



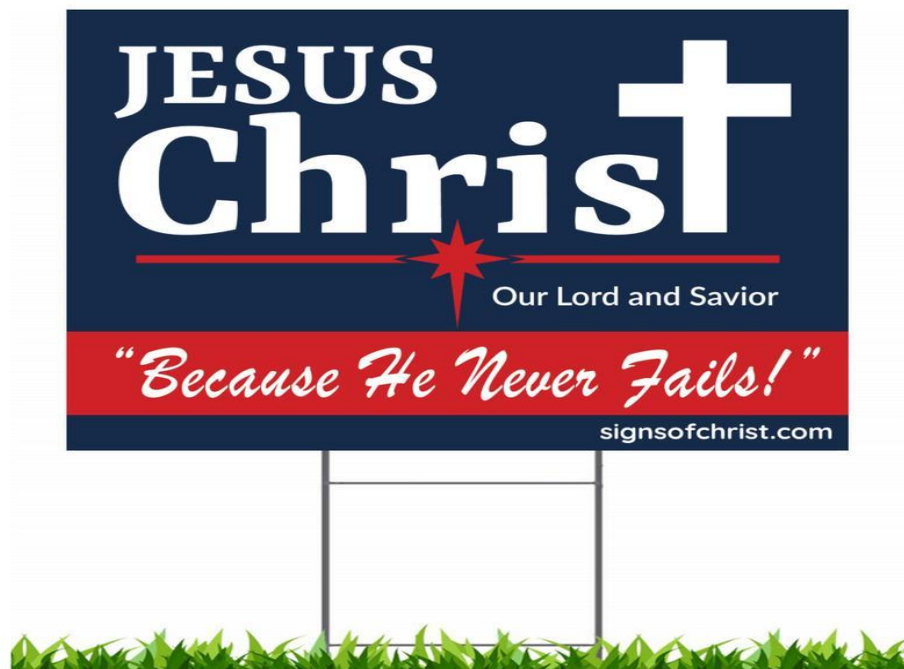
October 1, 2020

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

This is the NBPC fall/winter informational news via email/postal mail with items that may be of interest to you. In this informational news mailing you will find information on:

- Results of NBPC Vice President and Secretary Elections
- NBPC Executive Board Officers
- Matthew 25 initiative of the Presbyterian Mission Agency
- PC (USA) Board of Pensions
- NBPC 2021 Biennial
- NBPC Committees

Habakkuk 2:1-4 tells us that while we are standing and watching for what the Lord may say, we are also to write the vision plain on tablets so that a runner may see it. I saw the sign below and thought even a runner can see this.



The Revive, Renew, Restore Team

Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Priest, Jr., President

Rev. Doris A. Evans, NBPC Vice President and Director Regional/Chapter Relations

Rev. Maxine E. Jenkins

Elder Stefanie Lewis, Membership Chair



Elder Anita Perry






The results of the 2020 Election for Vice President and Secretary for NBPC concluded on August 31, 2020. The results are Rev. Doris A. Evans re-elected Vice President and Elder Lenore Williams re-elected Secretary. Each term is two years.

At the 2021 Biennial the President and Treasurer will be elected for two-year terms. Please keep an eye out for nomination and ballot information from the Nominating Committee.

The current NBPC Executive Board is:

<p>President</p>  <p>Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Priest, Jr., Supply Pastor Roanoke Island Presbyterian Church Manteo, NC;</p>	<p>Isaiah 40:1-8 God speaks to the prophet (3rd Isaiah) who is charged to lead the people who have been in captivity back home to Jerusalem. The prophet is to lead them by comforting them. This is the leadership style I try to model as one called to prophetic ministry.</p> <p>The NBPC is an opportunity to serve God's people through its mission and purpose and a way to realize God's beloved community.</p>
<p>Vice President</p>  <p>Rev. Doris A. Evans Interim/Transitional Pastor Garden City Presbyterian Church Garden City, Kansas</p>	<p>One of my favorite scriptures is Isaiah 43:18-19 because God is stating not to remember the old things and that he is about to do a new thing, can you not perceive it, can you not see it? For me, it is knowing that God is in control even in these times of worldwide pandemic, blatant oppression and violence against black and brown bodies, and natural and manmade disasters. And that after this trauma has passed that something new is coming.</p> <p>NBPC is one place where verbally and peacefully, we are holding systems and institutions accountable and pushing to keep hope alive for something new.</p>



<p>Treasurer</p>  <p>Rev. Dr. Charles C. Heyward, Sr., HR Supply Pastor Edisto PCUSA Edisto Island, South Carolina</p>	<p>I Samuel 17:45-47: David, the Boy, standing face to face against Goliath, the Man, seemed impossible and unfair. But, David was the instrument, God was in the fight. The unseen victory to come was in David.</p> <p>The purposeful fights undertaken by the NBPC often seem impossible and unfair. Yet, I believe God is in the fight. If God has to choose a side, I believe God will choose ours.</p>
<p>Secretary</p>  <p>Ruling Elder Lenore Williams East Liberty Presbyterian Church Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania</p>	<p>Micah 6:8 "He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."</p> <p>It constantly inspires me to do what is right for everyone, to make sure all are treated fairly while always remembering Great Commandment and that we are all just mortal.</p>
<p>Regional Representative</p>  <p>Ruling Elder Mark Jones Westwood Presbyterian Church Los Angeles, California</p>	



