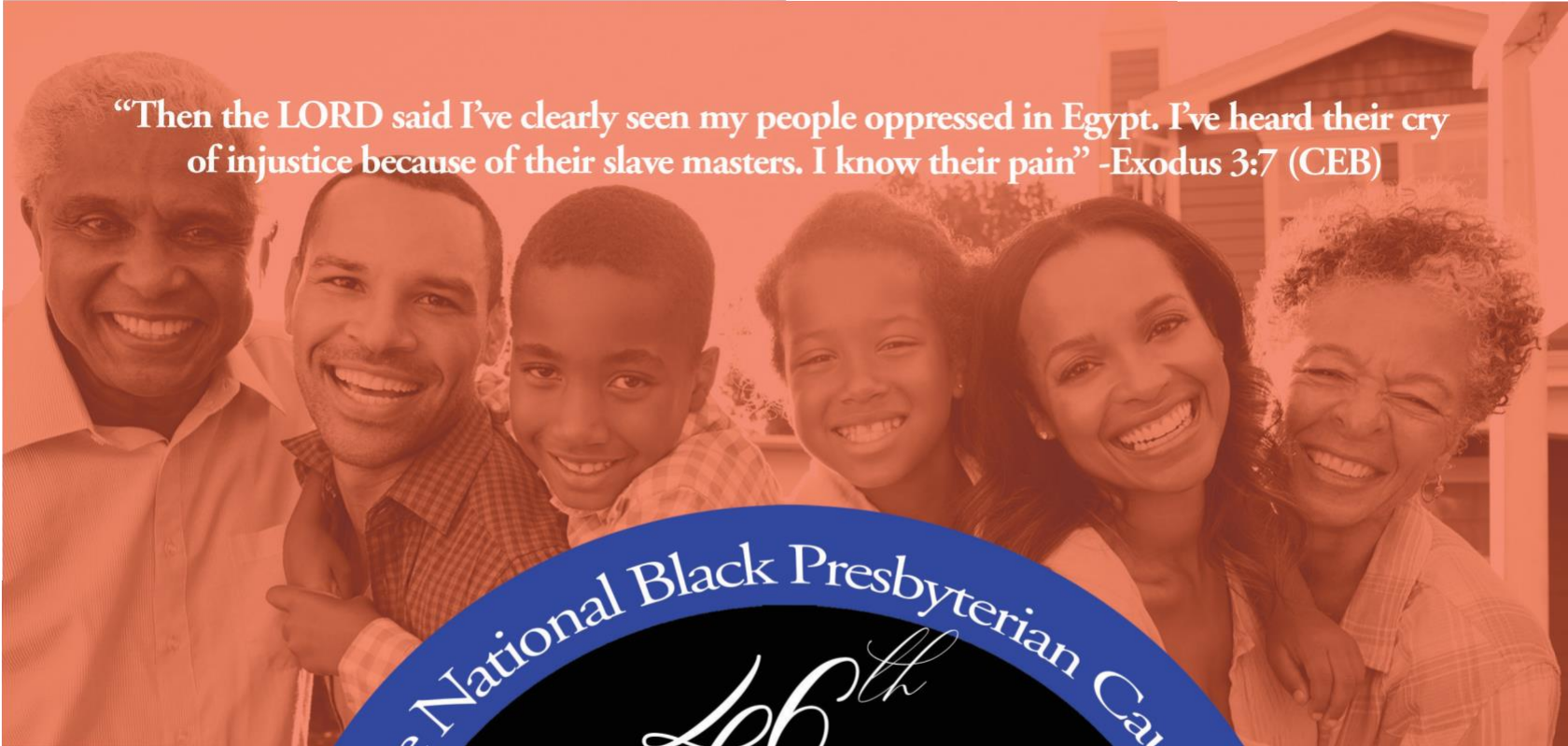


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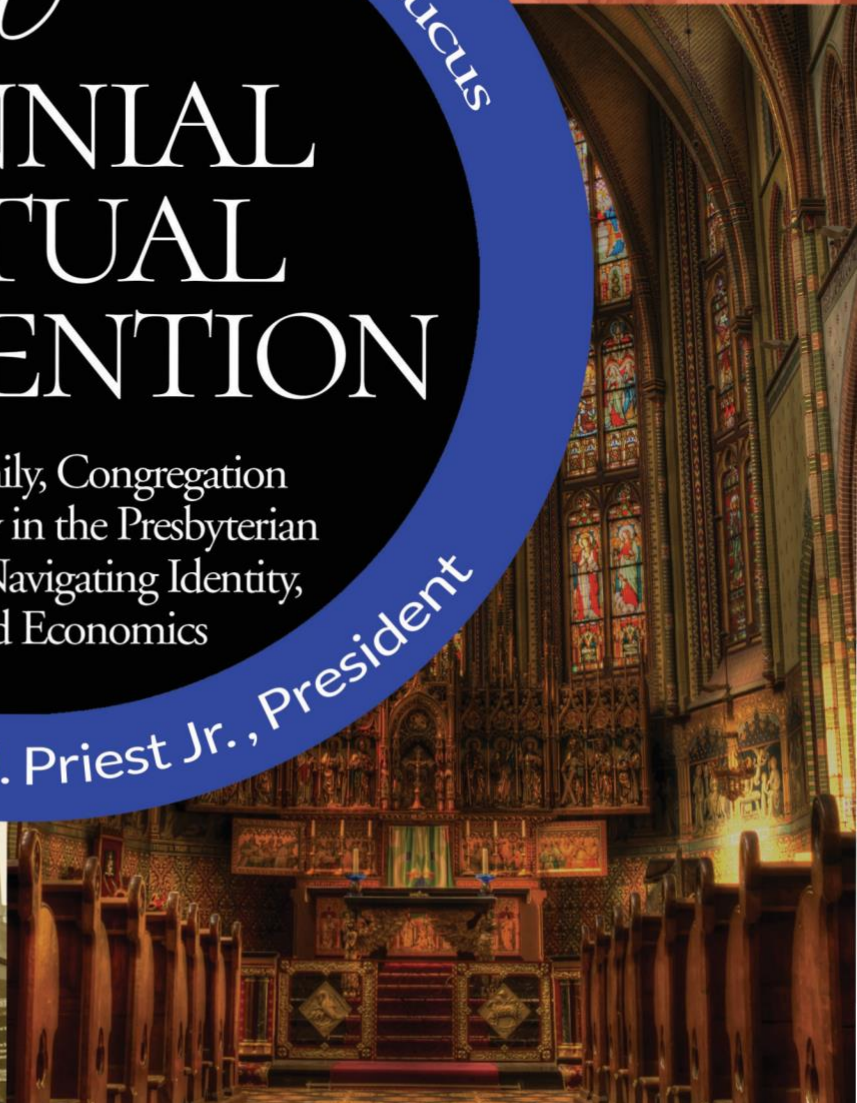
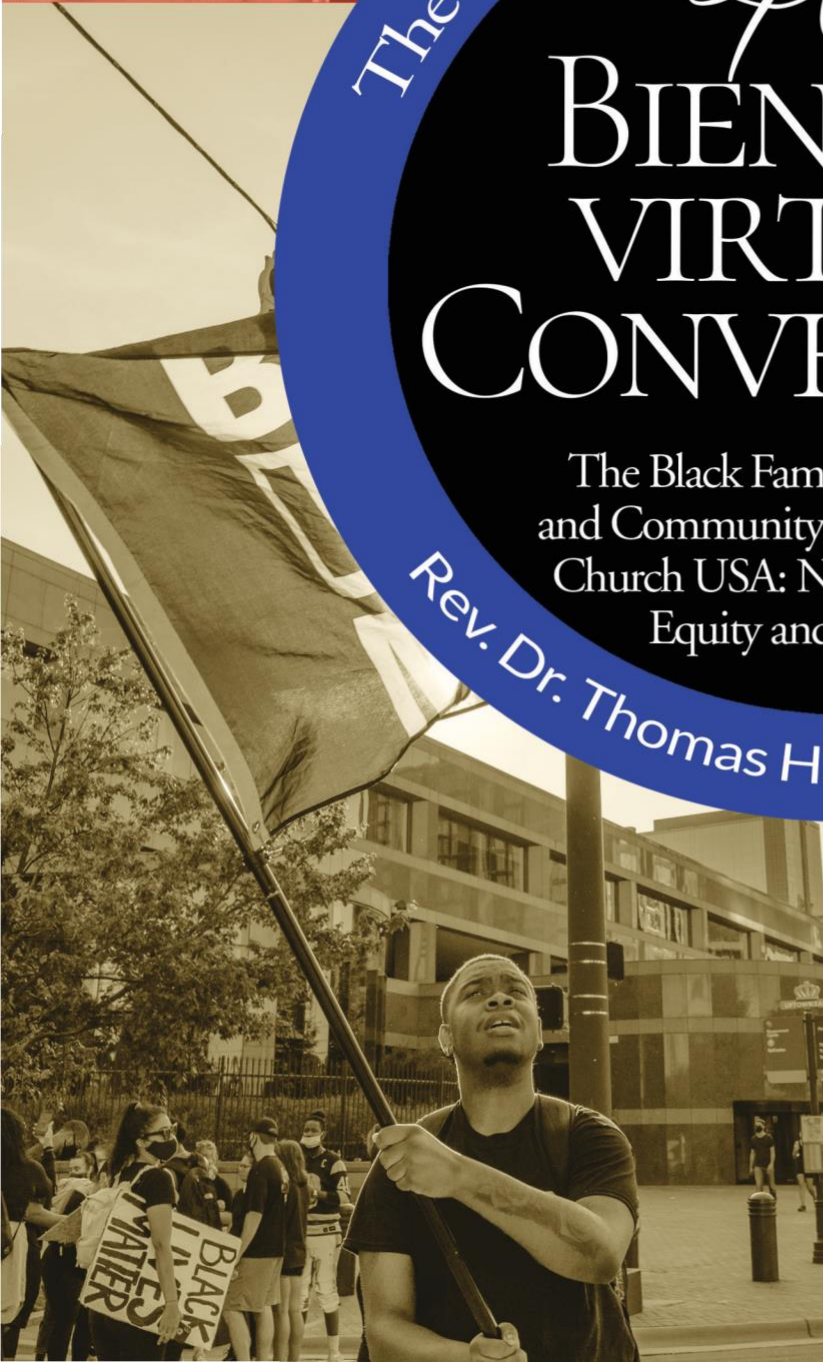


The National Black Presbyterian Caucus

46th
BIENNIAL
VIRTUAL
CONVENTION

The Black Family, Congregation
and Community in the Presbyterian
Church USA: Navigating Identity,
Equity and Economics

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



JUNE 24-26, 2021
Charleston, SC



“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

Composer: James Weldon Johnson

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 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.

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 sighed?
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.

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,
May we forever stand,
True to our God,
True to our native land.

National Black Presbyterian Caucus Song

“Black Folks Must Be Strong”

Composer: Reverend Robert Capers | Tune: “We are Climbing Jacob’s Ladder”

We are building up a new world (3X)

Black Folks Must Be Strong

We are climbing higher, higher (3X)

Black Folks Must Be Strong

Rise, shine, give God the glory (3X)

Black Folks Must Be Strong



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WELCOME TO THE 2021 NBPC BIENNIAL CONVENTION

*“The Black Family, Congregation, and Community in the
Presbyterian Church USA: Navigating Identity, Equity and
Economics”*

Peace Members, Mission Partners, and Friends,

The National Black Presbyterian Caucus (NBPC) Board of Directors and the 46th Biennial Convention Committee welcome you to our first ever virtual biennial convention from Charleston, South Carolina.

The theme of the 46th Biennial Convention is “The Black Family, Congregation, and Community in the Presbyterian Church USA: Navigating Identity, Equity and Economics.” Our theme is inspired by scripture: *“Then the Lord said, ‘I’ve clearly seen my people oppressed in Egypt. I’ve heard their cry of injustice because of their slave masters. I know about their pain’* Exodus 3:7 (CEB).

