Mission Behind Bars and Beyond, Inc. names Reverend Dr. D. Anthony Everett as Executive Director

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Louisville, KY— Since 2010, Mission Behind Bars and Beyond, or MB3, has worked to facilitate the successful re-entry of women and men who have been incarcerated back into Kentucky communities. MB3 enhances public safety by providing a statewide network of volunteers who work as Nurture, Support, and Accountability Groups to provide the support that returning citizens need to avoid going back to incarceration. As MB3 has developed through the years, it has also become deeply involved in the justice reform movement in the Commonwealth, a movement that is timely and needed more than ever before. The founder and first Executive Director, Rev. Dean Bucalos, retired on December 31, 2020. The MB3 Board of Directors enthusiastically announces the selection of Rev. Dr. D. Anthony Everett as its new Executive Director, the first African American to lead the organization.

As Kentucky continues to struggle with severely overcrowded detention facilities at the local and regional levels and in state prisons, MB3 works to reduce the recidivism rate in Kentucky and champions public policy that will reduce the incarceration of Kentuckians. This work will continue and expand under Dr. Everett’s leadership. Dr. Everett brings to the position
a wealth of knowledge and an array of experiences in business, church, civic, and nonprofit leadership. He joins MB3 this month.

“My passion for human rights, transformative justice, and prophetic activism is grounded in support and advocacy for oppressed and marginalized incarcerated citizens of our Commonwealth. Reverend Dean Bucalos is a national hero in the movement to give incarcerated citizens a second chance and more,” said Dr. Everett. “I thank him for founding and leading this extraordinary ministry. Upon this foundation, I envision Mission Behind Bars and Beyond as a national model for personal restorative justice and societal transformative change. The vision is clear, the mission on-going.”

Dr. Everett graduated magna cum laude from Paul Quinn College receiving the B.S. degree in Organizational Management. He earned the M.Div. degree with certification in Urban Ministry from Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University. Dr. Everett also earned the D.Min. degree from United Theological Seminary. He is an ordained elder and served as associate director of New Church Development for the Kentucky Conference of the United Methodist Church. Dr. Everett is often referred to as a “criminal justice minister.” His advocacy led him to once serve as a representative from the Kentucky Council of Churches to the Kentucky Smart on Crime Coalition.

A 2010 Leadership Kentucky graduate, the Honorable Governor Steven Beshear selected Dr. Everett for two terms to the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights as an at-large member where he served as vice-chair. Dr. Everett enjoyed a long tenure as an executive with EDS Corporation (now Hewlett Packard Enterprise), a global information technology services company. While at EDS, he volunteered as a loaned executive to the United Way and an executive director for the BDPA Education and Technology Foundation. He provided in-kind
services as the project manager for the creation of the Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation School of Adaptive Computer Training of Atlanta, Georgia, raising over $1.5M for the program.

John-Mark Hack, Board Chair for MB3 of Mission Behind Bars and Beyond, has high hopes and high expectations for the future of the organization. “Our Board and the entire MB3 community are excited to have Dr. Everett join MB3 as our executive director. Anthony’s background as a visionary executive level leader, expert communicator, and experienced relationship builder, will ensure that MB3 continues our work for a better future. We are especially grateful to Rev. Dean Bucalos for his decade of tireless leadership, one of the results of which is to have us in a position to hire such an outstanding new leader.”

Born in Washington, D.C., Reverend Dr. D. Anthony Everett is married to American Spiritual Ensemble soprano soloist, Dr. Angelique Clay Everett, an associate professor at the University of Kentucky School of Music and native of Louisville, Kentucky.

About Mission Behind Bars and Beyond, Inc. Founded in 2010, Mission Behind Bars and Beyond, Inc. (MB3) is an ecumenical, faith-based 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization whose mission is to educate every community across the Commonwealth of Kentucky to welcome, support, mentor, and equip returning citizens with the tools to successfully re-enter society. Like an open road, MB3 gives a returning citizen a second chance to create a new path in life. Mission Behind Bars and Beyond is making a safer Kentucky, one returning citizen at a time.

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