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The Necessity of Black History Month

I recently was privy to a conversation around the necessity of Black History Month. There are some people who believe that our society has moved beyond setting aside time to focus on the history of any one group, because after all we live in a post-racial America. I, however, believe that the exact opposite is true, especially for people of faith. I believe that Black History Month, along with every other designated time to focus on marginalized communities, is more vital than ever, but not for those communities.

Black History Month, at its best, is not just a time for black people to focus on their history and heritage; we do that 24/7/365. It's actually best when others use this as an opportunity to get to know a community other than their own. This is love to me, agape. God's love says, "you matter to me. Your history matters. Your voice matters. Your culture matters." I pray that the churches of our conference will not see Black History Month as something just for African Americans, but as an opportunity to embody God's love by better understanding the embodied experience of people of the African Diaspora.

- Rev. Cean James

PSEC Associate Conference Minister for Congregational Development



Welcoming Rev. Kevin McLemore

NEW Associate Conference Minister of Search & Call

Dear PSEC Friends,

I hope you will join me in welcoming our new Associate Conference Minister for Search and Call Rev. Kevin McLemore (mclemore@psec.org). Kevin began his work with our Conference this week under the helpful turnover tutelage of Rev. Dr. Susan Minasian who is imparting to him all the hard-won wisdom she has gained being our effective and faithful interim ACM. The transition from local church life to Conference work is a daunting one and I have no doubt that Kevin would appreciate your words of encouragement and prayers of support which I know you will soon receive from him. I beg prayers for us all as we continue our shared ministry of equipping the saints for the building up of the body of Christ to the glory of God.



Pastor Bill

Rev. William P. Worley, PSE Conference Minister



Last Weekend for...



**For
 Disaster
 Relief**

The Susquehanna Area Mission Council CHALLENGED ALL Pennsylvania Southeast and Penn Northeast Conference churches to invite EVERY member to donate just \$5 to your Conference office earmarked for Disaster Relief between January 16th & ending TODAY, February 13th.

*All monies will remain in their respective conferences specifically for Disaster Relief Services and a celebratory virtual worship will be Live Streamed on February 27th.