As we navigate our journey as Black Presbyterians, we recognize that as enslaved people of the African Diaspora our journey parallels the journey of the enslaved Hebrew people. Since 1619 to 2021 Black Presbyterians have been challenged by identity, equity and economic disparities in the church and community.

The 46th Biennial Convention will focus on how Black Presbyterians overcome the disruptions to the Black family to establish an intergenerational organization unified by our common goal that all may thrive as members of God’s beloved community.

The NBPC is challenged today to achieve its mission and purpose as we navigate the troubling waters of racial hatred and bias. In addition to our business meetings, we will discuss the status of our two resolutions addressing the challenge of being Black in the PC(USA) and the lack of installed pastoral leadership in eighty percent (80%) of our Black congregations.

It is my sincere hope that this convention’s program will inspire you, transform you and create in you a witness committed to racial justice and equity. The NBPC needs your witness and participation to accomplish our mission and purpose. Let us commit to work together to be the change needed to realize God’s beloved community.

With Justice and Equity always,

Thomas H. Priest, Jr.

Thomas H. Priest, Jr.

President,

National Black Presbyterian Caucus



City of Charleston

JOHN J. TECKLENBURG
MAYOR

June 24, 2021

WELCOME!

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2021 National Black Presbyterian Caucus 46th Biennial Virtual Convention, as you gather June 24-26, 2021. As Mayor of the City of Charleston, and on behalf of Charleston City Council and all our citizens, I am honored and delighted that we will be your virtual host city.

Although the events this year are virtual due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we consider it a privilege for Charleston to be chosen as the host city. We hope you will still be able to see the array of things that Charleston has to offer. My best wishes for a great event!

Most sincerely yours,

John J. Tecklenburg
Mayor, City of Charleston



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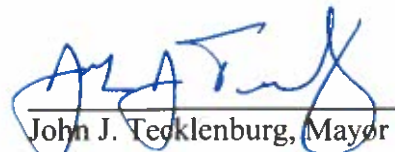
PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** in 1893, the first predecessor to National Black Presbyterian Caucus (NBPC) was organized. It was originally called the Afro Presbyterian Council and was organized by the Reverends Francis Grimke, R.H. Armstrong, Matthew Anderson and John B. Reeve; and
- WHEREAS,** the purpose of the NBPC is to promote church growth and strengthen the spiritual life of Black Presbyterian congregations and individual members; and
- WHEREAS,** the NBPC advocates for social and racial justice, supports Black Presbyterian members, and serves Jesus Christ; and
- WHEREAS,** the NBPC will celebrate its 46th Biennial Virtual Convention June 24 – June 26, 2021, in Charleston, SC. It is structured to educate and encourage our chapters and member congregations to fully participate in life of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); and
- WHEREAS,** the NBPC's theme this year is "The Black Family, Congregation and Community in the Presbyterian Church U.S.A.: Navigating Identity, Equity, and Economics"; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Charleston is honored to welcome the NBPC and to be chosen for your virtual host city.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John J. Tecklenburg, Mayor of the City of Charleston, do hereby proclaim June 24, 2021 as:

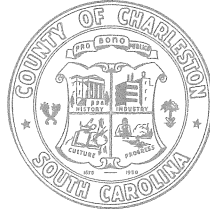
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand, and cause the seal of Charleston to be affixed, this 24th day of June in the year of 2021.


John J. Tecklenburg, Mayor



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June 24, 2021

To the Attendees of the National Black Presbyterian Caucus:

Personally, and on behalf of Charleston County Council, I wish to take this opportunity to welcome you to Charleston County. The Hebron Presbyterian Church on Johns Island has a rich history rooted in the Sea Islands spanning back to the 1890's. In fact, earlier this year the church's Hebron Center was selected as the first historic landmark to be listed on Charleston County's Historic Designation List through our newly developed Historic Preservation program.

To the clergy and laity from the Lowcountry, thank you for your attendance today. Thank you for the contributions you make in your local parish. It is humbling to know that there are good people like you carrying out the Lord's work in our community.

To the attendees from across the state and other locations, Charleston is widely known as "The Holy City" because of its steeple-lined cityscape. We welcome you to our county and invite you to visit our historical sites and beaches. As host for your conference, the Charleston area will most certainly enjoy the kind of contagious spiritual growth that derives from the Christian leadership your ministry encourages.

We pray that you will be inspired and enlightened by the information shared in this conference. May God continue to be a light in your path.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anna B. Johnson".

Anna B. Johnson
Vice Chairwoman
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May 13, 2021

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46th Biennial Convention
National Black Presbyterian Caucus

Greetings to you in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord, Head of the Church, and gives it all that is necessary for its life and mission to the world.

On behalf of the churches of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery, I extend greetings and a hearty welcome to Charleston, South Carolina, for your celebration of the 46th Biennial Convention of the National Black Presbyterian Caucus.

This past year of Global Pandemic has been one of the most challenging for any and all organizations across the world, requiring all of us to adapt to new ways of thinking and being. COVID 19 required all organizations to quickly adapt to a virtual world where all of us figure things out as we go along. Let me say this to all of you: IF YOU HAVE NOT BEEN VACCINATED YET, GET IT DONE AND ENCOURAGE EVERYONE YOU KNOW TO DO SO.

Again, even in the midst of social distancing, virtual work and worship, I warmly welcome you to Charleston. My prayers will certainly be with you; and may all you do contribute to the glory of God and strengthen the ties that bind us together in Christian love and fellowship.

Sincerely yours,
Donnie R. Woods
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as of June 7, 2021

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Northeast	Jade King	Bass
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Northeast	Maxine	Jenkins

Region	Lifetime Member	
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Mid-Atlantic	Allie B	Latimer
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Northeast	Zandra	Maffett
West	Charles	Marks
Southeast	Oscar	McCloud
Northeast	Warren	McNeill
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West	Laura J Burton-	Odem
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Mid-South	<i>Robina</i>	<i>Winbush</i>
West	Steven	Yamaguchi

**Names in italics have joined the great cloud of witnesses*

The National Black Presbyterian Caucus 46th Biennial Convention

Live Events at a Glance

Wednesday, June 23, 2021

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Face – to – Face Board Meeting	Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Priest, Jr.
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Thursday, June 24, 2021

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	NBPC Business Meeting Part 1	Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Priest, Jr.
11:30 a.m. – 12: 30 p.m.	Youth and Young Adult Summit Session #1	Michael Barconey Zakeyah Frazier
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	NBPC Business Meeting Part 2	Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Priest, Jr.
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Plenary Session 1	Rev. Jonathan Walton, PhD

Friday, June 25, 2021

10:00a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Plenary Session 2	Rev. Jonathan Walton, PhD
11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Plenary – Question and Answer Session	Rev. Jonathan Walton, PhD
11:45 – 12:45p.m.	Justice Unbound: <i>Just Talk Live</i>	Lee Catoe Destini Hodges
1:00 p.m.	Youth and Young Adult Summit Session #2	Michael Barconey Zakeyah Frazier

Saturday, June 26, 2021

9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	World View on Theme	Rev. Shelvis Smith-Mather
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	NBPC Business Meeting Part 3	Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Priest, Jr.
12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.	NBPC Business Meeting Resumes with Elections – Part 4	Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Priest, Jr.
1:45 p.m. – 1:49 p.m.	46 th Biennial Planning Committee Closing Remarks	RE Margaret Priest Dr. Lydia Willingham
1:50 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	NBPC 46 th Biennial Convention Close	Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Priest, Jr.
2:00 p.m.	National Black Presbyterian Caucus 46 th Biennial is Adjourned	Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Priest, Jr.

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Thursday June 24, 2021 – Day One

8:30 a.m.	Welcome. Convention Convenes Tips to a Successful Watch Experience	RE Margaret Priest and Dr. Lydia Willingham
8:45 a.m.	Customs of Heritage Acknowledge the Land Honor the Gullah – Geechee People Rev. Denise Anderson, Racial Equity and Women’s Intercultural Ministries RE valerie izumi, Assistant Stated Clerk, Office of General Assembly	Rev. Mary Newbern Williams
9:00 a.m. (60 minutes)	<p style="text-align: center;">Opening Worship</p> Pre-Worship Music Prelude Greetings from the President Introduction of the Board Call to Worship: Pastor: The Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting. People: God’s faithfulness endures to all generations. Pastor: Let us make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. All: We will worship the Lord with gladness; we come into God’s presence with singing. Let us worship God in spirit and truth.	Simplicia Smith Simplicia Smith Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Priest, Jr. Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Priest, Jr. Rev. Leon Page
	National Black Presbyterian Caucus Song “Black Folks Must Be Strong” Composer: Rev. Robert Capers Tune: We Are Climbing Jacob’s Ladder We are building up a new world (3X) Black Folks Must Be Strong We are climbing higher, higher (3X) Black Folks Must Be Strong Rise, shine, give God the glory (3X) Black Folks Must Be Strong	Simplicia Smith

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	<p>Statement of the Occasion and Historical Overview of the National Black Presbyterian Caucus</p> <p>Opening Prayer (In Unison):</p> <p>Gracious and Almighty God, light of the hearts that see you, life of the souls that love you, strength of the thoughts that seek you; to turn from you is to fall, to turn to you is to rise, to abide in you is to stand fast forever. Although we are unworthy to approach you, or to ask anything at all of you, we are confident in Christ Jesus to ask that you grant us your grace and blessings for the sake of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. You have guided and directed the ministry and mission of NBPC from its beginning to the present day. It is with that knowledge that we ask your continued blessings and love upon the work of this Caucus, this Convention, and this time of worship. Bless this worship and may it be pleasing to you and may it glorify you in every way. In the Name of Jesus Christ, we pray. AMEN.</p>	<p>Rev. Dr. Donnie Woods</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Danny Murphy</p>
	<p>Music Selection: <i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i></p>	<p>Simplicia Davis</p>
	<p>Call to Confession:</p> <p><i>“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness”. Let us confess our sin before God and this assembly. Let us pray. (From I John 1:8,9 adapted)</i></p>	<p>Rev. Maxine E. Jenkins</p>

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	<p>Confession of Sin: (In Unison)</p> <p>Loving and merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We confess that we are selfish, sinful people who are obsessed with our own needs and desires. Lord, we humbly confess our sins, and we ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Gracious and forgiving God, have mercy on us. In your loving-kindness, and in your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.</p>	Rev. Maxine E. Jenkins
	<p>Declaration of Pardon:</p> <p><i>The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you with confident assurance that in Jesus Christ, our Lord, you are forgiven. Believe in the Gospel and be at Peace. AMEN</i></p>	Dr. Lydia Willingham
	<p>Prayer of Illumination:</p> <p>Creator God, your Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. Grant to us your grace and love so that we receive your truth in faith and in love, that we may be obedient to your will and live always for your glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior. AMEN</p>	Rev. Doris Evans
	<p>Scripture: Psalm 133 Psalm 120 Exodus 3:7</p>	Rev. Dr. Charles Heyward (Live)
	<p>Sermon: <i>“The Cries of the People are Powerful”</i></p>	Rev. Letiah Fraser
	<p>Music Selection</p>	Simplicia Smith

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	<p>Affirmation of Faith</p> <p>We believe that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special the God of the destitute, the poor, and the wronged; that God calls the church to follow him in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry; that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind; that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps the orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly; that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against an form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Therefore, we reject any ideology which would legitimate form of injustice and any doctrine which is unwilling to resist such an ideology in the name of the gospel. Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father/Creator, Son and holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory forever and ever. AMEN.</p> <p>From the Confession of Belhar (adapted)</p>	<p>Rev. Patricia Jones</p>
	<p>Prayer and the Lord's Prayer</p>	<p>Rev. Mary Newbern Williams</p>
	<p>Music Selection - Instrumental</p>	<p>Simplicia Smith</p>
	<p>Charge and Benediction</p>	<p>Rev. Letiah Fraser</p>
	<p>Postlude</p>	<p>Simplicia Smith</p>
	<p>End of Day 1 Worship</p>	

