



# Semi-Annual Newsletter

September 2015

## Mission Statement

The purpose and mission of the Flood Group shall be to serve as a vehicle for bringing together diverse talents and forces with the community to foster the achievement of a quality education for all children.



be dissected by the committee to generate viable programs and strategies that can be implemented by The Flood Group going forward. Some of the key foci of the committee will be in areas such as literacy, the educational system, youth and parental empowerment and partnering with like-minded community groups.

## STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETS

The newly formed Strategic Planning Committee of The Flood Group met recently to began defining the key programs and activities of the organization over the next 1-3 years. The committee is looking to develop and embrace programs that are closely aligned with the founding mission and doctrine of The Flood Group, i.e. “serving as a vehicle to foster the achievement of quality education for all children”.

Many of the concepts that are being considered by the Strategic Planning Committee were ideas garnered from participants who attended The Flood Group Spring Membership Breakfast Meeting, held on Saturday, June 13, 2015. The Brainstorming Session yielded a wealth of information, which will

The committee expects to submit an initial draft of the Strategic Plan for review at the October meeting of the Flood Group Steering Committee. Members of the Strategic Planning Committee are Karen Togba, Leonardo Williams, Dr. Phillip Mutysia, Micah Mason and Dr. Daniel Lawson.



*Dr. Mutysia and Ms. Togba receiving plaque on behalf of The Flood Group at the Valour Academy CDF Freedom Summer School.*





## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

### **The Pride of Southeast Raleigh Magnet High School**

It is not every day that a high school will have more than one valedictorian or more than one salutatorian. Three young men at South East Raleigh High School (SERHS) rose to the coveted second place spot, as salutatorians with identical grade point averages of 4.86 in a class of 356 students. All three are college bound with full scholarships. The three young men were not only excellent students but were academically focused and involved in extra-curricular activities as well. When interviewing these young men, they spoke of their desire to be successful in life and to make an impact on society. Students left to right are Terrance Adams, Aaron Watson and Daniel Lee.

## **ANNUAL FATHERHOOD CONFERENCE**

Hats off to Derrick Byrd, our present co-chair, for successfully hosting a Fatherhood Conference at the Sheraton Hotel in Raleigh, NC June 20, 2015. Roland Martin, national news correspondent and author, was the key note speaker. The Flood Group as members and fathers were well represented. The Fatherhood Conference is hosted annually by the Family Resource Center of Raleigh, NC.

## **DR. FLOOD FEATURED ON AMERICAN LEGACY CALENDAR**

Dr. Dudley Flood is one of several African Americans who will be honored by the AT&T Heritage Calendar Project. The Calendar Project honors men and women of all races who have contributed significantly to the lives of citizens in North Carolina. The calendar also highlights significant North Carolina and National dates. Dr. Flood will be honored, along with others on October 21, 2015.



# The Flood Group

*Building Confidence, Inspiring Hope, Enhancing Success*

## LITERACY MATTERS



Literacy for our children is a need and we need to continue to move forward with the Flood Group's Literacy Initiative. Your help and support in making a difference in the lives of children is needed. One of the goals of The Flood Group is to encourage literacy development. The growth of literacy skills is a vital part of a child's overall development. It's where we begin laying the foundation for academic success. But before a child begins learning to read and write, they must develop the building blocks for literacy – the ability to speak, listen, understand, and watch their surroundings. We are committed to encouraging literacy development through events designed to teach parents best practices when it comes to communicating with, reading to, and teaching them about letters and sounds in ways that are fun for both of you!



## MASON ORDINATION



Rev. Micah Mason, past co-chair of the Flood Group, was ordained at Pilot Missionary Baptist Church on Sunday, July 12, 2015. The inspirational, spiritual, and impressive ceremony was witnessed by several members of the Flood Group. We also congratulate Rev. Mason on the birth of his new daughter.





## Upcoming Events



### Flood Group Full Body Assembly

October 24, 2015  
Poplar Springs Church  
Garner, North Carolina

### The Unveiling of the AT&T American Legacy Calendar Reception

October 21, 2015

### Stars of Education Reception

October 22, 2015  
Mariott City Center

### Flood Group Collaborative Partners

- ♣ Wake County Public School System
- ♣ Boys Mentoring Network
- ♣ Our Youth Matters
- ♣ Valor Academy
- ♣ Wake-Ed Partnership
- ♣ Poplar Springs Church
- ♣ Pilot Missionary Baptist Church
- ♣ Springfield Baptist Church

## SOUTH AFRICAN YOUTH VISIT

For the second year the Flood Group and Saint Matthew AME church hosted a delegation of 10 students and their advisor Rev. Daniel Jacobs from Capetown, South Africa. Students stayed with church and Flood Group members and toured places of interest during their stay in Raleigh. Students visited and toured North Carolina Central University with Dr Philip Mutysia, and the African American Cultural Complex with Dr. E. B. Palmer. They also toured Princeville, one of two chartered All-Black town, in North Carolina. Fun activities included a pool party at the home of Pam and Moses Watson, bowling and much more.

