

Our Purpose

- To engage, equip, and empower congregational life.
- To promote church growth.
- Strengthen the spiritual life of Black Presbyterian congregations and individual members.
- To aggressively combat racism in church and community.
- To monitor, advocate, and act on denominational, political, social, cultural, and economic issues that impact the NBPC constituencies and the broader community as appropriate.
- To support the work of the Racial Equity Advocacy Committee (**REAC**) on behalf of NBPC constituencies and those of the other racial ethnic caucuses in the PC(U.S.A.).
- To support full participation of its members in the total Church and society.
- To promote the call of Black Clergy, especially Black Clergywomen to viable and validated ministries.
- To be intentional in gathering historical data to document our African descendant/Black Presbyterian history.

2021

- Held our 46th Biennial Convention virtually.
- Recorded webinars on the definition, purpose, and value of caucusing, and how to caucus.
- Began the use of Constant Contact to be a resource for information.
- Explored ways to help chapters and congregations rethink their missions.
- Renewed attention to represent the full interest of membership to mid-councils and the PMA.
- Launched a new membership system for online registration, payments, and recordkeeping.
- Completed 05-09 on “Being Black in the PC(USA) with BOP and OGA.
- Participated in and increased our visibility and influence in the PC (USA) restructuring and focus.
- Held the first virtual book reading of African American authors.
- Employed a Seminary Intern with research and technological skills.

Moving forward . . .

1. Initiatives

- To increase the number of active memberships to 10% of African American PCUSA members.

- To become a bureau for goods and services to all congregations identified as African American and/or in support of the Caucus’ mission.
- Promote congregation enhancements with an improvement in the quality of cultural, vocational, social, political, ecumenical and entrepreneurial relationships
- Encourage shared ministry gatherings through regions and chapters.
- Study the issues facing congregations and Historically Black Seminaries.
- Continue research on “Re-Imagining” for NBPC.
- Continue to partner with REAC to participate in the governance of the PCUSA.

2. Challenges

- To equip the saints for effective ministry.
- Communication with NBPC members.
- Open positions on Board.
- Lack of pastoral leadership.
- Declining Black membership in PC(USA).
- Lack of intergenerational membership.

We are called to be members of the PCUSA not only to meet our personal religious faith preferences but also called to realize living in God’s beloved community to eradicate racism in the church. This call is accomplished through participation in National Black Presbyterian Caucus and Book of Order F1.0404 always seeking openness to God’s work in us to accomplish God’s mission in the world.

History

1807 First African Presbyterian Church found in Philadelphia Pennsylvania

1893 Known as Afro Presbyterian Council.

1947 Name change to Council of the North and West.

1964 Name changed to Concern Presbyterians.

1968 Black Presbyterians United was created.

1983 Following reunion of PCUSA and PCUS the name was changed to National Black Presbyterian Caucus.



Our Mission

To serve Jesus Christ.

To support Black Presbyterian Members, Congregations and Communities.

To train congregations in taking seriously the needs of the poor and disenfranchised.

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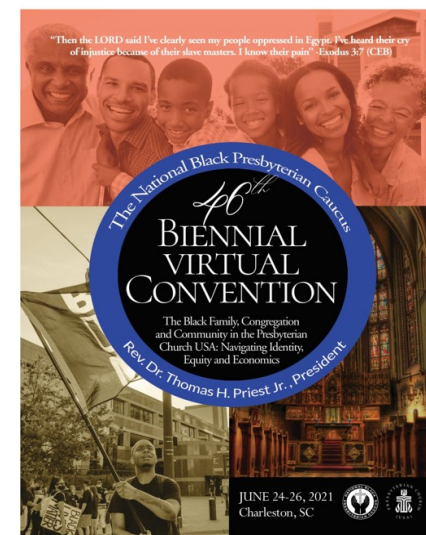
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National Black Presbyterian Caucus
46th Biennial Virtual Convention
Business Meeting



National Black
Presbyterian Caucus
2021-2023

2021 Virtual Biennial Convention

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

2023 Biennial Convention

Charleston, South Carolina