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10:00 a.m. (90 minutes)	NBPC Business Meeting Part 1 Greetings from Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.): Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II, Stated Clerk, Office of General Assembly Rev. Dr. Diane Givens-Moffett, President and Executive Director of the Presbyterian Mission Agency	Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Priest, Jr.
11:30 a.m.	Commercial Break – 30 Minutes	
11:30 a.m. (60 Minutes)	Youth and Young Adult Summit Session 1	Michael Barconey Zakeyah Frazier
12:00 p.m. (90 minutes)	NBPC Business Meeting Part 2 Greetings from the South Carolina Affiliate Ministries(video) Synod of South Atlantic – Rev. Joyce Lieberman Southeast Region – Rev. Joseph Rigsby Charleston Atlantic Presbytery – Rev. Donnie Woods Mrs. Evelynne Freeman Singleton, NBPC Chapter President Rev. Dr McKinley Washington, Jr., Honorably Retired Greetings from City of Charleston, S.C. U.S. Congressman James Clyburn, U.S. Representative to South Carolina District 6 (video) Mayor John Tecklenburg (video) Reference: NBPC Business Meeting Agenda	Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Priest, Jr.
1:30 p.m.	Commercial Break – 30 Minutes	
2:00 p.m. (60 Minutes)	Plenary Session 1	Dr. Jonathan Lee Walton, Dean Wake Forest University School of Divinity
3:00 p.m.	Convention Day 1 is Complete	

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Friday June 25, 2021 – Day Two

9:30 a.m.	Greetings from the City of Charleston, S.C.: U.S. Congressman James Clyburn, U.S. Representative to South Carolina District 6 (video) Mayor John Tecklenburg (video)	
9:45 a.m. (15 minutes)	Devotion Leader – Rev. Patricia Jones Pastor, Hebron-Zion Presbyterian Church, John’s Island, S. C.	Video
10:00 a.m. (60 Minutes)	Plenary Part 2 Dr. Jonathan Lee Walton Dean, Wake Forest University School of Divinity	Live
11:00 a.m. (30 Minutes)	Plenary - Question and Answer Session	Live
11:30 a.m.	Commercial Break – 15 Minutes	
11:45 a.m. (60 Minutes)	Justice Unbound: <i>Just Talk Live</i>	Lee Catoe Destini Hodges
12:45 p.m.	Presbyterian Historical Society Update	David Staniunas Sonia Prescott
12:50 p.m.	Commercial Break – 10 Minutes	
1:00 p.m. (60 minutes)	Youth and Young Adult Summit #2	Michael Barconey Zakeyah Frazier
2:00 p.m.	Honoree Awards Ceremony	Video
2:30 p.m.	Convention Day 2 Complete	

Saturday June 26, 2021 – Day Three

9:00 a.m. (15 minutes)	Devotion Leader – Rev. Dr. Brian Henderson, Pastor St. James Presbyterian Church, Charleston, S.C.	Video
9:15 a.m. (30 Minutes)	World View on Theme	Rev. Shelves Smith-Mather Mission Co-Worker South Sudan Presbyterian World Mission, PC (U.S.A.)
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.
12:45 p.m. (60 minutes)	Closing Worship	Video
	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	William McConnell, DMA Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Priest, Jr. Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Priest, Jr. (Live)

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	<p>All: We lift our voices and sing until all of heaven rings with harmonies of liberties, justice, freedom, and peace.</p> <p>One: Our rejoicing rises to you, O Christ</p> <p>All: Our rejoicing rises as high as the heavens, as low as depths of hell, and throughout this earth that we call home.</p> <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>

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	Opening Prayer	Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Priest, Jr.
	Call to Confession	RE Margaret C. Priest
	Prayer of Confession (In Unison): 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.)	RE Margaret C. Priest
	Assurance of Pardon: 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. All: Thanks be to God.	Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Priest, Jr.
	Prayer for Illumination: 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.	Dr. Lydia Willingham (Live)
	Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:12-26	Zakeyah Frazier
	Sermon: “Body Builders”	Rev. Dr. Alonzo Johnson Coordinator, PC (USA) Office of Self-Development of People (SDOP)

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	<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> <p>The Lord's Prayer: 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 and ever. AMEN</p>	<p>Rev. Dr. Danny Murphy (Live)</p>

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	Response in Unison: “ <i>Let the Church Say Amen</i> ” Composer: Andrae Crouch Let the Church say Amen, Let the Church Amen, God has spoken, So let the church say Amen!	William McConnell, DMA
	Hymn: O God, Creator, Sovereign	William McConnell, DMA
	Benediction and Charge	Rev. Dr. Alonzo Johnson
1:45 p.m.	46 th Biennial Planning Committee Closing Remarks	RE Margaret Priest (Live) Dr. Lydia Willingham
1:50 p.m.	NBPC 46 th Biennial Convention Close	Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Priest, Jr.
2:00 p.m.	National Black Presbyterian Caucus Biennial Convention is Adjourned	

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Part 1

Call to Order/Welcome	Thomas H. Priest, Jr., President
Opening Prayer	Thomas H. Priest, Jr.
Adopt Agenda	Thomas H. Priest, Jr.
Conference Logistics	Margaret C. Priest/Lydia Willingham Convention Co-Chairs
Acknowledgements of Guests	Thomas H. Priest, Jr.
Appoint Parliamentarian	Thomas H. Priest, Jr.
Greetings	PC(USA) Agencies
Review 45 th Biennial Convention Minutes	Lenore Williams, Secretary
Nominating Committee Report	James Hooper, Chair
President's Report	Thomas H. Priest, Jr.
Vice – President's Report	Doris Evans
Treasurer's Report	Charles Heyward

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Part 2

Financial Administrator’s Report	Rosy Latimore
Membership Committee Chair Report	Stefanie Lewis
Website Team	Doris Evans
Revive, Renew, Restore Team	Doris Evans
Operations & Procedures Manual Report	James Thomas
Region Reports	
Mid-Atlantic Region	TBD
Mid-South Region	Natalie Toombs
Midwest Region	Adrienne Adams
Northeast Region	Rasheeda Hastings
Southeast Region	Joe Rigsby
West Region	Mark Jones
African Connection Report	Dianna Wright
National Black Presbyterian Women Report	Lydia Willingham
Circle of Elders Report	James A. Thomas, Sr.
Youth and Young Adult Report	Akilah Hyrans

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Saturday, June 26, 2021, 10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. EST

Part 1

Call to Order/Welcome	Thomas H. Priest, Jr. President
Opening Prayer	Doris Evans, Vice – President
Announcements	
223 rd GA 05 – 09 Resolution <i>“On the Challenge of Being Black in the PC(USA)”</i> - Status	Doris Evans
225 th GA Resolution 02-84 <i>“The Lack of Installed Pastoral Leadership in People of Color Congregations In the PC(USA)”</i>	Doris Evans
Racial Equity Advocacy Committee Report	Flora Bridges

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Part 2

Election and Installation of New Officers	Convention Parliamentarian
2023 Biennial Convention Report	Thomas H. Priest, Jr.
Convention Closing Prayer and Adjournment	Thomas H. Priest, Jr.

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Thursday, June 27, 2019, 9:00 A.M. EST

Call to Order/Welcome – the meeting was called to order by President, Rev. Dr. Thomas Priest, Jr. at 9:07am and recognition of Board members. It was then opened with Prayer by Vice President Doris Evans

A quorum was established.

It was properly moved and seconded to adopt the Agenda for the conference. Motion carried.

Conference Logistics - Rev. Mary Newbern-Williams acknowledged the planning committee.
Judy Murphy/Lynne Foreman, Convention Co-Chairs

Acknowledged Guests – John McFadden, Executive Vice President, Chief of Church Engagement, The Board of Pensions, PC (USA); Keenan Rodgers, Associate Church Consultant, The Board of Pensions PC (USA); Rev. Katie Crowe, Pastor, Trinity Ave. Presbyterian Church, Durham, NC; Orlando Carr, Presbyterian Foundation; Rev. Jimmie Hawkins, Office of Public Witness; Sonia Prescott, Public Services Associate, Presbyterian Historical Society; Cindy Ealy, Senior Administrative Assistant for Finance, Ecclesial and Ecumenical Ministries PC (USA); Molly Casteel, Manager, Equity and Representation Assistant Stated Clerk; Sherri Hunter, OGA PC (USA); Jewell Carter

Appoint Parliamentarian – Rev. Daniel Murphy has been established as Parliamentarian by President Priest.

Review 44th Biennial Convention Minutes – minutes were displayed during the meeting but had already been posted 60 days after the 2017 Biennial and on the NBPC website. It was properly moved and seconded to approve the minutes with corrections. Motion carried.

Nominating Committee Report – Elder Rosy Latimore, Chair – Nominations for President – Thomas Priest, Jr. and Treasurer Rev. Charles Heyward, Sr. No nominations have been received at this time. President Priest opened the floor to nominations – must be a member of NBPC in good standing. Vice-President Evans assumed the moderator position to receive nominations from the floor. No nominations from the floor were received for President and Treasurer and were closed. President Priest resumed the moderator position and asked for nominations from the floor for Nominations committee. Mary B. Porter, (Southeast); Toni Griffin-Fields (Southeast); Rev. Antonio Lawrence (Mid-Atlantic). It was properly moved and seconded to hold nominations open through the next Business meeting. Motion carried. Acknowledgment to Elder Rosy Latimore and her committee for their hard work.

New Chapter Celebrations – President Priest spoke on New York City's re-establishing their Chapter. Looking at Cincinnati-Dayton and Baltimore coming on soon. Houston representative announced they were interested in establishing a Chapter. They were directed to Natalie Toombs (Mid-South region).

Office of the General Assembly/

Presbytery Mission Agency – Greetings from Rev. Lemuel Garcia - Updated information on African-American congregations needs to be updated and asked for help either on-line or email.

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Special Committee on Racism, Truth and Reconciliation – Listening Sessions – Marta Pumroy (co-moderator) – the 222nd GA and 223rd GA to conduct a church-wide listening campaign to review the state of racism in our Presbytery including reparations, restorations, reconciliations and renewal. John 1:14. Friday and Saturday listening sessions are available this weekend during the Biennial. What will happen with the data? It will mainly be a data gathering session to make sure there is an awareness and realization there is a problem. It is still being determined how to go forward. President Priest stated as a Caucus we must look into it and hold all parties accountable. The Committee will report to 2020 GA and final report will be in 2022 at Columbus, OH.

Membership Chair, Stefanie Lewis asked if members did not receive their cards, please see her before the meeting ends this weekend.

Closing Prayer by Marta Pumroy at 10:12am.

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Friday, June 28, 2019, 9:00am EST

The meeting was called to order by President Priest at 9:28am and all were welcomed. President Priest then opened with prayer.

Acknowledgment of Guests, David Staniunas, Presbyterian Historical Society, Philadelphia; DeAmber Clopton, PC (USA) Louisville

Announcements – Circle of Elders are meeting 1:30pm in the hotel at the lobby level; reminder talks are continuing with Racism, Truth and Reconciliation (sign-up at the registration table).

President's Report – President Priest summarized his written report. Emphasized the theme and challenge "Where do we go from here? Seeking racial justice and equity". We need to work on establishing a formal and standard location that should go along with the PC (USA) offices. Work is underway on revising the Mission Statement.

Vice-President's Report – President Evans summarized her written report. Reminded members to VOTE! There are 400 members and only 35 voted. Site for information on www.cwags.org and www.nationalnbpc.org on the Cannon lectures. Copies of the report were available in hand-outs.

Treasurer's Report – Rev. Dr. Charles Heyward reviewed his report. Copies will be available. Audit report pending. Information has not been updated to include the current conference. Treasurer is available to answer questions.

Financial Administrator's Report – Chair Rosy Latimore reported. Information is already in the program book.

Guest Announcements:

Rosemary Mitchell – Mission Engagement and Support - PMA. Also in attendance are Sy Hughes (South); Lynne Foreman (Northeast and Trinity Synods); Bill McConnel (Texas)

John McFadden – Board of Pensions – Dr. Arlene Gordon and Keenan Rogers (World Affairs - works with churches without called pastors and Education Debt Reduction for pastors)

Jose Luis Casal, Director World Mission – Sited the department's short comings of the past and has increased the African-American employee staff from 2-11.

Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, Jr – Stated Clerk PC (USA) -- reminded all to put records into the archives. Too much history has been lost for African American Presbyterians. Elder Dianna Wright has been named to replace Rev. Robina Winbush in an interim capacity. Thanked all for the payment of per capita.

Meeting adjourned at 11:03am.

Meeting reconvened at 11:15am by President Priest to accept nominations for the Nominations Committee. Nominated were:

Rev. Tamron Keith, Teaching (Mid-South)

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James Hooper, Ruling (Mid-South)

Etta Graham-Mitchell, Ruling (Northeast)

It was properly moved and seconded to close nominations. Nominations closed at 11:22am.

Meeting adjourned at 11:23am and Plenary began.

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Saturday, June 29, 2019, 8:30am, EST

The meeting was called to order by President Priest at 8:45am and was opened with prayer from Rev. Maxine E. Jenkins.

Acknowledgment of Guests – no new guests present.

No announcements

Special address from Rev. Dr. Diane Givens Moffett on Matthew 25 Church. This is a “vision”, we are part of a greater body and it’s up to us to do the service as Calvin says “we are saved to serve”. To have a detailed presentation, contact the PMA.

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/> It was properly moved and seconded that the NBPC will advocate and encourage the Matthew 25 Vision. Motion carried.

Membership Chair Report – Chair Stefanie Lewis reported 481 members, 17 chapters. There is an installment plan available for Lifetime members. For previous Lifetime members who do not have cards should send \$25 to Membership. Funds for Lifetime Memberships are put into an endowment fund. Details are in the Treasurer’s Report. President Priest announced report is on the registration table for distribution.

Region Reports – President Priest announced all reports are listed in the book or on the registration table for distribution. They will also be placed on the website.

Bylaws Committee Report – Natalie Toombs reported on the motion to amend the By-Laws:

ARTICLE VII – BOARD OF DIRECTORS (*BOARD*)

Section 1(b), 2(a) and (b)- Remove “Advocacy Committee on Racial Ethnic Concerns (ACREC)” to “Racial Equity Advocacy Committee (REAC)”

Section 12: QUORUM - A quorum for the transaction of official Board business shall constitute the presence of at least 7 Board members, consisting of three regions represented (meaning of the people present, 3 regions must be present) and one (1) elected officer.

These come from committee and do not need to be seconded. Notice was sent via email, via chapters and through mail for those without emails. Motion carried.

GA 05 – 09 Resolution's Status – it was noted that Vice-President Evans talked about this yesterday in her report and it is encouraged that everyone participate. Commissioners resolution from NBPC on the challenge of being Black in the PC (USA) including actions for accountability.

NBPC 2020 General Assembly Resolution – Africa Initiative will be reinstated with Self Development of People and part of the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering.

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National Black Presbyterian Women Report – Elder Sheila Louder, President - reported and encouraged Black Presbyterian Women to join. Looking also at the “Empty Chair”, a committee on abused black women, sex trafficking, pipeline of black children into incarceration, mental health, voting rights and other issues.

Circle of Elders Report – James A. Thomas, Sr, Chair, report is in the program. It is about connecting with one another after they retire. But you don't have to be retired to be on the mailing list.

Youth and Young Adult Report – Akilah Hyrams, Chair, not present, but reports are on the registration table and will be on the website.

Racial Equity Advocacy Committee (REAC) - Thomas H. Priest, Jr. included in the President's report.

Funding/Fundraising – Question posed by Rev. James Reese on what steps are being taken to get funds for fulfilling the mission of NBPC. Rev. David Wallace and Treasurer Rev. Charles Heyward stated they are working with institutional entities to see about donating funds (churches, seminaries, etc). More work is needed. Membership and Finance Committees will meet to make sure things are properly categorized. It is asked to make fundraising a serious and immediate consideration and plan.

Election and Installation of New Officers – It was properly moved and seconded to approve and elect the slate of officers and nominations committee by acclamation. Motion carried. Convention Parliamentarian, Rev. Danny Murphy installed the officers.

Elected and Installed were:

- President – Rev. Dr. Thomas Priest, Jr.
- Treasurer – Rev. Dr. Charles Heyward, Sr.
- Nominating Committee:
 - Elder James Hooper
 - Elder Mary Porter
 - Elder Etta Graham-Mitchell
 - Rev. Antonio Lawrence
 - Rev. Tamron Keith
 - Elder Toni Griffin-Fields

2019 Biennial Convention Report – applause and much appreciation to Lynne Foreman and Judy Murphy as Co-Chairs and the members of the committee for a wonderful conference.

Appreciation given to the Board membership.

2021 Biennial Convention location was named to be Charleston, SC.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment at the benediction during worship.

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Monday, January 25, 2021

9:00 PM (EST)

Roll Call: Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Priest, Jr., Rev. Doris Evans, Rev. Dr. Charles Heyward, Lenore Williams, Damon Bethea (Finance Committee Chair), Rosy Latimore (Financial Administrator), Stefanie Lewis (Membership Chair), Margaret Priest (Co-Chair Biennial Committee), Rev. Dr. James Thomas (Circle of Elders), Dr. Lydia Willingham (Black Presbyterian Women – Co-Chair Biennial Committee), Dianna Wright (African Connection), Adrienne Adams (Mid-West Region Rep), Natalie Toombs (Mid-South Region Rep), Rasheeda Hastings (Northeast Region Rep), Mary Porter (Southeast Region Rep), Mark Jones (West Region Rep.) James Hooper (Nominating Committee), Rev. Dr. Flora Bridges (REAC)

Absent: Akilah Hyrams (Youth Advisor/Representative), Rev. Michael Moore (PMA Liaison)

Excused: John Etheredge, Rev. Joe Rigsby (Southeast Region Rep)

Welcome / Call to Order/ Prayer by Rev. Priest at 9:00pm Eastern

Roll Call/Establishment of Quorum was given by Secretary Williams and quorum

Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes – removed from Consent agenda
- b. President Report
- c. Vice President Report
- d. Treasurer Report- removed from Consent agenda
- e. Financial Administrator Report
- f. Membership Report – removed from Consent agenda
- g. Region and Chapter Development Report
- h. Racial Equity Advocacy Report – removed from Consent agenda
- i. Young Adult Report – **no report submitted**
- j. Nominating Committee Report – removed from Consent agenda
- k. Policy and Procedures Manual Report
- l. African Connection Report – **no report submitted**
- m. Black Presbyterian Women Report
- n. Circle of Elders Report
- o. PMA Liaison Report – **no report submitted**
- p. Seminarian Report – **no report submitted**
- q. All Region Representatives Reports

With the exception of those items removed, it was properly moved and seconded to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of items removed. After discussion and an itemized list given, it was moved and seconded to call the question. Motion carried. The vote took place to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of items removed. Motion carried.

Items removed from the Consent Agenda

- a) Approval of the minutes – It was properly moved and seconded to approve the minutes with the correction of Adrienne Adams being listed as present. Motion carried.
- b) Treasurer's Report – Rev. Heyward reviewed the Treasurer's report. It was properly noted to accept the Treasurer's report subject to audit.
- c) Membership Report – **Motion – New York City Chapter receive its 2020 rebate of \$320.** Moved by committee and does not require a second. Motion carries.

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- d) Racial Equity Advocacy Report – Rev. Dr. Flora Wilson-Bridges – it was asked to enlarge the pyramid on Racism.
- e) Nominating Committee Report – Hooper reviewed the process. Ballots will go out for President, Treasurer and Legal/Parliamentarian persons after May 31st.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee - President Priest highlighted the following actions:

- Removed Board Member – Seminarian Deacon Theresa Durham due to excessive absences.
- Removed Board Member – Mid-Atlantic Region Representative – Nita Henderson due to excessive absences.
- Approved the President, Vice President and Secretary receive emails from NBPC@PCUSA.ORG email address.

Motions for Board Action: The NBPC Executive Committee moves that a legal, polity/parliamentarian be elected to the Board of Directors at the 2021 Biennial Convention – Motion carried.

Finance Committee - Damon Bethea – Chair reviewed the budget.

Motion – The NBPC Finance Committee makes a motion to the Board of Directors to approve the 2021 NBPC Budget. It was asked to look into a Corporate Zoom account that would allow more than one host. Motion carried.

Website – Vice President Evans emphasized the Lenten devotionals 2021 NBPC Biennial Convention -Lydia Willingham and Margaret Priest presented potential program cover and work on website for upcoming registration. Also an invitation for revisiting the event. Executive Committee and any members of the Board are asked to be present.

Region Representatives

Mid-Atlantic
Mid-South
Midwest
Northeast
Southeast
West

Consent Agenda

Nita Henderson
Natalie Toombs
Adrienne Adams
Rasheeda Hastings
Joe Rigsby
Mark Jones

Items for Action

- See Executive Committee Report

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

- Need to review by-laws to make decisions on terms of officers. Review articles _____.
- Per Capita – should we hold back on paying per capita if our Presbyteries do not support NBPC?
- Please review the issue with Beaver-Butler Presbytery and the work towards mediation.

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- Rev. Heyward will host a training session for Treasurers of the Caucus and churches. Information will be coming out soon.

2021 Board Meeting Dates

January 25, 2021 Annual Meeting- Held

April 19, 2021

June 23rd Face to Face

June 24–26, 2021 46th Biennial Convention

September 20, 2021 It was moved and seconded to replace this with a “Welcome” meeting

8/9/21. Motion carried.

It was properly moved and seconded to have an additional meeting on November 22, 2021. Motion carried.

Adjournment and Closing Prayer- by James Thomas 11:57pm

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Grace and Peace Friends,

I was blessed with two (2) opportunities to say a few words about the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Mrs. Rosa Parks this month. In both messages I spoke about how Dr. King talked about finding the strength to love in order to confront the power of evil in our country. Dr. King taught us that love is the only path to justice and the realization of the beloved community. He taught us that, *"returning hate for hate multiplies hate, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."*

Why is love important? Love is important because it is the only power that can defeat the evils of racism and white supremacy. Love is the power that fuels justice and peace. No justice, no peace. Shalom is peace with justice. As Dr. King said, True peace is not merely the absence of tension: it is the presence of justice. *"Our faith requires us to love our sisters and brothers in order to live in the light. But whoever hates a sister or brother lives in darkness, walks in darkness, and does not know the way to go, because the darkness has brought on blindness. Friends, let us walk in the light of God's love."*

As members of the National Black Presbyterian Caucus, it is our mission to advocate for social and racial justice and challenge the Presbyterian Church (USA) when it fails to take seriously the needs of the poor, oppressed, and disenfranchised which requires us to aggressively combat racism and injustice in the Presbyterian Church (USA). Sandwiched between the celebration of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. federal holiday and February Black History Month I want to remind us of our mission and purpose. We were reminded on January 6, 2021 that we have much work to do.

Dr. King reminded us that difficult days are ahead. The work before us is difficult work if we are so inclined to accept it. The work begins with us. The work to eradicate racism in the church and society begins with us. The work to eradicate racism starts at home. Love begins at home. Home is where your heart is. God who knows our heart knows our capacity to love. God is love. The work begins in our church and places of faith.

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The work to eradicate racism in society begins with the work to confront **"gracism."** **Gracism** is racism that thrives in our faith tradition, the Presbyterian Church (USA). Gracism is not about the theology of grace. Gracism is the existence of racism within communities of grace. Eradicating "*gracism*" is about faith communities recognizing their racism, their complicity, and complacency in combating and eradicating racism.

It is my theology that if we the people of God cannot eradicate racism in a predominately white denomination with diverse people of color then how do we realistically expect racism to be eradicated in society? Friends this is work that is before us. It is clear and identifiable; it is unavoidable and inevitable.

Meetings - Participated in the following meetings:

- NBPC Executive Board
- Finance Committee
- Revive Renew Restore (RRR) Team
- Vice President - Elder Doris Evans
- Operations and Procedure Manual Committee
- Website Committee

Chapter and Region Relations

Chapter and session involvement - Improve communications from NBPC board directly to Chapter and session leadership.

NBPC Request for Appointment of an Administrative Commission to investigate irregularities actions negatively affecting member Rev. Oghene`tega Swann and black members of the Beaver-Butler Presbytery. Joined chapter and regional officers in pursuing justice.

