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Home Mission Board

Mission Statement

To promote Home Mission Ministry in partnership with the constituency of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. throughout the United States, Virgin Islands and Overseas U. S. Military related Ministries.

Home Mission Board Goal

To spread the Gospel message of Jesus Christ and advance the Kingdom of God in ***"Solidarity with the Savior's Mercy and Might."***

Home Mission Board Vision Statement

The Home Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. in ***"Solidarity with the Savior"*** seeks to witness to the Mercy and Might of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit and to the glory of God. We fulfill the vision through biblical messages, ministry and mission education.

In keeping with our Master's Mercy and Might, we believe that Jesus Christ's ministry was restorative, reconciling, and redemptive by nature. This three-fold ministry is therefore holistic, dealing with every facet of human life. Our priorities for holistic ministry include the following foci: spiritual, mental, physical, social, finance and the environment. Only by addressing human life holistically can we be faithful in empowering others to realize the abundant life for which Jesus Christ died and arose.

We partner with the constituency of the National Baptist Convention, its State Presidents, District Moderators, Pastors, and other clergy to provide relevant resources. These resources are designed to assist in the establishment, and/or development of Home Mission Ministry in cooperation with churches across local, global, multi-cultural and multi-ethnic territories.

"In Solidarity with the Savior"

A Word from Our Chairman



Rev. Gilbert Pickett, Sr.

Happy New Year and greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! To our esteemed President, Dr. Julius R. Scruggs, General Secretary, Dr. Calvin McKinney and the entire Parent Body cabinet. To Dr. Charles Mock our Executive Secretary and Dr. Angelique Walker-Smith our Vice-Chair and to the hard working Home Mission Board leadership and board members, once again we greet you with Jesus Joy!

As we embark upon a new year, I am excited about the ministry challenges that are ahead of us. 2013 gave the HMB the opportunity to show our convention our commitment to being the outreach arms of our mission: to bring about "Solidarity with the Savior." We can celebrate our accomplishments of 2013, namely: the Mission Day project in Charlotte, NC and the numerous Pastors, churches and



community organizations that we have assisted. 2014 has the HMB looking to Mission Day projects in the Dallas, TX and New Orleans, LA areas.

Who is the Home Mission Board?

To those who are reading this publication for the first time, we want you see from its pages the dedication of our staff, field and regional workers and board members. We want you to see how we are trying to meeting the needs of not only those who are hungry, but also those who are

living in darkness that they might come to the marvelous light. We are a group of dedication Men and Women, consisting of Pastor's, Clergy and Laity from across the United States and U.S. Virgin Island. We are a people who have a passion for the living Word of God to be seen as a reality versus a myth. We are a family who has compassion for people whether churched or unchurched. We believe in ministering to all who God has created in His image and in His likeness.

What does the Home Mission Board Do?

Your Home Mission Board does not just wait for requests for financial assistance to come to us from Pastors of this great convention, but to the contrary we go seeking those who we can assist. Whether it's a church that has need of roof repairs or a church that has been devastated by a fire and insurance policies fall short, we try to assist. We also believe in approaching the urban centers of America. We have gone in the "Projects", "Hood" and "Ghettos" and set up outreach projects. We have assisted the homeless, women and children in shelters by facilitating medical screenings, food and clothing giveaways, to let these communities know that God and the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. care about you.

Your Home Mission Board has broadened our horizons by being involved in social justice and evangelism. We have partnered with the NAACP and NBC, USA, Inc. Board of Evangelism and presented conferences and training dealing with the importance of holistic ministry of saving souls and creating better communities.

We are trying to stay true to the ministry checklist that is found in *Matt 25:31-46*. We want to hear Christ Jesus say to us once we've gone from labor to reward, WELL DONE! Jesus states in verse 40 "*when you have done it unto the least them, you have done it unto me.*" The question we pose to you is WHAT HAVE YOU DONE FOR GOD LATELY?!

How does the Home Mission Board do what we do?

Have you ever financially given to the Home Mission Board? If yes, we thank God for you and pray that we will have you continue support. If not, then

why? The Home Mission Board is not a part of the budget of the Parent Body. The ministry work that we do come solely from contributions and donations. Does your church take up a "missionary/benevolence" offering every Sunday? Does any portion of that goes towards Home or even Foreign Mission work? If the answer is no, then why not?

