

NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, USA, INC.

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2016 Annual Session Report

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness. Psalm 29:2

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. Revelation 4:11 (NIV)

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ (Philippians 1:2). This week we celebrated twenty years of existence as an Auxiliary of National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. Twenty years ago, at the Annual Session in 1996, in Denver, Colorado, the first session was held under the leadership of Dr. Ronald E. Terry of Georgia. We are grateful for his vision and leadership over the years. The week, beginning our next twenty years, the Convention ratified the changing of our name from Music Auxiliary to Music and Worship Arts Auxiliary. We are now MWAA. This new designation is strategic in helping us move into the 21st century. I also strongly believe that this name change is in keeping with our President's thrust of *Envisioning the Future Exceptionally*.

Many churches are changing the title Minister of Music to Minister of Worship. The new music (worship) ministries are including choirs, instrumental ensembles (band, orchestra, recorder choir, hand bell choir, etc.), dance, mime, drama, visual arts, and audio-visual technology. Creator God has given talents and skills to His creation for His glory. As an Auxiliary with a new name, we can become leaders in teaching and training our constituents how to build comprehensive ministries in their churches.

Therefore, the mantra or slogan for MWAA is *"For His Glory!"* taken from *"Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness."* (Psalm 29:2), and *"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being"* (Revelation 4:11).

We want all that we do to be *"For His Glory."* We want to move from a limited convention approach to a denominational approach. We must move from merely dealing with delegates and become interested and involved with the total constituency of our Convention. We want our local churches to look to its national body for godly trendsetting, resources, assistance and support. We must become contenders in the area of the worship arts in today's society. We cannot be afraid of technology, the new areas of the arts in worship, nor Christian excellence and professionalism. We are called to equip (Ephesians 4:11-16), to build each other up (1 Thessalonians 5:11); to be cohesive, consistent and faithful to the task (1 Corinthians 15:58), and to be holy (Romans 12). This is to be done *"For His Glory!"*

This month some of these things were realized. Please go to nationalbaptist.com and read our first PIP article on worship. PIP is Pastor in Partnership with MWAA. We will be posting information on how your pastor can share his worship thoughts online.

We have begun to develop a Music and Worship Arts Photo Journal of as many as possible worship ministries as possible. Put your church in the photo journal. Information will be posted on line.

This week the Reverend Dr. Leonzo Lynch preached our Anniversary Sermon and encouraged us to "Fight On." We were blessed and strengthened by that message.

Classes and workshops were a great blessing to all those who attended. Instructors and facilitators were experts in their field.

On Wednesday evening the Huron Valley District Association Choir of Michigan was our guest. Here we say, we would like to invite other district associations and state convention choirs to come and minister at our convention. We thank choir director Junious Spencer, Moderator McAlpin, and Wolverine Congress President Dr. Cullian Hill for their leadership in bringing this choir to us.

Thursday evening was our Anniversary Musical featuring special guest artists, saxophonist, Brian Lenair and Patrick Lundy and the Ministers of Music. Both of which you heard in the Parent body sessions. We are grateful for the Salem Baptist Church Mass Choir for blessing us last night also along with others. We had a great time in the Lord last night!

We are grateful to Dr. Bernard Mitchell, the Late Night Chairman and to Dr. Gatewood for allowing Brother Lenair to play his instrument in their venues. We want to be a resource to our sister Auxiliaries when they need artists and soloists to meet their needs. Please call on us.

I publically thank the Reverend Norman Coleman, my husband, the pastor-teacher of the Burke Avenue Baptist Church, Bronx, New York who is also president of the Empire Baptist Congress of Christian Education of New York. Without his love and support as husband and pastor, I could not have accepted this appointment nor work at vision and development. I would also like to thank the Burke Avenue Baptist Church family for their help, love and support. I love my church family, and they love me. Thank you, Pastor and Church family for your continuous love and support.

MWAA is poised for greatness "for His glory" with your prayers and support, as we continue to *Envision the Future Exceptionally*. It is my great privilege and pleasure to serve the Convention I grew up to love. I am grateful.

Humbly submitted,
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