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Supported the efforts of the committee and provided leadership to its planning and scheduling.

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2021 Focus, Expectations and Goals - Reminder of the challenges that lie before us.

- **Resolution 02-084 "The Lack of Installed Pastoral Leadership in People of Color Congregations in the PC(USA)"** from the Racial Equity Advocacy Committee. Referred to the 225th General Assembly (2022)
- Complete requirements for Resolution **05-09 "On the Challenge of Being Black in the PC(USA)."**
 - The Office of the Stated Clerk to respond to the presbyteries that the NBPC identifies as not abiding by COR guidelines.
 - Board of Pensions seeking to collect people of color data to how BoP can support black churches in its ability to participate in the PC(USA) Board of Pension requirement for installed pastors.
 - Make the number of vacant pulpits a discussion in member chapters presbyteries an issue in your presbytery meetings.
 - Advocate for issues that adversely affect black congregations before a church reaches a point of no return.
 - We have not because we ask not.
 - Provide opportunities of youth and young adults to participate in the governance of the PC(USA) including education in systemic and institutional racism.
 - Encourage black persons to speak out on issues in their governing bodies that need to be addressed.
 - Participate (caucus) around our own prejudices and complicity within the black church on issues of inclusion.
- Mission Statement - provides the unity - referred to Bylaws committee.
 - Requires updating/simplification.
 - Full participation in the emerging life of the PC(USA) with a strong focus on governance.
- What are the issues facing us? What is the current context of our member congregations? What is the state of the Black Presbyterian Witness in the PC(USA).
- Communication - Participated in supporting Website Committee in securing a new contract.
- Membership Focus
 - Support all the efforts of our committee. Responded to all membership inquiries.
- Achieve Voice and Vote at each council level

President's Report
National Black Presbyterian Caucus (NBPC)
Annual Board of Directors Meeting
January 25, 2021

- Sessions (Membership)
- Presbyteries
- Synods
- General Assembly
- Intergenerational Inclusion in membership and governance Psalm 145:1-5.
- Establish Caucus Foundation based on our mission.
 - Establish our current state. What is the condition of our congregations and chapters?
 - Leaving a sustainable Caucus for our legacy.
 - Establishing a sustainable foundation.
- Relationship with General Assembly

Proposed Initiatives for 2021

- Young Adult and Youth Summit in collaboration with Montreat, NC.

Challenge: NBPC Mission and purpose statement is not attracting a critical mass of Presbyterians to participate in the work of NBPC.

Issue that adversely affects the lives of black people: White supremacy and racism in the church and society.

Caucusing Topic: The lack of installed pastors in predominately black Presbyterian churches. The lack of the participation of black clergy and millennials.

Blessings with Justice and Equity at all times,

Thomas H. Priest, Jr.

Thomas H. Priest, Jr., President

NBPC Vice President Report
46th Biennial – June 2021

Shalom!

A lot has happened in the last few years for African American and Black Americans. We are still murdered at will, we are still being profiled, and now because of technology, we are seeing in real time the brutality that we experience. The events of the last 365 days have been traumatizing. We have had to deal with covid and the inequity of services provided for our people and in our neighborhoods. We have had to deal with the violent attack on this nation's capital, only to be told what we saw is not what happened, justice in the George Floyd murder, still waiting on decisions in Ahmaud Arbery's and Breonna Taylor's cases and environmental disasters over the winter and spring. As I submit this report, my prayers are with the thousands of soldiers that are guarding this very institution of democracy domestically and abroad, that protect my freedom of speech.

As the Vice President for NBPC, this year alone saw many challenges. I guess I have become a zoom guru, learning more and more about the software application capability. I have also saw the decline of self-care time because evenings and weekends are no longer for self-care, but are an extension of the work day and week.

APCE Diversity Task Force

Continue to meet monthly. I currently facilitate a book discussion on "Race Talks" by Derald Wing Sue, and have completed section four. The Task Force has written a diversity statement and had webinars created for APCE by Crossroads Anti-Racism Training with Jessica Valdez Torres. The statement and webinars were released at the APCE Annual event February 4-6, 2021 and are free to APCE members for one year.

05-09 Update

The 05-09 team received a copy of the Electronic Reporting Tool to use, discuss, and provide input. We have tested the Tool and will convene again prior to sending our recommendations to OGA. We meet regularly with the Board of Pensions and OGA. We look forward to having the finished product at the 2022 General Assembly.

Humbly Submitted,

Rev. Doris A. Evans
Vice President NBPC
Class of 2022

NATIONAL BLACK PRESBYTERIAN CAUCUS
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	<u>December 31</u>		<u>April 30</u>	<u>December 31</u>
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2021</u>
	<u>ASSETS</u>			<u>BUDGET</u>
Current Assets:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 64,325	\$ 99,706	\$ 115,657	
Deferred Expenses	-	3,000	-	
Investments	<u>31,426</u>	<u>31,595</u>	<u>32,872</u>	
Total Assets	<u>\$ 95,751</u>	<u>\$ 134,301</u>	<u>\$ 148,529</u>	
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS				
Liabilities:				
Accounts Payables	\$ 680	\$ 117	\$ 117	
Deferred Revenues	<u>875</u>	<u>5,069</u>	<u>-</u>	
Total Liabilities	<u>1,555</u>	<u>5,186</u>	<u>117</u>	
Net Assets:				
Without Donor Restrictions	54,680	85,234	101,179	
With Donor Restrictions	<u>39,516</u>	<u>43,881</u>	<u>47,233</u>	
Total Net Assets	<u>94,196</u>	<u>129,115</u>	<u>148,412</u>	
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 95,751</u>	<u>\$ 134,301</u>	<u>\$ 148,529</u>	

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Revenues:				
Programs and Event Fees	\$ 48,081	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,030	\$ 33,500
Membership Dues	20,511	16,564	15,104	21,730
Contributions	12,122	7,755	5,620	4,125
Grants	9,500	22,000	-	-
Investment Income, net	4,380	3,180	1,277	-
Miscellaneous Income	<u>12</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Revenues	<u>94,606</u>	<u>54,500</u>	<u>27,031</u>	<u>59,355</u>
Expenses:				
Program Expenses	80,563	5,000	2,500	31,000
General and Administrative	<u>4,935</u>	<u>14,581</u>	<u>5,234</u>	<u>30,370</u>
Total Expenses	<u>85,498</u>	<u>19,581</u>	<u>7,734</u>	<u>61,370</u>
Increase In Net Assets	9,108	34,919	19,297	\$ <u>-2,015</u>
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	<u>85,088</u>	<u>94,196</u>	<u>129,115</u>	
Net Assets at End of Year	<u>\$ 94,196</u>	<u>\$ 129,115</u>	<u>\$ 148,412</u>	

NOTES: (1) The December 31, 2019 financial statements have been reviewed by Brooks, McGinnis & Co., LLC CPAs and concluded: "We are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America." (2) The December 31, 2020 statements are currently under review. (3) Tax return for 2019 has been filed; return preparation for 2020 has been automatically extended by the CPA firm. (4) Investments are held by the Presbyterian Foundation. (5) Deferred revenues and expenses are recognized in the subsequent year. (6) The current year's statement is as of: April 30, 2021. (7) The 2021 Budget was approved by the Board of Directors.

BY: Rev. Dr. Charles C. Heyward, Sr., Treasurer

2021 MEMBERSHIP

As of April 30, 2021

Year	2021
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Region	Chapter	Total
Mid-Atlantic	BPU Of Wash	11
	Charlotte	6
	Coastal Carolina	4
	Eastern VA (PEVA)	20
	New Hope	1
	Salem BPC	2
	Region	1
	Baltimore	2
	BC of New Hope	5
	Presbytery of the Peaks	17
	James	1
Mid-Atlantic Total		70
Mid-South	Dallas/FtWorth	1
	East Tennessee	1
	Houston Texas	4
	Huntsville/North Center	6
	Louisville	11
	Unassigned Chapter	2
	Region	1
	Greater Memphis Area	9
Mid-South Total		35
Midwest	Chicago	1
	Dayton	6
	Michigan	56
	Cincinnati	1
Midwest Total		64
Northeast	New York City	10
	Newark	14
	Philadelphia	21
	Pittsburgh	39
	Unassigned Chapter	2
Region	1	
Northeast Total		87
Southeast	Charleston-Atlantic	19
	Fairfield-McClelland	16
	Greater Atlanta	12
	New Harmony	32
	Northeast Georgia	16
	South Florida	6
Region	1	
Southeast Total		102
West	Southern Cal	27
	Region	1
West Total		28
Grand Total		386

6 Chapters	14
4 Regions	5
20 Individuals	261
1 Institutional Mission Partners	40
2 Lifetime Members	52
1 Seminararians	4
2 Youth/Young Adults	10
Total	386

NBPC Web Team Report
46th Biennial, June 2021

Greetings –

The Web Team was established at the 44th Biennial in Detroit Michigan. In the four years of being a committee, we have:

- Created a website- With the help of our vendor, we have created an information source for NBPC membership. There are articles, events, pictures, and news. Membership dues can be paid online. We are working with the Membership committee as they venture out to find a Membership portal that will have more functionality.
- The Web Team is working with the 46th Biennial Committee as an information source for NBPC members. The team has created Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook pages.
- The Web Team met with stakeholders from Finance, Membership, and the Biennial Committee to discuss their needs and what part our web host – Sidereal can do to support them.
- By the time of the 46th Biennial, we will have posted on the website, www.nationalnbpc.org two zoom meetings, “What is a Caucus”, and “How to Caucus – The Five Why’s”.

As with all new things, this has been a time of change, new processes, and challenges to maintain an online presence with current information. Your help is needed in keeping us informed with news in your chapters and regions. And if you would like to use your talents or gifts in this area, please contact me at info@nationalnbpc.org

Peace –

Rev. Doris A. Evans
NBPC Vice President and Web Team Member
Class of 2022

Habakkuk 2:

² Then the LORD replied: “Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it.

Chapter Development and Re-Development
46th Biennial, June 2021

Greetings in His Name!

The year of 2020 has had many challenges for chapter and regional development. During the first two months of the year, as a Chaplain for a federal agency, we were not allowed to travel. Then the whole country was put on lock-down because of the covid pandemic.

We quickly became adept at meeting via ZOOM and other online applications. Regional Representatives and the Revise, Restore, Renew teams met often throughout the year to rediscover the relationship of Regional Representatives to chapters and of the Director of Chapter Development and Re-Development to Regional Representatives.

In this relationship, we are re-discovering the community and how we should relate to each other. We are also discovering the meaning of relevancy as it is used by Black Presbyterians when questioning whether to develop a new chapter.

We are struggling with geographically large regions. It is hoped that before the next Bi-ennial, and the relaxing of domestic travel restrictions, the regional structure will be researched and revised to allow for better communication with existing chapters and all Black Presbyterians.

Humbly Submitted

Rev. Doris A. Evans
NBPC Vice President and Director of Chapter Development
Class of 2022

Isaiah 43:18-19

18 "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. **19** See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

Mid-South Region Chapter Report 2020- May, 2021

Greater Memphis Area Chapter Report

Met via Zoom November 21, 2020 & December 12, 2020. Membership campaign is underway. The chapter has representation on the Presbytery of the Mid-South's Racial Advisory Council as well as the Presbytery Council.

Monetary contributions were made to the Memphis YWCA Shelter for Abused Women, the Parkway Gardens United Presbyterian Church Benevolence Fund & the Rev. Raphael Warnock for Senator Campaign fund.

Greater Memphis Area Chapter dues were submitted on January 13, 2021.

Our Mid-South Regional Virtual Black History Program was February 21, 2021. The event was very successful and we thank all from other regions who attended.