We want you to prayerfully consider supporting our work with your financial contributions. Sowing into the work and ministry of the HMB is sowing into "good ground." Please consider making the Home Mission Board a part of your 2014 budget. Whether it's a \$100 or \$10,000 a year, every dollar helps our efforts. We can only go, do, share, and give based upon what we receive. Won't you help us to continue to be the outreach arms of our great convention? Please help and become one of your supporters and contributors.

In closing, I again want to thank God for the opportunity to "serve this present age, my calling to fulfill." I realize that it takes an entire team to complete the assignment that is placed upon us. It's a team/family concept that has the HMB successful at doing kingdom business. Though in the midst of doing ministry, we may experience our own share of personal challenges, the HMB is determined to remain focused on the task at hand; The task of displaying the "Mercy and Might of the Master!"



King, Jemison, Mandela: A Tribute to Giant Slayers

by Rev. Charles E. Mock

As we pay homage to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., for example, to the embedded freedoms of democracy made possible by his stellar and courageous leadership, we do so against the background of two other prophetic leaders whose legacies are worth remembering in the long struggle against Segregation—Dr. T. J. Jemison and Nelson Mandela.

These three “David’s” of our generation fought the giant Segregation in their respective countries and successfully killing it. In the process these freedom fighters enabled people like us to get ahead—pun intended! They fought in the civil rights arena of injustice, experiencing jail-time as a common battle wound in the war against Segregation or Apartheid.

Each of these giants of justice-centered equal opportunity understood that we cannot win against the goliath of injustice in any given generation by merely responding to its symptoms. They knew that one had to deal with its roots, its structural and institutional systems that give birth to injustice and inequality. These giants also understood that to fight effectively and successfully one had to be connected to an organization.

Dr. T. J. Jemison was connected to the Black Church and the National Baptist Convention, USA, Incorporated, where he served as President for 12 years. The history and legacy of Dr. Jemison reveal courageous leadership as Dr. Jemison provided a blueprint for what would later become a major source of inspiration for Dr. King. In King's book, *Stride Toward Freedom: The Montgomery Story*, King detailed a telephone conversation he had with Jemison prior to the Montgomery boycott. *“Knowing that Jemison and his associates had set up an effective private carpool; I put in a long-distance telephone call to ask him for suggestions for a similar pool in Montgomery. As I expected, his painstaking description of the Baton Rouge experience was invaluable.”*

On the cusp of the African-American civil rights movement in 1953, Dr. Jemison helped organize a boycott of Baton Rouge buses by black riders who at the time were forbidden by a city ordinance from sitting in front of white people. Rev. Jemison took up this segregation issue with the Baton Rouge City Council. He testified on February 11, 1953 against a fare increase and asked for an end of the practice of reserving seats for whites. The city council met that demand, without abolishing segregation per se. They passed Ordinance 222, which established a first come-first served system: it allowed black passengers to board the bus from the back and take any empty seats available, while white passengers boarded from the front. In actuality though, the white drivers largely ignored the ordinance and continued to pressure blacks to sit in the rear of the buses.

Reverend Jemison set up a free-ride network, coordinated by the churches, to compensate for the lack of public transit. This was its signature action for the boycott, which was also adopted for later use. *“While the Baton Rouge boycott lasted only two weeks, it set protest standards, and is growing in recognition as a precedent-setting event in the history of the modern American civil rights movement.”* Dr. Jemison proved that when properly connected the unchangeable can be changed. Dr. King understood the importance of connections.

Dr. King was connected to the Church, the National Baptist Convention and to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. His leadership in such events as the 1955 Montgomery Bus Boycott, his struggle against Segregation in Albany, Georgia in 1962, the organized protests in Birmingham, Alabama, and the 1963 March on Washington were rooted in Christian values and grounded in the promises of the American Constitution. King believed Segregation was not a philosophical, religious ideology that could be justified by the moral law and love of God.

Dr. King stated, *“Segregation statutes are unjust because segregation distorts the soul and damages the personality. It gives the segregator a false sense of*

superiority and the segregated a false sense of inferiority. Hence segregation is not only politically, economically and sociologically unsound, morally wrong and sinful."

