

President and CEO Report
82nd CHHSM Annual Gathering
Memphis, TN
March 4, 2020

Good afternoon. Before I begin my remarks, I would like to recognize and thank the CHHSM Staff Team.

George
Paula
Elyse
Tyler
Peggy
Barb
Rion
Essence

I would be unable to share the following report, and we would not be having this Annual Gathering, if not for these dedicated, talented and visionary individuals.

Can we please have a round of applause?

I thought it would be best to share with you some of the things that CHHSM did collectively this past year.

With the Board's leadership in 2019, the CHHSM team and our dedicated volunteers were able to accomplish a number of significant accomplishments and major initiatives.

We held a great Annual Gathering in Chicago in March, where

We welcomed new member organizations, and

We altered our membership model to allow us to welcome individual members.

This matters because - The Annual Gathering and the additions to membership are critical contributors and participants to the difference we make in the world when we come together!

We continued our tradition of leadership formation as we convened another wonderful class of the Nollau Institute, and

We were able to take Nollau to You out to the community in one day retreats on 8 separate occasions, and

We supported our membership with Legacy Fund scholarships totaling more than \$17,000.

This matters because - our ongoing commitment to serving leadership formation and development is what positions us to remain a relevant community that comes together to create a caring world!

We presented the 2018 Annual Report, "Together In Ministry", in June, and

We saw that CHHSM Member organizations provided \$877,000,000 in uncompensated, charitable care in 2018, and

We served as presenting sponsor of General Synod 32 in Milwaukee, and

We prepared a resolution that was adopted by the delegates at GS 32 to recognize the opioid crisis as a health issue, and

We invested in our Staff Team with an enhanced benefit package.

All of this matters because - these actions are important parts of, and reminders of, the vision of creating a just world for all!

We reached full staffing level when we hired Elyse, our Associate for Advocacy and Leadership Development, and

We re-launched our advocacy initiative in a major way (as you heard earlier)

We made a substantial increase in the support for our CHHSM scholar, Essence Ellis,

And in December, CHHSM offered significant financial support to the UCC medical debt relief initiative,

And we held numerous meetings and generative sessions designed to form structures that create a just, caring and compassionate world,

In addition to those headlines, we made a number of operational and governance changes that allow us to function in a more nimble and efficient manner. With all of these very significant investments in our shared ministry, CHHSM still had a nice surplus in operations at year end and a very significant increase in net assets through its holdings at United Church Funds and The Cornerstone Fund.

All of this matters because all of these actions allow us to realize the vision statement we hold dear to our hearts - that together we create a just, caring and compassionate world. And, it is why we feel we are perfectly positioned for 2020, for the decade ahead, and to explore Vision 2030!

Thank you!