Louisville Area Chapter Report

August 22, 2020 to November 14, 2020

Chapter meetings:

Mon, Oct 5, 2020 via Zoom

Mon, Oct 12, 2020 in-person, social-distanced, masked

Planning to meet within the next 3 weeks

Chapter Events:

1. Sept 21, 2020, made presentation at Mid-KY Presbytery Meeting as a response to racial civil unrest across the country, and as a Matthew 25 Presbytery. Watched "Systemic Racism Explained" video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YrHIQIO_bdQ&t=48s
Followed by breakout groups to discuss 2 questions posed by our chapter.
2. Nov 14, 2020, made 2nd presentation at Mid-KY Presbytery Meeting as a follow-up to previous one on Systemic Racism. Watched "Why I'm Not Racist" video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kzLT54QjclA>
Followed by breakout groups to discuss 1 question posed by our chapter.

We will have a 3rd presentation at our Feb 21, 2021 Presbytery Meeting. Rev. Dr. Angela Johnson will preach as outgoing Moderator, with our chapter providing specific ways that the Presbytery can work toward dismantling the systemic racism that exists within its ranks

3. Plan to follow-up with the League of Women Voters as the district maps for the State of Kentucky are being re-drawn. We will monitor the process so that it is done with transparency and equity.

Miscellaneous:

Our chapter has a permanent seat on Mid-KY Presbytery's Coordinating Commission.

Only 1 of the 4 African-American Churches in Louisville have re-opened for in-person Worship

Louisville Chapter Activities for January 2021:

1. Chapter Meeting will be held this month, date to be determined
2. President Angela Johnson participated in the Interdenominational Ministerial Coalition's "United in Prayer & Spirit" Virtual Prayer Program on Jan 19, 2021 here in Louisville. The NBPC logo will be used.
3. Will schedule a meeting with the Women League of Voters to follow up on the redrawing of KY voting district lines.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Dr. Angela Johnson, Louisville Chapter President

Nomination of officers is planned. Request will be made for someone else to serve as Regional Representative as we have been notified that our present Regional Representative has served longer than our National by-laws dictate.

Request to NBPC for \$478.32 from disbanded Knoxville chapter be forwarded to Mid-South Region treasurer for funds to be used for chapter development.

Mid-South Regional dues were submitted on January 13, 2021.

Regional Service Project:

Our 2021 service project is for each area within our region to donate gently used or new luggage, backpacks and cosmetic bags to children who are in the foster care program. We feel that these children will feel a better sense of ownership and their self-esteem will be lifted during their transition from one location to the other without having to move their belonging in garbage bags.

Plans are underway for our 2022 Synod of Living Waters Youth Leadership Development Conference hosted by the Mid-South Region of the National Black Presbyterian Caucus. Tentative site, Fisk University, Nashville, TN. Tentative dates July 14-17, 2022. Alternate dates July 21-24, 2022. All youth and young adults ages 12-21 from all regions are invited to attend.

Natalie Toombs – Regional Representative
May 16, 2021



MIDWEST Region of NBPC

The Midwest Region of NBPC held a meeting and listening call February 27, 2021 to learn concerns and interest of our community for the future of Midwest Region of the NBPC.

We're excited about the National's move to collaborate with ASALH on the Black Family Agenda and we are deeply involved in the focused agenda of this year's campaign to "The Black Family, Congregation, and Community in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.): Navigating Identity, Equity, and Economics" Our meeting was focused on hearing from the community to listen to what are the challenges and the needs for now.

Our listening event provided the following drivers from the audience and we the executive board for the region gathered the following thoughts:

1. We need to become more active in the pursuit of encouraging our community to be diligent in acquiring the Corona Virus-19 Vaccination shots with a sense of urgency. We must also be the herald and educator of the public with valid medical and scientific data which provide reality accuracy for making a good decision.
2. We need to be active more at the Presbytery level in committees to be an active participant in the process of using resources of the greater church and the PCUSA. We need to be active participants in the execution of the Matthew 25 focus and live to this faith journey. "Simply if we're not at the table; we truly have no room to complain or protest"
3. Urban Ministry need to be understood at the Presbytery level for all of our region.
4. Integral to our movements in reviving the MidWest Region; we must be dedicated to young adults and creating pathways for younger members to join and have leadership opportunities.
5. We need to ensure we create a Marketing community in our region to ensure our message is moving in the right windows for success and meet the 21st century movements of information flow in society.
6. Presently, we've done a poor job of promoting and educating members of the caucus to understanding the critical value plus what our participation brings to our PCUSA community and our culture at large.

7. We need to make our engagements more than charitable handouts and seek activities that generate empowerment opportunities for community and the church.
8. We need to make sure we are actively involved in the PCUSA movements toward Multiculturalism to ensure a pluralistic movement does not have us divorce ourselves of our rich heritage in the church and outside the church.
9. We must be involved in the advocacy of our mission inside the church at all levels and within our community to be an impact action orientated neighbor.

We were excited to hear of these concerns and motivational activities for the future as we prepare for the NBPC Convention this June 2021 and our overdue Midwest Regional Conference in October 2022.

May God's Grace be with us all as we work with due diligence to be a part of God's Beloved Community for the future.

We also humbly ask for prayers for The Midwest Region as we put in the work and prayers to our Lord and Savior to bring us active and vibrant members, so we can do this work of both culture and faith.

Within the Midwest Region, there are two chapters, Dayton (Ohio) and Michigan. They both continue to meet to work towards the needs of their community. There are 6 members from Dayton (Ohio) and 48 from Michigan

Midwest NBPC Officers

Adrienne D. Adams, President

Jesse C. Swanigan, Treasurer

Larry C. Jenkins, Acting Vice President

NATIONAL BLACK PRESBYTERIAN CAUCUS
Northeast Regional Representative Report to the Board
April 19, 2021

Region Meetings

The Northeast Region Annual Meeting will be hosted by the Philadelphia chapter. The date is August 13-14, 2021. The meeting will be held virtually. Election will be held for offices of President, Treasurer, and Assistant Secretary during that time.

Region Activities

Chapters continue to engage with congregations and the community. Most activities remain virtual. Black History Month was celebrated around the region with high attendance. Members were able to support and engage with other congregations for various Good Friday and Easter services via virtual platforms.

Chapter Information (4) Memberships as of March 31, 2021

Philadelphia

Members: 15, 4 IMP

Moderators: Rev. Dr. T. Janel Dixon and Rev. Ethelyn R. Taylor

Secretary: Elder Joan Clerk

Financial Secretary: Carlitha McInnis

Treasurer / Membership Chair: Elder Elaine McCray

Nominations Chair: Rev. Anna Grant Borden

Northeast Regional Rep: Rasheeda J. Hastings

Events / Activities

- Planning for Annual Meeting continues. Save the Dates were sent out. Verification of guest speakers is pending. Registration is due to go out on schedule.
- African American Heritage Celebration in partnership with Philadelphia Presbytery went well with high attendance.
- Chapter moderators and will facilitate groups within the “Anti-Racism Formation Process”. This initiative is conducted at the Princeton Theological Seminary and will include the leaders in the Philadelphia Presbytery. More information forthcoming.
- Churches continue to prepare for reopening with repairs, updates, and ensuring compliance with safety protocols.

Pittsburgh

Members: 39, 6 IMP

Moderator: Elder Lenore Williams

Vice Moderator: Rozalia Jordan

Treasurer: Alan Perry

Secretary: Milea Perry

Membership Chair: Reverend Maxine E. Jenkins

Events / Activities

- Activities included Rich Heritage of African Americans In and To the Presbyterian Church. This was in partnership with the Synod of the Trinity and was well attended.
- Hosted Freedom Rising Sunday.
- Hosted Palm Sunday Unity Service,

New York

Members: 8, 1 IMP

President: Rev. Dr. Flora Wilson Bridges

Vice-President: Rev. Dr. Glen Misick

Secretary: Dr. Tee Gee Wilson

Assistant Secretary: Elder Moretha Matthews

Treasurer: Elder Connie Gant

Assistant Treasurer: Elder Shirley Brown

Membership Chairperson: Elder Abiodun Adelana

Youth and Young Adults: Elder Imani Mason, TE Anthony Ross-Allam

Events / Activities

- Black History Month Celebrations were well attended, including a Presbytery Wide Martin Luther King/Rosa Parks Service via Zoom with President Priest preaching the Word.
- Hosted Saturday Black History Month Lecture Series via Zoom.
- Hosted Anti-Racism Training with the King Center.
- President reports working with Presbytery on task force for undoing structural racism.

Newark

Members 12, 1 IMP

President: Rev. Dr. Doris Glaspy

**Other officer info pending

Events / Activities

- Continue to focus on increase of outreach, which is expanding their contact list. President reports some struggle with flourishing of this chapter. Of note is merging of Presbyteries from seven to four.
- Chapter hosted a Zoom program which was successful and well attended. Reports this is a “missional community” with four African American churches.
- We will work closely with chapter to support, encourage and maintain enthusiasm.

1 IMP Membership - Rochester NY - 1 IMP**List (3) issues that adversely affect the lives of Black people in their presbytery and community.**

From New York:

- 1) Racism, sexism, classism, heterosexism
- 2) Healthcare disparities
- 3) Mass incarceration

From Philadelphia:

- 1) Racism
- 2) Gun violence
- 3) Gentrification

Regional/Chapter Challenges (Identify barriers/problems)

From Philadelphia: The lack of installed pastors in many churches

One caucus topic that generates the most discussion.

To be determined

Regional/Chapter Initiatives (for example overtures, programs, grants, ministries, and focus)

- **Focus for the year: Initiation of Three Taskforces**

Communication Taskforce – find opportunities to Connect and share our mission.

Office of Public Witness (OPW) Taskforce – gather resources and evaluate mid-year how we can move forward.

Matthew 25 Taskforce - encourage chapters to become leaders and channel this to the Presbyteries.

Purpose and Policies for taskforces have been developed

Rep Activities:

- Met with RRR - shared with chapters about youth scholarships being offered.
- Discussed plans to reach out to areas who do not have chapters and encouraging involvement in activities within those we have
- Will discuss how we can engage youth in our three focus areas, as mentioned above, by direct involvement at upcoming EO meeting
- Will discuss initiatives to pull from our ranks to offer our own programs to youth, such as caucusing, community organizing, listening sessions to hear how we can open doors for them

Update on issue with Beaver-Butler Presbytery, Refreshing Springs, and Reverend Swann.

- Request for mediation between Reverend Swann and Beaver-Butler Presbytery failed
Proceeded to Synod – Proceeded to Stated Clerk. President Priest has submitted a letter to the Stated Clerk PCUSA, asking for investigation into the Synod of the Trinity and Beaver Butler Presbytery. We are awaiting a response.
- In the interim Beaver Butler Presbytery has voted to appoint an Administrative Commission (from its members) to Refreshing Springs. Those appointed are the same individuals alleged to have caused harm to this congregation. Refreshing Springs has responded with request for Stay of Enforcement. Stay of Enforcement was granted.
- Refreshing Springs has sent Remedial Complaint against Beaver-Butler Presbytery. Refreshing Springs is keeping us updated on status. answer received – response pending.
This has truly been an uphill battle. We remain committed to justice and accountability. We will press on empowered by the prayers and support of our members, anchored in the Word, and trusting in Gods will.

Respectfully submitted

Rasheeda J. Hastings

**NATIONAL BLACK PRESBYTERIAN CAUCUS
WEST REGION
REPORT TO THE NBPC BIENNIAL CONVENTION – JUNE 24-26, 2021**

By the grace of God, the National Black Presbyterian Caucus-So. CA Chapter (NBPC-SC)/West Region (WR) has weathered the past 23 months since our last Convention as have our sister churches and chapters.

