

# NORTHEAST GEORGIA BLACK PRESBYTERIAN CAUCUS

## (NEGA-BPC)

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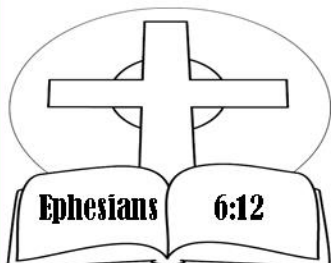


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*Let Us Pray*



Robert Patten

## From the President

### Northeast Georgia Black Presbyterian Caucus January 2020 Report to Presbytery

The Northeast Georgia's Black Presbyterian Caucus, we'll just refer to as the Caucus, has been working with Boggs Rural Life Center, (BRLC), in continuing the Boggs legacy in Keysville, a rural un-incorporated Community of Burke County. (For more information concerning the legacy of the Boggs Academy, please contact Mrs. Jacqueline Bosby at [jdboosby@gmail.com](mailto:jdboosby@gmail.com) for an electronic copy of the Charrette that was created under the auspices of the University of Georgia, Athens, UGA.)

This continuation of the Boggs legacy is supported by the Keysville Community and Burke County, as well as the Boggs Academy National Alumni Association. The BRLC wants to show its gratitude to the community by becoming a resource, both economically and educationally.

The Caucus is pursuing the possibility of creating a Solar Farm on the campus that would supply electrical power for the entire

campus, with the future possibility of selling part of that energy to the local Power Company, thus providing a revenue stream for the Campus. Having its own source of revenue, Boggs is then free to enhance programs that are already in progress, and would be in a better position to provide additional programs. UGA is already on board with the Boggs initiative. (See the charrette mentioned above.) And, an agreement in principle with Paine College, in Augusta, is already in place.

The success of this initiative has the very real possibility of providing employment within this Rural Community. The **per capita income** for Waynesboro, the nearest large city was \$12,151. About 35.3% of families and 42.6% of the population were below the poverty line, including 60.6% of those under age 18 and 28.9% of those age 65 or over. Our initiative will affect these statistics in a positive way!

Please pray our success!



**If you did not receive the Newsletter during the months of November and December, 2019, and January, 2020 it is because we did not publish it in either of those three months. We are returned now, with renewed energy to begin the new year, and the new decade with renewed inspiration.**

## OPEN POSITION

Associate for African American Intercultural Congregational Support (Presbyterian Mission Agency) Equip African American Presbyterian leaders, facilitate the growth of new worshipping communities, and engage in mission, connecting African American congregations and their leaders. In partnership with mid councils and other Presbyterian Mission Agency offices, nurture strong and growing churches and empower African American leaders in the church. Be a voice for African American Presbyterians in the larger church, articulating racial justice concerns. To learn more about the job or to apply online, please visit <https://joblinkapply.com/joblink/803/Job/Index/334601/>

*For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places*

# A WEEKEND WITH THE REVEREND JIMMIE HAWKINS

## FEBRUARY 29 - MARCH 2, 2020

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The Reverend Jimmie Hawkins:  
Director of the Presbyterian Church (USA) Office of Public Witness



Rev. Jimmie Ray Hawkins earned a Bachelor of Arts in Social Studies from North Carolina Central University (Durham, NC); a Master of Arts in Christian Education from the Presbyterian School of Christian Education (Richmond, VA); and a Master of Divinity from the Interdenominational Theological Center/Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary (Atlanta, GA).

For twenty years he served as the pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Durham, NC, 1996-2016.

Between 1992-1996, he served as the senior pastor of Grace Presbyterian, Holmes Memorial and Trinity Presbyterian churches in western Virginia.

He served as Treasurer on the Church World Service global board and as a board member of the National Council of Churches. He served as trustee on the board of Union Presbyterian Seminary. He has chaired several interfaith /ecumenical and non-profit boards: Durham Congregations in Action, the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, the Religious Coalition for a Non-Violent Durham, Housing for New Hope (homeless advocacy, End Poverty Now), and others.

His community ministry includes being a leader for the Moral Monday Movement since its onset in 2013. He has participated in three actions of civil disobedience protesting the actions of the NC General Assembly to curtail voting rights, refusal to expand Medicaid, HB2 and other draconian legislation. He served as a member of the NC NAACP Executive

Committee and has been active in justice advocacy throughout his ministry.

He is the son of Elsie L. and the late James P. Hawkins. He is married to Sheinita Hampton Hawkins and they have two children: Kaela Renee and James Hampton.

### EVENT SCHEDULE

Saturday February 29, 2020  
**Covenant Presbyterian Church**  
1065 Gaines School Rd, Athens, Ga  
(Starts at 10:00am)

**Saturday, March 1:** 8:30a, 10:45a  
Sunday school presentation 9:30a  
**Covenant Presbyterian Church**  
1065 Gaines School Rd, Athens, Ga

**Sunday, March 1 (3:00pm-5:00pm)**  
**Belle Terrace Presbyterian Church**  
2473 Golden Camp Rd, Augusta, Ga  
**Monday, March 2 9:00a -12:00p**  
Boggs Rural Life Center  
4729 Quaker Rd, Keysville, Ga.

**Monday March 2, 3:00p - 5:30p**  
Presbyterian Student Center at the  
University of Georgia  
1250 S. Lumpkin Street, Athens, Ga  
**FREE & OPEN TO PUBLIC**



### *Little known: "Black History Fact"*

JANUARY 2020

By: Robert Patten

Contrary to popular belief the first civilization in the world was in Africa, built by the native Africans. The first university in the world was in Africa. The Greeks came to Africa to attend the university there. Greek students included Aristotle and Pythagoras. They were taught philosophy and mathematics, among other subjects.

### What's Happening At...



### Boggs Rural Life Center

Schools, Youth Groups  
Special Tours & Movie Days  
Scheduled Tours

Reservations are Required.

or visit the website at

[www.boggsresearchlibrary.com](http://www.boggsresearchlibrary.com)

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