

Our Purpose

- To Enable, Equip, and Empower people of the African Diaspora
- To promote church growth.
- Strengthen the spiritual life of Black Presbyterian congregations and individual members.
- To aggressively combat racism and injustice in the PC(U.S.A).
- 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 consult with and 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 achieve 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.

2019

- Held our 45th Biennial Convention in Atlanta, Georgia.
- Learned the definition, purpose, and value of caucusing, and how to caucus.
- Explored ways to help chapters and congregations rethink their missions
- Focused on opportunities for seeking racial justice and equity in PC (USA).
- Voted to become a Matthew 25 organization.
- Launched a new improved website and online membership dues process.
- Authored General Assembly 05-09 on “Being Black in the PC(USA).
- Participated in and increased our visibility and influence in the PC (USA) restructuring and focus.

Moving forward . . .

1. Initiatives

- Partnering with OGA of PC (USA) to implement Resolution 05-09 “Being Black in the PC-USA.”
- Partnering with REAC for the 224th General Assembly for a resolution and example of participating in the governance of the PCUSA.

- Encouraging Caucus Chapters to establish voice and vote at presbytery and mid-council levels.
- Study the issues facing Historically Black Seminaries.
- Align ourselves with Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), Black History Month Themes to continue to educate the church of the value of God’s intentional diversity.
- The 2016 General Assembly passed an Initiative on African American Males and we are planning to ask for a status from the five pilot cities. There was no reporting provision from the General Assembly.
- Look at returning the word, “shall” in the Book of Order regarding the Committee on Representation “COR”.

2. Challenges

- 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.

Support Black Presbyterian Members, Congregations and Communities.

Advocate for social and racial justice.

Challenge the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) when it fails to take seriously the needs of the poor, oppressed, and disenfranchised.

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2019 Biennial Convention

“Seeking Racial Justice and Equity!
Where Do We Go From Here?”
Atlanta, Georgia

2021 Biennial Convention

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