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MATTHEW 25

We are a Matthew 25 PC(USA) organization. There are many training opportunities available. NBPC is participating in all three parts of Matthew 25 and encouraging members and member congregations to participate in:

1. Building congregation vitality
2. Dismantling structural racism, and
3. Eradicating systemic poverty.

There are many resources available on the Presbyterian Mission Agency website located at this link:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/>

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THE BOARD OF PENSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

Board of Pension Opportunities

NBPC Executive Board recently met with Board of Pension leadership and received information and resources for congregations and pastors.

Healthy Pastors, Healthy Congregations grants still open for pastors of color or pastors serving congregations of color:

<http://www.pensions.org/your-path-to-wholeness/healthy-pastors-healthy-congregations>

Pathways to renewal, for ministers under 40 serving in newly formed congregational positions or churches that have not had an installed pastor for at least 2 years:

<http://www.pensions.org/what-we-offer/benefits-packages/pathways-to-renewal>

Organizing pastor grants for ecclesiastical code 301, organizing pastor or evangelist, usually employed by presbyteries for new church development or new worshipping communities:

<http://www.pensions.org/what-we-offer/benefits-packages/Benefits-grants-for-organizing-pastors-and-evangelists>

Living by the Gospel document is a guide to structuring ministers' terms of call:

<http://www.pensions.org/our-role-and-purpose/the-connectional-church/living-by-the-gospel>



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NBPC Board has confirmed with The Convention Planning Committee that the 46th Biennial Convention of the National Black Presbyterian Caucus be a **virtual** convention held on **Thursday June 24th – Saturday June 26th, 2021**. More information will be coming.

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Volunteer Now Opportunities

NBPC has several opportunities for our members to be involved and use their time and talent.

- Biennial Convention Planning Committee
- Bylaws Committee
- Finance Committee
- Membership Committee
- Nominating Committee
- Operations and Procedures Manual Committee
- Regional Representative
- Website Team
- And other ad-hoc committees and teams.

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Membership drive will begin soon. Here are two documents about the benefits of an NBPC Membership and Why Join NBPC.



Why Join National Black Presbyterian Caucus?

“The” reason versus “a” reason to join the National Black Presbyterian Caucus is to join others in dismantling racism in the church and society.

- To strive for continued justice and equity For Blacks in the Presbyterian Church USA (PCUSA) and our communities
- To overcome self-hatred and the demeaning of other Blacks/people of color
- To become the Beloved Community God has called us to become
- To strengthen our congregations, and
- To leverage increased strength in numbers.

Background: The National Black Presbyterian Caucus, (NBPC), is a 501©3 non-profit organization, incorporated in Wilmington Delaware in February 1995, and the activities and affairs are managed by a Board of Directors. Membership is open to individuals and organizations who support our mission and purpose.

The National Black Presbyterian Caucus has chapters across the country. The membership year is calendar from January 1 – December 31. New members joining after October 31 will receive an active membership through December 31 of the following year.

Mission: to serve Jesus Christ, and enrich the black Presbyterian congregations and their communities, through our commitment to congregational enhancement, advocacy, social and racial justice; and challenging the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) when it fails to take seriously the needs of the poor, oppressed, and disenfranchised.

Purpose: to Enable–Equip–and Empower people of the African Diaspora, in dealing with current issues that adversely affect or that can enhance their lives in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and society. Persons of the African Diaspora are those throughout the world that are descended from the historic movement of peoples from Africa.

Individuals and organizations are invited to join existing chapters or create their own. Members are encouraged to establish justice and equity in the PC(USA) and the global community through caucusing, to promote Black Presbyterian history and culture, and to be active in supporting national and local programs, events, and fundraisers.

Membership Fees:

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| • Individual or Affiliate Membership | \$50 |
| • Youth, Young Adult, or College/University/Seminary Student | \$25 |
| • Lifetime Membership | \$1,000 |



- Chapter or Region \$100
- Institutional Mission Partner (e.g. churches, organizations) \$100 - \$300

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BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP WITH THE NATIONAL BLACK PRESBYTERIAN CAUCUS

- Provide access to Black Presbyterians across the country
- Learn and apply the definition, purpose, and value of caucusing
- Participate and increase Black Presbyterian visibility and influence in the PC(USA) restructure and focus
- Explore educational opportunities
- Gain access to the website with current information, resources, career opportunities, upcoming events, and
- Vote in all elections.

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Elder Adrienne Adams	Midwest	Chicago Dayton Michigan Cincinnati
Mrs. Rasheeda Hastings	Northeast	New York City Newark Philadelphia Pittsburgh
Rev. Joe Rigsby	Southeast	Charleston-Atlantic Fairfield-McClelland Greater Atlanta New Harmony Northeast Georgia South Florida
Elder Mark Jones	West	Southern Cal