



Our purpose is to help Chi Alpha & the church be an accurate representation of Christ's people to the campus in its:

sacred creation (Acts 17:26), **diverse ethnic makeup** (Rev. 7:9), **supernatural oneness** (Gal. 3:28), **Jesus-centered unity** (John 17:21), **kingdom-ethic witness** (Mt. 5:1-15, Luke 4:18-19) and **reconciliation ministry** (2 Cor. 5: 16-21, Eph. 2:14-22).

We do this through:

1. Mobilizing the unspent*
2. Equipping through training and resourcing
3. Helping plant at HBCU's**
4. Building bridges

*Unspent refers to ethnic minorities traditionally under-represented in missions

**Historically Black College and Universities



Monthly HBCU Prayer Target: *Virginia Union University*

Located in Richmond, Virginia, VUU is one of the nation's oldest HBCU's--founded in 1865. It currently has a population of about 1,700 students.

There is another Chi Alpha group in the city of Richmond who would like to plant a group at VUU. All they need is the right person(s) to provide leadership. Pray for God to call this person(s) and provide the necessary funding they will require.

Respond with Prayer to Rising Racial Tensions

Since sending the last prayer guide, much has happened in our country to remind us of the need for intercession! The massacre of nine people at the hands of a 21 year old assassin has shocked us and brought to light the reality of racism and hatred in our country.

The indictment against Dylan Roof, issued just this week says "he targeted the victims on the basis of race, in a house of worship, in order to make his attack more notorious. Roof planned the June 17 attack for several months... he singled out the nearly 200-year-old church known as Mother Emanuel because of its historical significance in the African-American community." (reuters.com)

Last weekend, Samuel Dubose was shot and killed after a routine traffic stop in Cincinnati (usatoday.com). The pastors and other leaders of that city are working hard to be God's people in their city and as such need our prayers. The answers to these troubling and complex situations are not simple and will take much time to find and implement. But I believe it starts with God's people caring enough to pray and then work.

At the National Campus Minister's Conference the Diversity Task Force revealed the UNSENT campaign for minority mobilization. This is a fund where Chi Alpha missionaries can give to help mobilize more minorities into missions. I think, having more diversity in our missionary force is one of the long-term solutions we need to be working towards.

Thank you for caring and for praying. We truly believe that our intercession is making a difference and we encourage you to keep it going, press through, and share the burden with others of like faith.

Belkis and Steve Lehmann

Answered Prayers

God is hearing your prayers. Here are some results:

- God's divine empowerment and grace as we shared at the National Campus Minister's Conference (CMC).
- A great house God has provided for us in Florida.
- God's help at putting together a rubric for diversity.
- Great reception of Minority Mobilization Fund at CMC.
- More Chi Alpha staff to pledge to the Minority Mobilization Fund.

Specific Prayer Points

Please pray for the following needs:

- Wisdom for where Belkis should travel this fall.
- Divine direction for who should serve on the Minority Mobilization Fund Board.
- Divine help with the writing of resources.
- God's provision of an assistant for Belkis in Florida to help carry administration load.
- An increase of "caring" in the body of Christ for those who are hurting.
- Ongoing situations in the news (see below)

In the News

Communities demand release of video in fatal Mt. Auburn shooting

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Hate groups in decline, but inspire lone wolf terrorists

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If You Are Black, Chances Are Your Neighbors Are Too

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Resources

Uncovering the Assemblies of God's Black Heritage: Ellsworth S. Thomas Ordained 100 Years Ago

One hundred years ago, the Assemblies of God ordained its first African American minister, Ellsworth S. Thomas of Binghamton, New York. Ellsworth was largely absent from the pages of the Pentecostal Evangel, other than a brief mention of his death, published 79 years ago this week. [Read more](#)

Diversity Whys #3—the Cross

"The cross has been called the great leveler... Because all who come to it come as sinners in need of redemption: whether rich or poor, educated or ignorant, Latino or Asian, male or female. There is no advantage at the cross. One cannot claim special connection, special knowledge, or special birthright. All are sinners in need redemption. And all sinners who come to the cross receive it freely." [Read more](#)

It's Official: The U.S. is Becoming a Minority-Majority Culture

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, in 2014 there were more than 20 million children under 5 years old living in the U.S., and 50.2 percent of them were minorities... The minority population is expected to rise to 56 percent of the total population in 2060, compared with 38 percent last year. [Read more](#)