

# MEMPHIS CONFERENCE RELIEF ASSOCIATION

Paul H. Mullikin, MCRA Chair

For 39 years, the Memphis Conference Relief Association has provided a way for the clergy in our conference to offer love and support to the families of our colleagues when one of our members dies. Since our last annual conference, we have been able to express our concern through a love offering on eight (8) occasions to the families of the following:

**Thomas A. Bullock, Joseph Skelton, Lloyd Doyle, Jr., Paul Peck  
Mary Mitchell Morgan, Paul L. Phillips, William R. Gentry, Sr., and James Mulroy**

We are so grateful that **Rev. Michael Blake** was able and willing to attend to bringing our accounts up-to-date after our past treasurer was unable to fulfill his duties. This year, **Rev. Bill Lawson** has graciously accepted the position as our new treasurer. Therefore, any love offering payments need to be sent to him at the following address: **1908 Briensburg Rd., Benton, KY 42025** and add the following email address to your contacts so that you will be sure to receive information from your MCRA treasurer: [blawson@memphis-umc.org](mailto:blawson@memphis-umc.org)

The MCRA Board of Directors are recommending that the love offering for this new conference year continue to be **\$1,800**. When a member of the MCRA dies, all the members will be asked to contribute **ten dollars (\$10)** each.

Every member is encouraged to keep their membership information up-to-date, especially in regard to one's designated beneficiary and one's current contact information. All clergy who are moving this year especially need to turn in a new form updating all their contact information. Members can speak to any MCRA representative at our display table to check on the status of their account and/or make a contribution. New members are always welcome to join us as we seek to offer our love and support to the families of our colleagues in ministry. Applications for membership can also be found on our display table.

The following persons have been nominated to serve as our Board of Directors and Officers:

## **Class of 2021:**

Dean Emerson (Purchase)(15); Bill Lawson (Purchase)(18); Joseph Moseley (Metro)(18)

## **Class of 2022:**

Michael Blake (MS River) (16); Larry Chitwood (Metro)(16); Deb Christiansen (Metro)(16)

## **Class of 2023:**

Dan Tilley (MS River)(18); Gary D. Lawson, Sr. (TN River)(07); Paul H. Mullikin (Stones River)(11)

**Officers:**  
Chair – Paul H. Mullikin  
Vice-Chair – Gary D. Lawson  
Treasurer – Bill Lawson  
Assistant Treasurer – Michael Blake  
Recording Secretary – Dean Emerson

The following members of our board have been appointed to serve on a Joint Task Force with the United Methodist Ministers Fellowship of the Tennessee Conference to explore the future of the MCRA and the UMMF. Paul H. Mullikin, Gary Lawson and Michael Blake.

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