

"From Where I Sit ..."

Who Do I Call?



In my last article I addressed the concern of tuning up for the new year. But in the process of tuning up, it is equally important to be able to implement the tune-up by getting the right information to the source or contacting the right person or office to obtain assistance. Erica Bydu expresses a phrase in a song that Senior Bishop Hoyt affectionally uses in reference to me and my work, and it is an expression that I take as a high compliment. The phrase is "You'd better call Tyrone!" I take it as a compliment because in it I hear him making three points:

- 1) As General Secretary of the Board of Personnel Services with a responsibility for the administration of many different programs on behalf of our Zion, I am generally reachable by being accessible where most people can find me either by being in the office at the CME Headquarters or via mobile, email or text.
- 2) When he calls, or has someone to call on his behalf, he feels comfortable that I will be able to accomplish the needed task or address the matter under consideration. And
- 3) if the matter about which he is concerned is outside of my areas of responsibility, he is equally comfortable that I will make the appropriate referral.

So, during the Installation of General Officers at the 2010 General Conference in Mobile, when he again made this reference, to the humor of those in attendance, I yet again accepted with pride his unbridled commendation.

However, although "calling Tyrone" may assist in the eventual resolution of your concern; the fact is a call to another number or another person could very well provide a quicker resolution. On a given day I might receive 10 to 15 calls of inquiry, the majority for which I ultimately provide a referral to another number. Accordingly, the purpose of this article is to provide a convenient listing of contact numbers and/or persons for certain inquiries.



The General Board of Personnel Services

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Other Staff: Ms. Brenda Anderson (*Accounts Manager*) and
Ms. Ruby Dyson (*Administrative Assistant*)

The CME Fire and Casualty Insurance Plan – The Hanover Insurance Company

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The CME Retirement Plan & Trust

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The CME Gift Fund

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Memphis Contact: Ms. Ruby Dyson - (901) 345-4100
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Zion Community Project, Inc. (for Zion Christian Cemetery – An Historic Landmark)

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The CME Annual Unity Summit (includes the Annual CME Convocation)

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The CME Community Development Corporation

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The New Day Cooperative, Inc. (Housing Development Project)

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From the foregoing, you can readily understand that calls for many different purposes are made to our offices and of course we certainly wish to be of assistance where possible. Yet for practical purposes

and for the best of reasons the use of these listings will, in most cases, save you valuable time and energy by getting you to the right person who can address the right situation at the right time ... or at least that is the way it looks to me ...

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