In Dr. King's Letter From Birmingham Jail, he responded to white clergy critics in their protest of direct action in the form of sit-ins, boycotts, marches, etc. "Nonviolent direct action, stated King, seeks to create such a crisis and foster such a tension that a community which has constantly refused to negotiate is forced to confront the issue. It seeks so to dramatize the issue that it can no longer be ignored." Nelson Mandela also understood the value of connections in the struggle against race-based Segregation.

Nelson Mandela was connected to the African National Congress. We know about his political activism and accomplishments as a leader of the anti-Apartheid movement. But what we may not know is underneath his political activism was a religious foundation. He identified with the religious values of the Judeo-Christian tradition.

In his autobiography, *Long Walk to Freedom*, Mandela tells the story of his early engagement with Christianity. "The Church was as concerned with this world as the next: I saw that virtually all of the achievements of Africans seemed to have come about through the missionary work of the Church." As a result, Mandela became a member of the Students Christian Association and taught Bible classes on Sundays in nearby villages.

A few weeks before he was elected South Africa's president, he gave a speech at a Christian church's Easter conference. In his Easter conference speech, Mandela proclaimed, "Each Easter marks the rebirth of our faith. It marks the victory of our risen Savior over the torture of the cross and the grave." After reading the Beatitudes (*Matthew 5:1-12*), he began by praising God for "the Good News borne by our risen Messiah who chose not one race, who chose not one country, who chose not one language, who chose not one tribe, who chose all of humankind!" He consistently

proclaimed his commitment to Christ as his Lord throughout his adult life.

We live at a time when crisis-centered direct action on the part of the communities of faith continues to be a challenge. Some theological thinking that is supposedly rooted in sound Old and New Testament biblical exegesis does not permit a mixture of the pastoral and the prophetic elements of Judeo-Christian faith. The Prophetic element in scripture, as understood by what has been called the progressive or liberal Black Church tradition, goes beyond proclamation of the gospel. The Prophetic strand of scripture is grounded in the future coming of God's kingdom and painful events associated with God's return in Christ. A socially progressive strand of theological thought routed in the same biblical witness--the Word of God--suggests prophetic proclamation must be followed up with direct action in both the secular and religious arenas as we wait for God's return.

Jesus' progressive action in the religious arena--the cleansing of the Temple--was non-violent direct action against a religious institution of unjust and deceptive policies and practices which mirrored that of secular-minded Roman government. His Temple cleansing also had ramifications against Roman government's peace-keeping capacity. His Temple cleansing was interpreted by Roman officials as riot-producing, the kind that could lead to all out rebellion on the part of the radical or extremist wing of Judaism that historically plotted against legalized political oppression. We now know through valuable research that Jesus' execution on a cross was capital punishment reserved for political and religious radicals, what we would call today religious terrorists dedicated to overthrowing government. In the eyes of some political and religious leaders of their respective nations, Dr. King, Dr. Jemison and Nelson Mandela were guilty of unpatriotic action deserving of imprisonment and, or death. It was a price they were all willing to pay. They connected this

price with Cross-bearing in the name of freedom and equality against Segregation.

These 20th and 21st century “David’s” believed laws that did not line up with the eternal, moral laws of a God-created universe were laws worthy of review, reform and reversal in the name of justice. Nelson Mandela’s progressive social action in South Africa mirrored those of Dr. Jemison and Dr. King in Alabama and other southern states. They refused to sit down and take the devious methods used to keep from Negroes the freedom to integrate and the right to vote.

It is interesting; is it not how history repeats itself when freedom fighters cease fighting for retention of what blood, sacrifices and death have won? Once the Voting Rights Acts were passed, devious and deceptive political strategies were introduced to prevent or minimize the effectiveness of the Vote. In many southern states today political leadership has erected new state sanctioned and legislative vote-suppression barriers. Whether intentional or not, said barriers lead to vote prevention on the part of Black and Brown Americans, seniors, college students and ex-offenders. Add to these barriers the recent decision of the Supreme Court’s with respect to section IV of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and recently updated by Congress in 1975. By a 5 to 4 vote, state “The Supreme Court decision freed nine states, mostly in the South, to change their election laws without advance federal approval.

