

46th Biennial National Black Presbyterian Caucus Virtual Convention
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Saturday June 26, 2021 – Day Three

6:30 a.m.	Biennial Production Support meet in Cypress Ballroom	<u>Lynne Foreman, Destini Hodges, Judy Murphy, Danny Murphy, Rev. Mary Newbern Williams, Lydia Willingham, Margaret Priest, David Olali, Joan Gray, Kathy McCloud, Valerie izumi, Zakeyah Frazier</u>
7:00 a.m.	Online Meet and Greet	
8:55 a.m.	Start the Day; Housekeeping Items for the Day and Overview of Day's Events; Elections during the Business Meeting & Voting Training Video; Intro to Worship	Lydia Willingham Margaret Priest
9:00 a.m. (15 minutes)	Devotion Leader – Rev. Dr. Brian Henderson, Pastor St. James Presbyterian Church, Charleston, S.C.	<u>Video</u>
	Introduce with brief bio of Rev. Shelvis Smith-Mather	Rev. Dr. Danny Murphy
9:15 a.m. (30 Minutes)	World View on Theme	Rev. Shelvis Smith-Mather LIVE Mission Co-Worker South Sudan Presbyterian World Mission, PC (U.S.A.)
9:45 a.m.	Presbyterian Historical Society, Presbyterian Foundation Intro to Business Meeting:	EMCEE Danny Murphy
10:00 a.m.	NBPC Business Meeting – Part 3	Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Priest, Jr.
10:30 a.m.	Youth and Young Adult Summit #3	Michael Barconey Zakeyah Frazier
11:30 a.m.	Commercial Break 30 Minutes –	
12:00 p.m.	NBPC Business Meeting Resumes with Elections – Part 4	Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Priest, Jr
	Intro to Worship	EMCEE: Rev. Mary Newbern Williams
12:45 p.m. (60 minutes)	Closing Worship	LIVE
	Gathering Music “We Lift Our Voices” Glory to God # 170 Special Announcements Call to Worship: One: We lift our voices and sing to you, O God All: We lift our voices and sing until all of heaven rings with harmonies of liberties, justice, freedom, and peace. One: Our rejoicing rises to you, O Christ All: Our rejoicing rises as high as the heavens, as low as depths of hell, and throughout this earth that we call home.	William McConnell, DMA Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Priest, Jr. Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Priest, Jr. (Live)

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	<p>One: We cry for liberty, freedom, an end to oppression, and a world where black bodies are sacred in the sight of all, O Spirit.</p> <p>All: We lift our voices to you. We sing, we shout, and we cry. We face the rising sun of a new day and march on until victory is won.</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;">Hymn: <i>“Lift Every Voice and Sing”</i> Composer: James Weldon Johnson</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lift ev’ry voice and sing; Till earth and heaven ring Ring with the harmonies of liberty; Let our rejoicing rise, High as the list’ning skies, Let it resound loud as the rolling sea Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us, Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us; Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, Let us march on till victory is won.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Stony the road we trod, Bitter the chast’ning rod. Felt in the days when hope unborn had died; Yet with a steady beat, Have not our weary feet, Come to the place on which our fathers signed? We have come over a way that with tears has been watered, We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered, Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last Where the white gleam of our star is cast.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, Thou who has brought us thus far on the way; Thou who has by Thy might, Led us into the light, Keep us forever in the path, we pray Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee, Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee, Shadowed beneath the hand, True to our God, True to our native land.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">William McConnell, DMA</p>
	<p>Opening Prayer</p>	<p>Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Priest, Jr.</p>
	<p>Call to Confession</p>	<p>RE Margaret C. Priest</p>
	<p>Prayer of Confession (In Unison):</p>	<p>RE Margaret C. Priest</p>

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	<p>Gracious God, Our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgement. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. (Time for silent prayer and reflection.)</p>	
	<p>Assurance of Pardon:</p> <p>One: If we have died for Christ, we believe, we believe we also will live with Him. Therefore, consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.</p> <p>All: Thanks be to God.</p>	Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Priest, Jr.
	<p>Prayer for Illumination:</p> <p>Almighty God, your word brightens our world and enlightens our minds. Allow all we hear to deepen our faith, encourage us for committed service, and strengthen us to continue Christ's model for discipleship. In His Name we pray. AMEN.</p>	Dr. Lydia Willingham (Live)
	<p>Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:12-26</p>	Zakeyah Frazier
	<p>Sermon:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“Body Builders”</p>	Rev. Dr. Alonzo Johnson Coordinator, PC (USA) Office of Self-Development of People (SDOP)
	<p>Affirmation of Faith:</p> <p>We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects, and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must</p>	RE Lynne Foreman (Live)

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	<p>be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain; that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted. Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever. Amen (The Confession of the Belhar)</p>	
	<p>Prayer: Eternal and Sovereign God, you gave your Son for all humanity. In Jesus Christ we have light for a darkened world, forgiveness for human sinfulness, salvation by grace through faith, and the promise of eternal life. We praise you and thank you for all you have done in Christ Jesus. Loving God, look upon this world, provide for those who are in need, continue to empower us to feed the hungry, clothe those in need, provide shelter for those who have none, and to be the people you have called and commissioned us to be. Teach us to proclaim the hope that is in Jesus, to preach peace and love rather than discord and hate, and to lift His Name up for all to know and to embrace. As you teach us, Loving God, teach us the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples. That is the prayer that says, "Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. AMEN.</p>	Rev. Dr. Danny Murphy (Live)
	<p>Response in Unison: "<i>Let the Church Say Amen</i>" Composer: Andrae Crouch</p> <p>Let the Church say Amen, Let the Church Amen, God has spoken, So let the church say Amen!</p>	William McConnell, DMA
	<p>Hymn: O God, Creator, Sovereign</p>	William McConnell, DMA
1:45 p.m.	46 th Biennial Planning Committee Closing Remarks	RE Margaret Priest (Live) Dr. Lydia Willingham

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1:50 p.m.	NBPC 46 th Biennial Convention Close	Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Priest, Jr.
2:00 p.m.	Benediction and Charge	Rev. Dr. Alonzo Johnson