our ongoing commitment to our international partners:

1. Make a monthly contribution to Lott Carey of any amount.
2. Enlist at least five (5) of your friends to invest any amount in the mission of Lott Carey.
3. Consider a special gift of $250.00 or more for expenses you would have incurred, but did not incur, as a result of our not meeting in person for the Annual Session.
4. Pray regularly for our staff, partners, and leadership.
5. Complete and return the “Donor Information/Pledge Commitment” card in the enclosed envelope.

Finally, as the hymn reminds us of the swiftness of time, the chorus provides a remedy, “Hold to God's Unchanging Hand.” Friends, may we take courage in knowing that the God whose mission we now serve will be with us in these times of swift transitions. Thank you.

Walking Together, Making a Difference.

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Lott Carey Giving Snapshot –
July 1, 2019 through May 31, 2020
Highlights of Ongoing Support with International Partners

- In Kenya, Nigeria, and Haiti, we continue to support churches, pastors, and community impact ministries.
- In Zimbabwe, we continue to provide theological training for pastors and church leaders so that they can lead congregations in transformational ministries.
- In Liberia, we continue to provide high-quality education to help children become builders and leaders in a country still suffering from many years of civil unrest.
- In Jamaica, we continue to provide skills training for young adults to give them alternatives to crime and addiction.
- In Guyana and India, we continue to provide general health care for the poor and services for people with HIV and AIDS so that mothers, children, and families can be healthier and more whole.
- In Ethiopia and South Africa, we continue to help victims of sexual slavery to be rescued, to recover, and rebuild lives of hope and meaning.

COVID-19 International Support

The Pandemic has affected all of us, some, more than others. The value of belonging to the Lott Carey family is in knowing that in moments like these, we come together for the greater good. Every preacher will tell you that one of the high points in African American preaching tradition is the call and response. Lott Carey has heard the calls and is responding.

Here’s how--

- In **Zimbabwe**, we assisted with the purchase of Personal Protective Equipment and food.
- In **Guyana**, we provided academic support for Guyanese school children; especially those in rural communities with little or no access to modern technology.
- In **Haiti**, we provided financial assistance for both the orphanage and elderly home at Mission of Grace. And, we are providing assistance through, L Union Strategic De Engleses, a conglomerate of Churches, in assisting children whose parents died due to the Coronavirus.
- In **Liberia**, we provided food assistance for faculty and staff at the Lott Carey Mission Schools in Bopula and Brewerville.
- In **Jamaica**, we provided both monetary and psycho-social support to leaders and congregations experiencing enormous challenges directly related to the Coronavirus.
- In **Nigeria**, we made a capital investment in preparation for the reopening of schools after the COVID-19 lockdown concludes.
- In **South Africa**, we provided financial assistance to the Mamelodi Baptist Church soup kitchen serving the poor and homeless communities and providing food parcels for pastors.
- In **Kenya**, we provided financial assistance to the Kipsitet Baptist Church Clinic for the purchase of COVID-19 test kits.

Lott Carey received the Volunteer Organization of the Year Award at the American Red Cross’ 2nd Annual Disaster Preparedness Summit held in Washington, DC for demonstrating its ongoing commitment to prepare all communities, including the traditionally underserved communities throughout the region. Lott Carey’s work included training individuals how to plan for, and respond to a variety of disasters, promoting drives to ensure that there is a ready supply of lifesaving blood, and the organization of volunteers for community preparedness events such as Sound the Alarm Smoke Alarm Installations.

Bahamian Relief – Lott Carey is in communication with and continues to provide financial support to the Bahamas National Baptist Missionary & Education Convention in Nassau, Bahamas in providing relief to victims of Hurricane Dorian.

Thriving in Ministry
- In September 2019, 24 lead women pastors and 3 mentor women pastors from across the US traveled to Louisville, KY for the group’s second domestic, intellectual pilgrimage. These pastors participated in discussions led by Dr. Lorena Parrish, of Wesley Theological Seminary, on leadership in ministry.
- In October 2019, 22 lead millennial pastors and 3 mentor pastors took the group’s first international pilgrimage to Nova Scotia, Canada. This group joined with 20 Canadian millennial pastors to participate in conversations led by Rev. Dr. Rhonda Britton, pastor of New Horizons Baptist Church in Nova Scotia, on developing ministry content based on capacity and context.
- In March 2020, our cohort of lead women pastors from the US traveled to Kingston & Montego Bay, Jamaica for the group’s second international pilgrimage. There, the US pastors joined with 17 Jamaican women pastors for learning and conversations on issues shared in international ministry contexts.
- In April 2020, in light of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the team of millennial pastors participated in the group’s second intellectual pilgrimage virtually. Discussions were led by the group’s mentor pastors and focused on new challenges the pastors are facing in the current context.

Kids Against Hunger – Lott Carey – Since July 2019 to now, Kids Against Hunger – Lott Carey has been able to package more than 100,000 meals through partnerships with five (5) churches and organizations, and more than 500 volunteers. The 100,000+ meals were distributed to families experiencing food insecurity in the Bahamas, Haiti and Liberia.

Harvey Restoration Grant – A staff of nineteen (19) successfully,
- Repaired 93 primary homes.
- Awarded 9,100 volunteer service hours.
- Provided disaster preparedness training for 1,049 individuals.
- Completed outreach services at 26 churches.
- Provided spiritual care to 200 unique individuals.
- Installed 113 smoke detectors.