Who and what institutions will follow the example of these “David’s” who bravely took on the giant—Segregation? Will we strengthen both our institutions and our connections to them to fight the good fight of faith against 21st century giants? If we think the fight against Segregation is over think again. We recall from the biblical story that the giant slain by David was one of many giants that ran in the family.

Executive Secretary Report



Rev. Charles E. Mock

We give honor to God, to President Julius, R. Scruggs, Vice President Jerry Young, General Secretary Calvin McKinney, other cabinet officers, Convention Ministry Officers, State Presidents and all other delegates to this & session of the National Baptist Convention Winter Board meeting,

Mr. President, delegates and faithful contributors of the Home Mission Board, on behalf of the Home Mission Board we are pleased to report that since our September 2013 session we continue to focus our mission of caring and sharing through our Solidarity with the Savior.

The Home Mission Board Mission Train is planning its next Mission Train stop to New Orleans in September of 2014. We have been in conversation with Rev. Gary Lee Curtis about having our 6th annual Faith, Fun, and Community Outreach Festival. We are grateful for his invitation for us to partner in Solidarity with Second Zion Baptist Church in New Orleans. Our Home Mission Festival includes collaboration, alliances and partnerships with other entities such as State Conventions, District Associations and local Baptist Churches that are members of our convention. We combine our resources for maximum impact on individuals and families, especially those who think that the church does not care about their plight.

These Train stops have become a very valuable witness of our Baptist convention's love mission to

those who are struggling daily to put bread on their table, clothes on their children's backs while keeping heat in their houses and medicine in their cabinets. Your contributions are so needed at a time when many national congressmen and congresswomen continue in their budget cutbacks, balancing the budget on the backs of the poor. These Train stops could not take place without the sacrificial contributions of our faithful contributors. We wish to thank our faithful contributors for making these Home Mission Train stops possible by your 2014 financial commitments.

The Home Mission Board also has diligently sought the creation of an atmosphere and environment for the development of local faith-based forums for vital conversations around justice, equality and fairness. An important part of our inspiration and direction is driven by President Scruggs' historical vision and leadership in social justice. We are grateful for his presence as a board member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. I was pleased to attend the latest NAACP Religious Leadership Roundtable held in Alexandria, Virginia in November of 2013.

The focus of the Religious Roundtable had to do with the Affordable Care Act and Voter Suppression. Very valuable information was shared that shed light on the pros and cons of the HealthCare website things that we would not be able to pick up from media coverage. Please consult your NAACP website for detailed and more accurate information. Additional good news is the NAACP has been endorsed by the Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) in 2013. Shavon Arline Bradley reported that one goal is to partner with Black clergy to enhance our presence and capacity as churches to address HIV as a social justice issue. Church healthcare leadership is encouraged to apply for NAACP grants for HIV/AIDS workshops and forums toward a more intentional outreach strategy in dealing with a disease that is devastating the health of the Black family in particular. The Home Mission Board endorses fully the NAACP's initiative called, The Black Church and HIV: The Social Justice Imperative.

On the social justice battlefield, we are also planning to participate in the Interfaith Organizing Initiative around the intersection of Race and Criminal Justice. This is an issue of deep concern of number of Faith-based denominations. I have been a co-leader of a table of Interfaith religious organizations and partners that are determined to have a serious "conversation and commitment toward action" in the area of incarceration. Present strategic planning will lead to a convening in the spring of 2014. Here is our campaign statement:

Through the collective and organized voices of Communities of Faith, faith-based organizing networks and other partnerships, the Interfaith Organizing Initiative is dedicated to a leadership role in reversing and transforming the crisis being called the Criminalization of Race: the criminalization of Black and Brown ethnic groups by unjust laws and policies of the criminal justice system (aka prison industrial complex). We envision and work toward safer and empowered communities, increased employment opportunities, and redeemed lives through an end to racial profiling and mass incarceration. Our future will be transformed by identifying and replicating best practices to resist mass incarceration, developing coordinated action strategies where possible, and gathering significant funding to support our organizing efforts.

We are excited and delighted about the growing conversation across our convention regarding incarceration as a social justice issue that challenges the church's missional response. For example, Dr. Anthony Kelly, Social Justice Director of the Greater Louisiana Baptist Convention, has taken this conversation to a deeper and higher level. Dr. Kelly has developed a template for doing social justice in the area of mass incarceration, including organizing for action to change public policy.

