



March, 2021

Dear Evanston/North Shore NAACP Members and Supporters,

First of all let me thank each of you for your continued support and growing participation in our branch efforts and work. While we have only arrived at the first days of the third month in 2021, our schedule has been robust and active. The Evanston/North Shore Branch 3015 has been especially active in recent months. We are delighted that our membership growth has been exponential, with many residents joining and becoming involved in our committees. Our monthly Zoom membership meetings have also been growing and we invited members to attend each third Tuesday of the month beginning at 7:30 PM. We are grateful for our new treasurer, Eva Conley relocated from northern California where she was active in the NAACP branch in her community. While it is only March, please mark your calendar for Saturday, November 20th and our Annual Freedom Fund Banquet. At this time we are unsure if the event will be in person or virtual but we will update you on a regular basis.

Following is a general update of all of our committees and an example of some of the work they are doing. If you are interested in joining a committee, please contact us via our website. Or, you can contact me directly at michael_nabors@msn.com.

Kudos to Wille Shaw our Political and Civic Engagement Committee. They were responsible for putting together amazing Zoom Conference Forums. Working in partnership with the AKA and Delta sororities of Evanston, we hosted candidates running for Mayor, alderman in our city's wards, candidates running for Districts 65 and 202 school boards and the city clerk position. The participation of the forums was wonderful and the branch was able to exhibit its leadership and collegial partnership with other, major Black organizations in Evanston.

Kudos to the *Health Committee* for their recent selection of *Rev. Kalif Crutcher* as the new chair. Rev. Crutcher is pastor of New Hope CME Church and comes aboard following, who else, Willie Shaw?! In addition, the Health Committee has new and active members who are helping us to have a powerful agenda for health and wellness in 2021 and beyond. The committee recently sent a letter of interest to Northwestern for consideration of a grant on equity. They were given the green light to complete a request for proposal for the grant! This is wonderful news and we are hoping and anticipating the best.

We continue to make significant and important inroads with our *Education Committee and Chair Terri Shepherd*. The committee keeps the branch up to date on latest activities and events related to Districts 65 and 202, proposed STEM school in the Fifth Ward and all educational activities. The committee has also supported District 219.

Kudos to *John Fuller and the Housing Committee*. This committee keeps the branch abreast on all housing issues, development and activities in Evanston. John has attended City Council meetings and also has worked with other housing organizations in the city.

Kudos to *Geri Sizemore and the Membership Committee*. This committee is active year around and solicits membership into our branch throughout the community. They also focus on Life and Corporate memberships.

Kudos to the *Freedom Fund Banquet Committee*. This committee consists of all Executive Committee members. The primary goal is to plan and implement our annual Freedom Fund Banquet, the primary fundraising event for the branch. The committee selects the venue and has various subcommittees including program, speaker, decorations and negotiations.

Kudos to our *Legal Redress Committee*. Judith Treadway and Michael Nabors serve on this committee. We receive concerns and complaints about discrimination and seek to address them according the guidelines of the national office.

Kudos to our *Youth Works and ACTS-SO Committees*. We are excited about the these committees working with our young people and helping them to serve as youth ambassadors for the NAACP and advocates for social justice.

We look forward to activating the rest of our committees; Finance, Economic Development, Religious Affairs, Women in the NAACP (WIN), Armed Services, Young Adult, Labor and Industry and Prison Branch Support. If any of our new members are interested in these committees (read our website description of each one) please contact me at michael_nabors@msn.com. We are excited about having the increasing and critical activity of our branch.

Peace and Safety,

Michael C. R. Nabors President