Florence Recovery Grant – A staff of ten (10) persons successfully,
- Engaged 2,265 persons in disaster preparedness and mold awareness training at 52 churches.
- Reached 232,970 individuals through Neighborhood Canvassing and Media Campaigns.
- Managed various services performed (for grantee or other agencies) by 89 volunteers.
- Installed 151 smoke detectors.

Flint Refresh – Flint Refresh is a nutrition intervention pilot program providing free produce, health education, and cooking demonstrations to families most impacted by the “Flint Water Crisis.” The Flint Refresh Program kick-off took place on July 1, 2019, and the first meetings with families began in September 2019. The program was originally scheduled to end on June 30, 2020. Due to COVID-19, staffing for the project ended on May 16, 2020. So that the families do not suffer, Lott Carey continues to provide boxed fruits and vegetables to a number of families.

Short-Term Missions (STM) – Lott Carey hosted seven (7) teams with 102 participants who traveled to Kenya, Puerto Rico and Nassau, Bahamas. Due to COVID-19, Short-Term Mission Assignments are currently on hold.
Testimonials

“As Lott Carey mission partner in this part of the world, Marlene and I are delighted to see in your offer the “Black Hands” of Jesus reaching out from the pandemic traumas.”

Joel and Marlene Dorsinville, Port Au Prince, Haiti

“Lott Carey was sent into my home and all of the work that they saw needed to be done, they got it done. Before, I had a bad foundation in my backyard. Every time it would rain, I would get water in the house, but since they did the foundation on my house we have had plenty of rain and I can sleep good now. I don’t have to worry about water coming into my house anymore! They did a tremendous job and I would recommend them.”

Ms. Linda Johnson, The Church of Bethel’s Family, Houston, TX

“We are thankful to God and grateful to our global Lott Carey family for the generous and consistent financial support over the years that have enabled us to provide the very best quality education for Liberian children in a safe, caring and nurturing environment. Without this support many children would not have this opportunity for quality education in a wholesome Christian environment. Thank you also for the COVID-19 Relief assistance provided to us. We were able to purchase and distribute rice to our staff and other vulnerable persons in our community, especially the elderly and disabled. May our good Lord continue to bless you bountifully even as you bless others.”

Rev. Emile D.E. Sam-Peal, Superintendent, Lott Carey Mission Schools

“Thank you Lott Carey. The Florence Team has helped me tremendously by providing food, bringing materials and information on disasters, I learned how to prepare for a storm. I am very, very thankful for all their help as it will help to be prepared for the future.”

Mother Mosley, Lenoir County, North Carolina

“Lott Carey has always been there for the Baptist Convention of South Africa. The organization is the number one partner in our mission. Besides the monthly financial support that goes to our National office for distribution towards our national ministries, the partnership has offered us learning experiences through its conferences, material and the pastor exchange program which has benefited our Pastors. Some of our churches have enjoyed the church to church partnerships that have exposed our pastors to mission in the global village. Our partnership with Lott Carey is unmatched and, to such an extent that its demise would have disastrous results to our vision and mission.”

Dr. Thembelani Jentile, Secretary General, Baptist Convention of South Africa
LOTT CAREY BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION CONVENTION

123rd ANNUAL SESSION

THEME: "GOD’S MISSION DURING TROUBLED TIMES"

AUGUST 11-13, 2020

AN ONLINE EXPERIENCE

- Early Morning Prayer Daily
- Mission Education Classes “When Helping Hurts”
- Women in Service Everywhere (Tuesday)
- Men on Missions (Wednesday)
- Thriving in Ministry (Tuesday and Wednesday)
- Pastoral Excellence Network (Tuesday and Wednesday)
- International Youth Development (Thursday)

EVENING CELEBRATION GUEST SPEAKERS

Rev. Emmett L. Dunn
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Rev. Dr. Gina Stewart

Rev. Dr. Howard-John Wesley

President Gregory Jackson

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2020

6:30 – 7:00 AM  Morning Prayer (Led by W.I.S.E.)

9:00 – 10:00 AM  Mission Education Classes

11:00 – 12:00 PM  Pastoral Excellence Network (PEN)

2:00 – 3:00 PM  Thriving in Ministry

2:00 – 3:00 PM  Women in Service Everywhere

7:00 – 8:30 PM  Evening Celebration with Rev. Dr. Gina Stewart
Executive Secretary-Treasurer’s Report

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2020

6:30 – 7:00 AM  Morning Prayer (Led by W.I.S.E.)

9:00 – 10:00 AM  Mission Education Classes

11:00 – 12:00 PM  Pastoral Excellence Network (PEN)

2:00 – 4:00 PM  Thriving in Ministry

2:00 – 4:00 PM  Men on Missions

7:00 – 8:30 PM  Evening Celebration with Rev. Dr. Howard-John Wesley
Installation of Executive Secretary-Treasurer

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2020

6:30 – 7:00 AM  Morning Prayer (Led by W.I.S.E.)

9:00 – 10:00 AM  Mission Education Classes

11:00 – 12:30 PM  International Youth Development (IYD)

7:00 – 8:30 PM  Evening Celebration with President Gregory J. Jackson
President’s Night

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