The Home Mission Board has developed a model for doing intentional, holistic missions within a District Association and within any given State Baptist

Convention. We now have a model for doing Prison Ministry within the local church and within a District Association. In September of 2013 the HMB approved the first draft of a holistic Prison Ministry model called (CCEPP) Church Community Empowered Pipeline to Prison. CCEPP is a logical extension of our Faith, Family and Community Empowerment Conference of 2011.

CCEPP is a community to prison pipeline of 21st century new Christian Abolitionists dedicated to freedom retention of our youth, and the restoration of freedom of newly released juveniles and adults from prisons. We have potential children, teens and youth at risk for serious time behind prison walls or within the long arms of the criminal justice system.

CCEPP is rooted in the soil of egregious statistics, situations and circumstances African American youth and adults are faced with daily. CCEPP is also historically grounded. It pays homage to the conductors of the invisible Underground Railroad as well as the very visible Abolitionists of slavery. CCEPP will draw on the inspiration, motivation and values that served as the foundation of a movement that had as its goal setting slaves free.

In 2014 we look forward to having social justice workshops and forums on the issue of mass incarceration that will include CCEPP as one of a number of best practices that can reverse the pipeline to prison. We are seeking District Association, State Convention Presidents and local pastors to partner with us on these workshops. The theme would be: Moving from Prison Revival Ministry to Restoration & Reconciliation Ministry.

The scriptural foundation will be *Matthew 25:36*, "I was in prison and you visited me!" *Luke 4:18*, "He has sent me to proclaim release to the prisoners," and *Hebrews 13:3* "Remember those in prison as though you were in prison with them." These will be workshops on how we can effectively partner to receive our own youth and adults back home to church through the gift of Mission-centered Reconciliation and Restoration.

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES:

- A. To provide resources and tools that enable more powerful evangelical and missional ministry to those returning from prison
- B. To promote a Christ-centered mission mandate through the lens of Reconciliation and Restoration
- C. To prepare pulpit and lay leadership for enhancing their Prison ministry to families impacted by the Prison Industrial Complex
- D. To provide clergy vital information and partnership models for more effective Prison ministry



Along with the above mentioned ministries we will continue to provide resources and financial assistance to as many churches as possible as contributions will permit.

We seek your prayers as we approach 2014 with greater determination than ever to be in Solidarity with the Savior through His Mercy & Might,



Home Mission Final Report 2013



Angelique Walker-Smith

2013! What a year it has been! Going into 2013 many were looking forward to the following anniversaries that turned the course of history in the USA and the world: **a)** the 150th anniversary Emancipation Proclamation **b)** the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington **c)** the 50th anniversary of the African Union (formerly the Organization of African States) **d)** the 50th anniversary of the All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC) and **e)** the 50th Anniversary of the church bombing at the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, AL where four African American girls were killed while at church services.

The remarkable end of 2013 brought the home-going services of former President of the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc., the Rev. Dr. T.J. Jemison and former South African President, Nelson Mandela (Madiba). It also ended with an historic convening of church leaders in Latin American and North America in Quito, Ecuador concerning Faith, Economy, and Migration and, the 80th Birthday celebration of former National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. President, the Rev. Dr. William J. Shaw.

PEOPLE OF FAITH MADE THE DIFFERENCE!

So what do these historic events have to do with each other? In each case, people of faith were key to the energy and leadership that motivated the tide of change to make the churches more accountable to a pastoral and prophetic witness and thereby making the USA and even the world a “fuller union.” These events also have shown that the tide is still changing.

I WAS HONORED TO BE A PART!

I was honored to be a part of most of the aforementioned anniversaries of these significant historic events this year. In the case of the Emancipation Proclamation, I was present at the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington where this was remembered along with the remembrance of the four African American girls who were killed in Birmingham in 1963 at one of our member churches, 16th Street Baptist Church. The 50th anniversary of the All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC) and Africa Union were celebrated in Kampala, Uganda. I served as the organizer for our National Baptist delegation and the World Council of Churches (WCC) delegation from our church in Busan, South Korea.



