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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: FR. PAUL DEMUTH

Dear Friends of BACC:

I am honored to serve as your new President of BACC for 2018. I follow in the footsteps of many fantastic leaders, most recently of which was Tom Schumacher. Tom did an outstanding job of leading us through the planning and execution of our recent community summit, *Envisioning the Future*, held at Tundra Lodge in late September. Almost 200 community leaders gathered to discern the kind of community we would like to create in the greater

Green Bay Area in the coming decade.

I have had the privilege of serving in the Green Bay Area for 49 of my 50 years as a priest. I'm originally from Manitowoc, but Green Bay is my home and I currently reside in the downtown area — a place that I find vibrant and growing! I have been fortunate enough to be a member of BACC since the mid 90s and my church ministry has been enriched by my involvement in community life. Over the years I have worked with the team that developed the 2009 BACC white paper on Alcohol Abuse in Brown County and presently I am an active member of the Brown County Task Force on Drug and Alcohol Abuse — dealing with issues that permeate negatively so much of our culture and population.

As a member of BACC I have interacted with many great leaders in the Greater Green Bay Area. The BACC Board consists of 27 dedicated volunteers from all walks of life who gather monthly to study, dialogue, dream and create the vision in which our Brown County community might grow. This year will be a challenging one, for we will be emphasizing our role as “thought leader” by utilizing a “Futuring” methodology--how to create a community that builds on the strengths already here while acknowledging the trends that will impact us in the coming years.

Our dreaming and planning for the future must take into account all the gifts we have as a community in our unique environment on the Bay. We face some challenges as we strive to embrace the newer diverse populations that have joined us several decades ago as well as those that continue to find the Green Bay area their new home. Together we can and will continue to enrich one another as we recognize the possibilities that diversity offers us.

So welcome to a new year! Let the future unfold....I ask that you join us in being a positive influence in our future....

SUMMARY OF THE DECEMBER 14 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Three leaders from COMSA (Said Hassan, Sheikh Hassan, Mahamed Mahamed), which provides culturally customized services to Somali refugees and other immigrant and refugee communities in North East Wisconsin, provided a sixty minute presentation on historical, political, social aspects of Somalia and the presence of Somalis in greater Green Bay.

Directors recognized contributions of outgoing Board members David Pamperin, David Littig, and Jeff Mirkes and outgoing President Tom Schumacher. Directors approved the slate of 2018 Officers: President Fr. Paul Demuth, Treasurer Larry Rose, Secretary Nan Nelson, President Elect Jennifer Hill-Kelley, President Elect Nominee David Wegge, and Past President Tom Schumacher.

Tom Schumacher updated Directors on the work of the Editorial Committee, which will compile a written document connecting the 2016 Life Study report to the Greater Green Bay: 2017 Envisioning the Future summit.



KNOW YOUR BACC DIRECTOR: ROBYN DAVIS, PRESIDENT & CEO, BROWN COUNTY UNITED WAY

Please describe something about yourself—where you were born, past and current professions and careers, how long you have lived in Brown County, and some of your favorite pass times.

I was born and raised in New York City. My past professional experience includes law (attorney, housing court judge), retail management, and ministry. I am the current President of Brown County United Way and past President of Freedom House Ministries, 2009-2017. I have lived in the Green Bay community for 15 years and enjoy music, reading, jigsaw puzzles, board games, especially word games, watching college basketball and tennis.

Describe your relationship to the BACC—when did you start on the BACC, what are your hopes for the BACC, what personal gifts do you bring to the BACC mission?

I was initially elected to the Board of Directors as a director at large when I was President of Freedom House Ministries. Since becoming President/CEO of Brown County United Way, I have served as a ex-officio director of the BACC. I am happy to share my personal gifts—a

unique perspective of community issues and leadership and communication skills. It is my hope that the BACC will continue to evolve as an organization that contributes to efforts which achieve lasting change in our community.

What do you like most about life in Brown County?

The generosity and the opportunities that exist to affect lasting change in our community.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Recent articles, books, videos, Websites or venues of interest to BACC supporters and newsletter readers, recommend by BACC staff and directors.

Kaeding, Danielle. "[Thousands In Wisconsin Facing Hunger](#)," Wisconsin Public Radio, November 24, 2017.

Mills, Shamane. "[State Deaths From Alcohol, Drug, Suicide Predicted To Increase 39 Percent Over Next Decade](#)," Wisconsin Public Radio, November 22, 2017.

Srubas, Paul. "[Green Bay will end year with lowest crime rate since 1975](#)," *Green Bay Press Gazette*, December 14, 2017.