Highlights from the NBPC-SC/WR include:

- (1) NBPC-SC Lydia McDonald Academy For Ministry (LMAFM)** continues to conduct Annual Officer Training and other requested training events and workshops as part of its Leadership Development platform. This includes the fellowship, study, and worship events in item (2).
- (2) Advent and Lenten Bible Studies, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday** worship services were held with good attendance and participation despite being presented virtually (2020-21).
- (3) Pacific Presbytery convenes a Task Force on Race (ATFR):** In the aftermath of the George Floyd murder, the ensuing protests, and the Derek Chauvin conviction, conversations within congregations, large and small groups, focusing on individual, institutional, and systemic racism are being held with an increasing level of interest. The ATFR is comprised of 4 representatives of NBPC-SC representatives including Rev. Reginald Ragland (President), Rev. Mark S. Jones, Sr. (WR Rep.), a Pastor, and an Elder from two NBPC-SC congregations. Also on the ATFR are, the General Presbyter and the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery, and eleven diverse members from various congregations within the Pacific Presbytery. We will review the procedural manuals and practices of the Presbytery. A Race Equity Audit will be done by an outside agency (Crossroads), with the goal being for the Presbytery to move away from current practices and become more of an anti-racism organization. Our primary task will be to look at practices of the Presbytery related to white supremacy and racism and report back to the Presbytery with recommendations. This would include a process for self-monitoring. A second goal is to become an agency in which systemic racism no longer thrives. A book (“Another Way: Leading Change on Purpose” by Matthew W. Williams) is being used for equipping leaders for the pending changes and Crossroad will do another audit likely in late summer or early fall. A letter was sent from the Presbytery to all churches asking each (white) pastor to address issues of racism from the pulpit.
- (4) NBPC-SC Pastors & Clergy** over the past two years has met in person, at least bimonthly, prior to the pandemic and virtually up to the present time. Our focus is always how we can best serve God’s people in general and our congregations specifically. Items 1-3 above emerge from these meetings.
- (5) NBPC-SC Administrative Board** meets monthly on the third Thursday in conjunction with the Pastors & Clergy (5) gathering. The Admin Board meeting follows the Pastors & Clergy gathering.

In conjunction with **Item #1 of the Rationale** contained in **NBPC Resolution 05-09** that follows:

Item #1—Research completed in twelve presbyteries indicate that presbyteries are not abiding by the Committee on Representation guidelines, as stated in the Constitution (Book of Order, G-3.0103).

a survey is being conducted of WR Presbyteries with Black Presbyterian Congregations and/or Black/African American populations in the WR to determine: **1)** If each Presbytery has a Committee on Representation (COR); **2)** If the COR is a stand-alone committee; **3)** If the COR of the Presbytery combined with another committee. Increasing participation of Black/African American Presbyterians in the life and decision making of the PC(USA) and addressing the lack of pastoral leadership in Black Presbyterian churches, is the purposes for this survey. NBPC Resolution 05-09 addresses the role of NBPC advocacy being intentionally pursued at GA 225 and is supported by NBPC-SC/WR.

Current NBPC-SC/WR Leadership:

Rev. Reginal Ragland, *President*
Rev. Leonardo Wilburn, *Vice President*
Rev. Ann L. Hayman, *Secretary*

Ruling Elder Karen A. Heads, *Treasurer*
Ruling Elder Patricia Brown, *NBPC-SC Membership Coordinator*
Rev. Mark S. Jones, Sr., *NBPC West Region Representative*

Humbly submitted:

Rev. Mark S. Jones, Sr.
NBPC West Region Representative

National Black Presbyterian Caucus
AFRICAN CONNECTION
True to our Native Land

Vision – Sew seeds of oneness between all peoples of African descent.

Goal - To create lasting relationships between Africans and African Americans in and through
the Presbyterian Church, USA.

The African Connection ministry seeks to deepen relationship of African American Presbyterians with our siblings in (and from) Africa.

PCUSA African constituents were hit the hardest in this COVID-19 pandemic. They were hit hard by job loss and illness, yet they were resilient because this situation is familiar to what has been happening back in Africa. A lot of the African pastors lost their secular jobs, but for some the **PDA** emergency grant was a life saver.

Some good came out of all this though. Those who had always struggled with the technology had to step up and learn the basics which is a milestone for them. They confess that they are excited to learn and know how to use "Zoom." Rev. Princeton E. Abaraoha had check-in sessions every two weeks to keep in touch with everyone. It was highly successful. The number of the dead nationwide was overwhelming.

Princeton and I thought that we needed to start building relationships with leadership, and across congregations, to build trust before we can authentically engage in ministry together. I'm still hopeful that some of the ideas we have will help us accomplish this.

We thought a great place to start is to foster relationships with African Presbyterians and African American Presbyterians. Some ideas include:

- sharing stories about the current fellowships that exist
- using those ideas as models to help other fellowships begin.
- Inviting the churches of board members to become first communities to use the proposed plan once developed.
- Setting a time for NBPC Board to visit with the members of the African Presbyterian Leaders Alliance

African Presbyterian Leader Alliance is a group of African leaders in Dallas that functions like a caucus for the African fellowships with the purpose of creating unity among them. There are currently 70+ African fellowships and ministries in the PCUSA. Rev. Princeton E. Abaraoha is Field Staff of African Intercultural Ministries Racial Equity & Women's Intercultural Ministries, located in Dallas Texas.

The idea to begin to develop relationships with the 70+ African fellowships and ministries in the PCUSA is of course on hold. We could establish Zoom meetings between the groups, but I think it would not be a strong start for people who treasure fellowship, and meeting with one another.

I made some connections with the Zambia-Zimbabwe-Mozambique-USA Mission Network. This is one of some 30+ World Mission-related networks that have formed at various times over the past 40 years to bring together Presbyterians in the USA who have partnerships or other relationships in particular countries (or groups of countries) with PWM's global partners. PWM global partners are in those countries for fellowship, worship, mutual encouragement, learning, joint action and sharing of best practices.

Other work that is on-going -

1. I was connected to Otis and Earline Smith by Rosy Latimore. The Smiths served in Malawi. Rev. Smith and I had a conversation to review history. He is writing a summary of his work and searching for his old ministry brochure so we can determine how we might use the funds that have been set aside for African Connection.
2. Working on beginning conversations with African American mission co-workers. We are working to set a date for conversation to see what possibilities we have of beginning this ministry. I'm speaking with:
Rev. Cheryl Barnes in Malawi, Zambia, and Zimbabwe
Rev. Paula Cooper in Malawi, Kenya, Rwanda and Zambia
Elder John Etheredge in Ghana
Shelvis and Nancy Smith-Mather in South Sudan

Connections will be made with African Presbyterian and the African Presbyterian Leader Alliance

3. I had conversation with Rev. Dr. Marsh Haney in March after I participated in the Maria Fearing Covid Event. I want to keep her story before the church as a resource full of ideas on how churches and individuals can support co-workers in Africa, connect with African Presbyterians here in the US, or hear a call to mission themselves.
4. A workshop opportunity on mission at NBPC in June was suggested. It would fit into navigating identity. I was reminded that workshops were not being offered at this year's convention. The next option is to host webinar conversations that will help us break down walls and create opportunities to strengthen our connections.
5. The NBPC community is invited to share with us any relationships you currently have with mission partners or any ministry with communities or church in Africa or with African ministries in the Diaspora (including the Caribbean). Please share your stories with me at dianna.wright@pcusa.org. if you would like to be one of our ministry partners, please let me know at the same email address above.

Dianna Wright



Annual Board Meeting for NBPC

January 25th, 2021

The purpose of NBPW is to serve as an organization to share cultural heritage, experiences, and perspectives for empowering Black African in Diaspora women to participate fully in the life and mission of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the ecumenical community, and society.

In alliance with NBPC, Presbyteries, and our communities we wish to connect with all Black Presbyterian Women throughout the country to address women's issues and concerns.

The National Black Presbyterian Women have engaged in the following events which were the focus of our work this quarter.

- Educating voters in various states about the historic 2020 election, and supported campaigns as needed:
- Inspiring members to shop with Small Black Enterprises.
- Encouraged the use of wearing mask, washing hands, and social distancing.
- Exploring, and planning a National Black Presbyterian Women's Gathering for 2022, or whenever the virus goes away to make this feasible.
- Supported projects such as Maria Fearing Foundation. The Maria Fearing Foundation is currently selling the Maria Fearing book for only \$10.00.
- Established and published a Black Presbyterian Women's directory.
- Committee selected to propose updates to the organization's by laws and we expect this to be completed in 2021.
- Established a Christmas designed with logo of NBPW and mailed members Christmas cards with a message of Peace.
- We are purchasing a Zoom account to reach more individuals.
- Our current membership dues are \$20.00. Join/renew membership by paying the \$20.00 fee with a check payable to NBPW with the membership form. Mail to Ms. Judith Jerryd, 450 Stevens Drive, Apartment 204, Pittsburgh, PA 15237. The National Black Presbyterian Women (NBPW) membership fees are maintained and used to conduct our conferences and training sessions. (Also, we are searching other ways through a financial institution that members may pay with/or without a check).

The Lucy Craft Laney Honoree Awards and the NBPW Youth Essay Awards offers a moment to look back at the great works Black Americans have accomplished, and time to look ahead and celebrate the historic election of President Joe Biden, Jr., and Vice-President Kamala Harris. The National Black Presbyterian Women (NBPW) recommended for 2021 that the National Black Presbyterian Caucus (NBPC) provide matching funds towards the youth essays for the purpose of awards and certificates to recipients at the NBPC 46th Biennial Convention. This awards ceremony will be held virtually in Charleston, South Carolina.

Members are submitting news articles and then newsletters are created by Mrs. Tracy Hooper, and sent electronically to members, and mailed out to members without email addresses. If you have a good article, please share it with us.

During this outstanding quarter, several special services and meetings were held utilizing the Zoom platform, and members found it to be immensely helpful to attend these sessions. The following special services and meetings were held by Zoom.

- 1) Advent Service 11-30-2020
- 2) Kwanzaa Service 2-27-2020
- 3) Christmas Social 12-27-2020
- 4) Supported New Harmony NBPC New Year's Eve Service 12-30-2020
- 5) Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. & the two Senators from GA, 1-18-2021.
- 6) Supported – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. MLK Day, Dr. Priest 1-18-2021
- 7) NBPW meetings and birthday celebrations are ongoing via Zoom until further notice.

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The Co-Chairs and Planning Team of the National Black Presbyterian Caucus have been **remarkably busy promoting this event which will occur June 24, 25, and 26, 2021 in Charleston, South Carolina. This historic convention will be virtually manned. You can see additional information on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and the NBPC Website at <https://nationalnbpc.org>**

Theme: The Black Family, Congregation, and Community in the Presbyterian Church USA: Navigating Identity, Equity and Economics.

Scripture: Exodus 3:7 “Then the LORD said, “I’ve clearly seen my people oppressed in Egypt. I’ve heard their cry of injustice because of their slave masters. I know about their pain.”

Save the date! See you at NBPC 46th Biennial Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Lydia Willingham, President
National Black Presbyterian Women

- ❖ Theme: **The Black Family, Congregation and Community in the Presbyterian Church USA: Navigating Identity, Equity and Economics**
- ❖ Inspiring Scripture: *Exodus 3:7 – “Then the LORD said I’ve clearly seen my people oppressed in Egypt. I’ve heard their cry of injustice because of their slave masters. I know their pain” (CEB)*
- ❖ Host City – Charleston, SC Co-Chairs Willingham and Priest have contacted the Session of St. James Presbyterian Church to request use of its facility as production headquarters. Co-Chairs Elder Margaret Priest and Dr. Lydia Willingham met with the Administrative Committee of St. James to answer their questions and allay their concerns. If the Session of St. James does not approve the committee request, the Planning Committee has already begun a parallel path of a search for a hotel to use as headquarters. If the committee moves to a hotel, a Budget Variance request will be submitted to the Budget Committee.
- ❖ Met with the Finance Committee on December 14, 2020 to review the submitted Biennial Budget.
- ❖ General announcement of the Biennial Convention theme and dates has been placed on the Biennial Page of the NBPC website.
- ❖ 46th Biennial Program Cover and logo submitted to President for approval. The President has requested changes before final approval.
- ❖ The Publication/Program Book committee has developed advertising requests forms and Ask letters.
- ❖ Co-Chairs Margaret Priest and Dr. Lydia Willingham are now stakeholders on the Website/Media Committee and have attended two meetings.
- ❖ Worship Committee has identified Worship and Devotion pastors and is in process of conveying the Ask for participation.
- ❖ Candidate names for Plenary Speakers have been submitted.
- ❖ Elder Priest met with the Registration Committee.
- ❖ Dr. Willingham is coordinating the Local Arrangement Chairs
- ❖ The 30-60-90 Day Work Plan has been vetted and categorized for distribution to all Biennial committees.
- ❖ 46th Biennial Registration form has been developed. Registration packet with the online form and hard copy form to be distributed by February 5th.
- ❖ A meeting was held with Mark Jones to discuss strategy for implementing Church Convention hosts through the Regional representatives.
- ❖ A request has been made to the President for a “Re-Imagining Session” of the Executive Team.
- ❖ It has been confirmed that the Biennial Planning Committee will have registration records and funds forwarded to Elder R. Latimore.