You can go to the following, where I also served as the daily television presenter/anchor for the WCC program

and Talk Show Host/Moderator for the *World Plenary on Justice* at the global gathering as well:

<http://wcc2013.info/en/news-media/video/>

and

<http://wcc2013.info/en/news-media/video/recording/justice-plenary-wcc-10th-assembly> (Video)

<http://www.oikoumene.org/en/press-centre/news/issues-of-justice-in-focus-at-wcc-busan-assembly> (Article)

An important statement on Faith, Economy and Migration has also been drafted at the consultation in Quito. I was honored to present a groundbreaking keynote paper on *Forced Migration of African Peoples*

in the Americas that was captured in the final document as well. The papers presented at the consultation are being proposed for a publication.

After 95 years, our beloved Nelson Mandela has gone to eternal rest. I was privileged to play an



important role in the organizing of the capitol area memorial service in his honor at our Indiana State House and a smaller home-going service on the day of his burial in one of the neighborhoods of

Greater Indianapolis with a group of churches.

TRIBUTE TO THE REV. DR. T.J. JEMISON

The Rev. Dr. T. J. Jemison with the then General Secretary, the Rev. Dr. W. Franklyn Richardson, invited me to be a part of our national church when I was a young adult serving in the ecumenical movement. I had grown up in the "Convention" under by father's leadership as Pastor of St. John Missionary Baptist



Church in Springfield, Ohio and so to be invited at the national level to participate was a deep honor. At that time I served as the only young adult African American woman as the

executive of a council of churches in the USA and had already lived in three African countries i.e. Sierra Leone, Lesotho and Sudan. I was asked to organize an ecumenical delegation of African American church leaders to the All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC) Assembly in Togo where I met Archbishop Tutu and Mrs. Leah Tutu. Indeed I was asked to represent the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. as the organizer of the ecumenical group and Dr. Jemison invited me to speak to the national church body as the first ordained African American woman to do so in Baton Rouge, where I gave my report of the journey. From that point on I was invited and have continued to give ecumenical counsel and service to our National

Baptist Convention USA, Inc. Later Dr. Warren Stewart invited me to serve on the Home Mission Board.

This initial invitation led to my later becoming involved in the World Council of Churches, being mentored by Archbishop Tutu and Mrs. Tutu. and my



**God of life,
lead us to
justice and peace**

World Council of Churches
10th Assembly
30 October to 8 November 2013
Busan, Republic of Korea

A WORD OF THANKS!

I conclude with a word of gratitude to Dr. Shaw who has and does embrace the ecumenical movement as important to our National Baptist life. It was an honor to be at his 80th Birthday celebration! I would also like to thank Dr. Scruggs for his embrace of our work and the ecumenical movement as well.



With Thanksgiving,
Rev. Dr. Angelique Walker-Smith



Keeping Mandela's Legacy Alive

by Rev. Charles E. Mock



Nelson Mandela was one of God's great gifts to humanity. Millions of people of all colors, nationalities, race and, or ethnicities join his country in both celebrating and mourning his long deserved departure into the bosom of his God.

He will be long remembered for the golden nuggets of truth that dropped like pearls from his mouth of wisdom: "Religion is one of the most important forces in the world. Whether you are a Christian, a Muslim, a Buddhist, a Jew, or a Hindu, religion is a great force, and it can help one have command of one's own morality, one's own behavior, and one's own attitude."

"There were many dark moments when my faith in humanity was sorely tested, but I would not and could not give myself up to despair. That way leads to defeat and death."

"There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children." —

"What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead."

"I am not a saint, unless you think of a saint as a sinner who keeps on trying."

As we reflect on the many honors and accomplishments of his life-giving sacrifice, we begin to understand with greater clarity two of the many honorary titles given by his country--Father of democracy and Son of Africa. With sound reasoning, embedded and enshrined in his legacy are such words as love, freedom, equality, justice and forgiveness. There is, however, a title that summarizes for me the collective impact of all these words--Uniter-in-Chief.

As a national prophetic leader Nelson Mandela united a nation that could not have been further apart: A nation deeply divided by loyalties that were not only skin deep but vision and values deep. Therefore, only time will reveal how true and how deep the unification of this nation is that has been forged on a foundation that includes tremendous violence, bloodshed and death.

As our nation continues planning its honoring of the legacy of another prophet, Dr Martin L. King, Jr., Dr. King reminded us through his own nuggets of wisdom that people can be integrated bodily while remaining segregated in their hearts. We can make integration laws but not legislate morality.

