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Interim President
CONNECTIONAL TRUSTEE MINISTRY**

I am honored to be selected as the Interim President of the Connectional Trustee ministry. This is an opportunity to help strengthen the foundation for bringing the work of Trustees at the local and regional (Annual conference) levels into better alignment. Your concerns are my concerns and I ask that you share your concerns with me. Please pray that my steps will be ordered by God.

Who am I?

I am a life-long CME who loves the CME Church. I am the daughter of a retired CME pastor (Rev. Joseph Bouknight, Sr.) and sister of the former Executive Secretary (Dr. Jeanette Bouknight). As a local member, I have served as Trustee, Sunday School teacher, Steward, Missionary President and choir member. Having held a variety of positions at both the District and Regional levels has exposed me to issues and concerns of other CMEs.

Currently, I am a Trustee at my local church (St. Peter CME Church) in Flint, Michigan and also a Michigan-Indiana Region Trustee. As a member of the General Connectional Board, I am assigned to the Board of Personnel Services. It is my privilege and honor to serve as the current Chair of the Board of Trustees for Paine College.

What can you expect?

I will work closely with Dr. Clifford Harris, the General Secretary of the Department of Lay Ministry in meeting departmental goals.

As an “Interim” position, there are no Episcopal District Vice Presidents for Trustees. So, I will be communicating, primarily, with regional (Annual Conference) Trustees.

What do I need from you?

I need your participation and prayers for the successful building of the Trustee work.

What are your concerns? What do you need to have a successful Trustee Ministry now and in the future?

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