Submitted by
Elder Margaret Priest
Dr. Lydia Willingham

2021 National Black Presbyterian Caucus 46th Biennial Virtual Convention Speakers



The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Priest Jr., *President*
National Black Presbyterian Caucus



The Rev. Letiah Fraser, *Activist/Organizer*
Kansas City Poor People's Campaign



The Rev. Jonathan Lee Walton, PhD
Wake Forest University School of Divinity



Rev. Dr. Alonzo Johnson, *National Coordinator*,
Self-Development of People, Presbyterian
Mission Agency, PC(USA)



The Rev. Patricia Jones, *Pastor*
Hebron Zion Presbyterian Church PC(USA)



The Rev. Shelvis Smith-Mather
Mission co-worker, South Sudan Presbyterian
World Mission, PC(USA)



The Rev. Dr. Brian Henderson, *Pastor*
St. James Presbyterian Church PC(USA)

2021 National Black Presbyterian Caucus 46th Biennial Virtual Convention Worship Leaders



Simplicia D. Smith

Musician and Worship Leader

· **Simplicia-/sihm/ply/shah/**

A lover of hymns and Contemporary Christian music, Simplicia Smith is a native of Charleston, SC and grew up on James Island, where she currently provides music leadership for the youth choir at her lifelong church, St. James Presbyterian. She is known throughout the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery and surrounding communities for her involvement as a musician in the PC(USA) and has served several predominantly African American Presbyterian congregations since 1992, as substitute, interim, and permanent musician: St. Paul Presbyterian, Hollywood, SC; Wallingford Presbyterian, Charleston, SC; St. Luke Presbyterian, Orangeburg, SC; Zion Olivet Presbyterian, North Charleston, SC; as well as many other collaborations within and outside of the Presbytery. Though a staunch Presbyterian, Simplicia has also served in the same capacity with other predominantly African American congregations outside of the denomination: First African Evangelical Christian Church and Memorial Baptist Church, both in Charleston, SC.

An imperfect servant after God's own heart, Simplicia has served for the past 8 years as the Church Administrator for Dorchester Presbyterian Church in Summerville, SC. She is also the founder of Simply Piano Music Studio(2016), LLC, where the essential art and foundation of sight reading music and vocal training is taught and nurtured. Her educational background includes an Associate in Art Education and Human Services from Trident College and a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from South Carolina State University. Simplicia is married to Stewart Smith, Executive Board Trustee for I.L.A. Local 1422-A, and they have five children and one granddaughter. She is also a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.



Dr. William McConnell

Musician and Worship Leader

William McConnell is the Presbyterian Mission Agency's Mission Engagement Advisor for congregations and mid councils in the Synods of Living Waters, Mid-America, and Lakes & Prairies. He has served in this position since December 2016. Previously, Bill was Executive Director of the Presbyterian Association of Musicians (PAM). He is a life-long Presbyterian, Ruling Elder, and church musician, having served on the Presbyterian Committee on Congregational Song that developed Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal and on the editorial steering committee for the revised Book of Common Worship published in 2018. He holds the Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. He is a member of Highland Presbyterian Church in Louisville and is a member of the Mid Kentucky Presbytery Commission on Ministry.



Siblings in Christ:

The 46th Biennial Virtual Convention Planning Committee of the National Black Presbyterian Caucus (NBPC) is excited to have you for this historic event. The Biennial Committee, with spiritual guidance from our Lord, has re-imagined this first Virtual Convention for the NBPC. As a participant in this convention, you will experience vibrant devotions, take care of the NBPC business, and receive thought invoking messages from the worship and plenary speakers!

We pray that as we come together to celebrate and uplift our Black intergenerational families, you will be motivated and blessed. As with the 45 Biennial Conventions held in the past, God's presence in this 46th Biennial Virtual Convention will inspire you, uplift you, and leave you with a charge and a challenge to speak our truth as Black Presbyterians!

In Service to Christ,
2021 NBPC Convention Advisors
Lynne Foreman & Judith Murphy
2021 NBPC Planning Committee

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46th Biennial Convention



Dr. Lydia Willingham
President

National Black Presbyterian Women
Co-Chair, 46th NPBC Biennial Convention

Thank you, National Black Presbyterian Women,
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supporting the Lucy Craft Laney Essay contest and
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Congratulations!

*Praying that the
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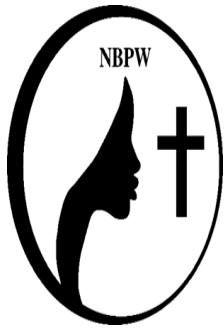


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The Lucy Craft Laney Heritage



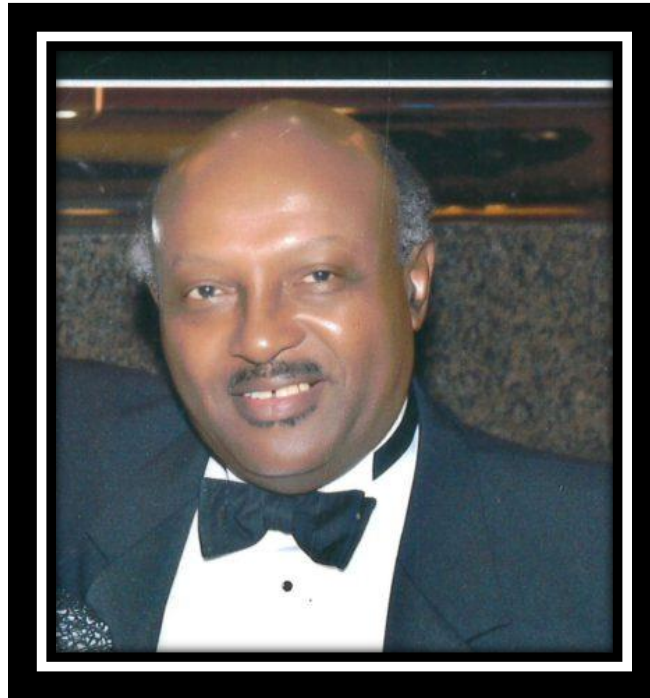
Dr. Robert L. Laney, Jr.

Thank you, **National Black Presbyterian Women** and **Dr. Lydia Willingham**, for keeping Lucy Craft Laney's memory and legacy alive and in our hearts and minds.



We, the members of the National Black Presbyterian Women, wish to express our deepest sympathy to our Moderator - Dr. Lydia Willingham and family on the passing of her husband.

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." Revelations 21:4



Mr. Elliott Willingham

September 24, 1950 – April 29, 2021

*God saw that the road was getting rough.
The hills too hard to climb.
He gently closed his loving eyes and
Whispered, "Peace be Thine", His
Weary hours, His days of pain, His weary
Nights are past. His ever-worn frame
Has found rest, sweet rest at last.*



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Rev. Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters
Pastor, Faith Presbyterian Church
Cape Coral, Florida



Aimée Cole-Laramore
Philanthropic Strategist, African-American Preaching and Sacred Rhetoric, Christian Theological Seminary & lead consultant, ALLyd Image Solutions

Worship Leader



Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II
Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A.



Rev. Elizabeth Eaton
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Congratulations AND Thank You

On behalf of the National Black Presbyterian Caucus (NBPC), I share with you our deepest appreciation for your dedication and commitment to ensure that the 46th Biennial Convention was not only a success but became a reality!

You had to navigate many challenges where any single one of them could have been a reason to cancel our convention... especially the COVID-19 pandemic.

Despite these challenges you persevered... and because of your perseverance and faith in God, the 46th Biennial Convention is now a reality. This is our first virtual biennial convention in the history of the National Black Presbyterian Caucus. You all made history!

Again, on behalf of a grateful caucus, thank you, thank you, thank you!

May God continue to bless you all beyond measure.

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

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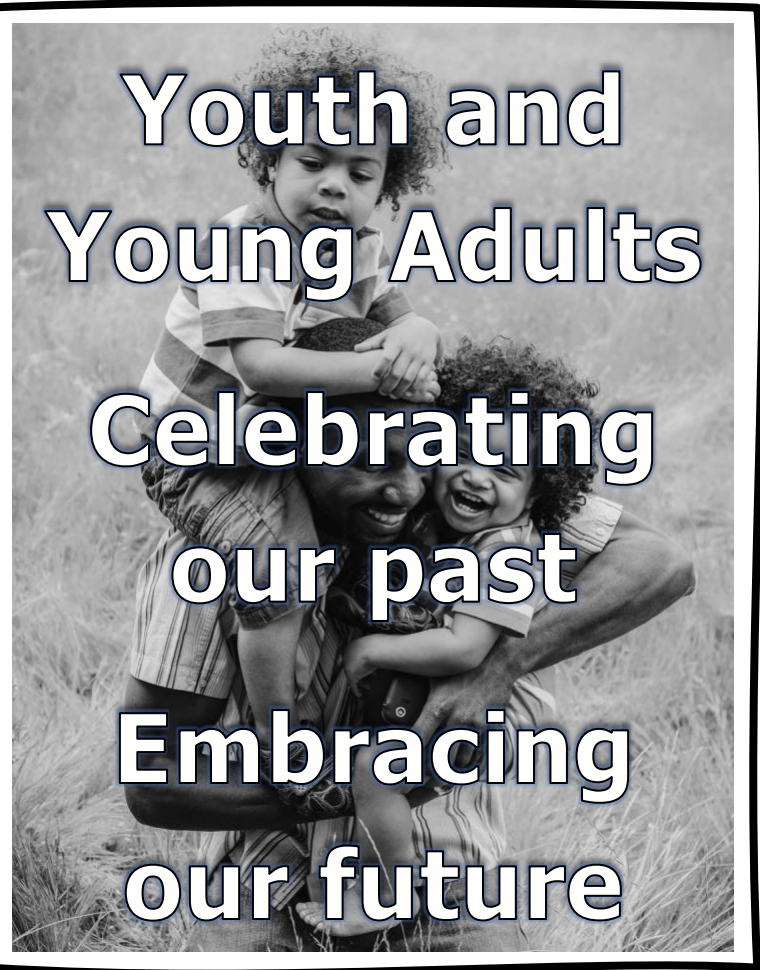
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Best Wishes

National Black Presbyterian Caucus

We are praying for a successful 46th Biennial Convention, and best of luck to the National Black Presbyterian Women as you continuously work to promote educational advancement opportunities for our youth. Thank you for sponsoring the Lucy Craft Laney Essay.

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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.





CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 6, 2021

To the President, Co-Chairs of the 2021 Convention, Planning Team, Chairpeople of Committees, Subcommittees, GA Resource Staff, and to the Entire Membership of NBPC,

Congratulations from Calvin Presbyterian Church of Norfolk, VA in the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia, on this fine Convention for 2021. The First Virtual NBPC Convention is an excellent one, and it affords so many an opportunity to share, to be present, and to learn from all that is presented in this year's event. Thank you all for your faithful commitment, your talents, and skills in the preparation, and for the grand leadership of preachers, presenters, plenary speakers, and musicians.

Charleston, South Carolina is a phenomenal location for the Convention. Its historical significance in the PC(U.S.A.), the nation, and the world is well known, and the importance of Charleston for African American History is renown. The Planning Team has learned much from its work in Charleston. It has met pastors, church and community leaders, and others who have contributed immensely to the PCUSA to the world. Thank you, Charleston, for your generous leadership and for your hospitality to the 2021 NBPC Convention. You are most appreciated.

Thank you again for everything you have done to make this Convention such a grand success. We look forward to future work with NBPC. God's blessings to all and for all you do for Christ's Kindom.

In Christ's Service,

Rev. Mary Newbern-Williams

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