We learn from history that to be united does not automatically mean "unified." Persons who are united in marriage are not necessarily "unified" in their hearts with respect to the same values and principles. Some marriages are legal arrangements for political and economic purposes. Their being united legally has nothing to do with the potential moral or ethical unification of their hearts.

There are national marriages through treaties. The heart of these nations can remain as divided as ever as far as are moral, ethical and spiritual values. The United States is legally united as a nation of states but we have some states, if they could have things their way, would pack up and walk away from the union.

In the future we will find out the depth of South Africa's unity. A word on the streets of South Africa is

frightening it true. Allegedly, there are leaders in high places who have been biding their time, anxiously waiting for Nelson Mandela to take his last breath and step off the scene. The word on the street is they plan on re-instituting Apartheid, or reinforcing and advancing the spirit of Apartheid. There are person in high places who have never accepted Nelson Mandela as their legitimate President.

Persons who truly celebrate Nelson Mandela and Dr. King as God-given gifts to their respective nations must keep alive more than their memory. We must keep alive their legacy of a unifying spirit. Continual truth, love, freedom, justice, fairness and the awesome power of forgiveness are riding on our capacity to do more than remember. Otherwise, the wrong people will win and those who gave their blood, sweat, sacrifices and lives would have done so in vain.

Environmental Justice: Polar Bears or Who Bears?

By Rev. Charles E. Mock and Mr. Brentin Mock

Perhaps one reason Black Christian leadership has not taken climate change as seriously as other matters of deep concern in urban life has to do with its association with Polar bears. However, when you connect the dots it is about Who Bears?--as in, "Who will bear the most damage or catch the most hell or something like that."

The new U.S. Environmental Protection Agency chief Gina McCarthy who replaced former chief Lisa Jackson, the first African American in that post said at the congressional Black Caucus Foundation's 43rd annual legislative Conference this past summer that the climate change fight is more about protecting people not animals. McCarthy issued new regulations that day on Carbon dioxide emissions, the primary source for global warming; while also reminding us that it is our most underserved communities that bear the brunt of global warming-related disasters.

(Katrina/Sandy). Fighting climate change, in other words, is a matter of environmental justice.

"Climate change is not about polar bears, which I think are cute," McCarthy said during the unannounced visit. "It's about people. It's about water, waste water, and the infrastructure that is under our water. It's about the sewers that are backing up and overflowing all at the same time. It's about our drinking water supplies."

In other words, climate change is not only about Polar bears and glaciers, it is about who bears the cost of climate change? This is where the church comes in as a major player in environmental justice due to the church's doctrine of creation.

Climate Change challenges the Black church in its doctrine of creation theology. In particular, it is about the Black church's stewardship response to a creation that God pronounced "good" way back when: in the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth. It is about the Black church playing a leading role in the general church's collective responsibility in creation care for God's earth--its atmosphere, its water and their impact on urban communities. It was David, the greatest King of Israel that declared long ago, "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof." It's time for the Black church to co-sign King David's declaration by becoming more deeply engaged in the environmental justice movement.

We are challenged as perhaps never before to be faithful as stewards of God's creation by becoming aware and engaged in conversations in high places in the cause of environmental justice. Decisions are being made daily that impact health on the ground, especially the ground on which the feet of the most vulnerable people of the planet walk.

EPA chief McCarthy said at the aforementioned CBC "we don't focus enough on the fact that climate change is happening and why that is important to environmental justice communities in urban areas. Well guess who's left — who always bears the most

brunt when you have a devastating impact? Who gets hit the most? Who doesn't have the ability to get up at a moment's notice because they know that a hurricane is coming or flooding is beginning? It is usually the very people who can least afford to do so. The last thing we want to do is have climate change be an added burden on those communities that are already bearing the biggest burden of pollution." President Bill Clinton, almost 20 years ago, signed executive order #12898 mandating federal departments and agencies consider harmful impacts on vulnerable populations when they issue new rules and permits. President Clinton signed the executive order owing to pressure from a number of sides where the pressure counted.

In the audience of the Congressional Black Caucus Conference were hundreds of grassroots and grass-top activists who were instrumental in making President Clinton's executive order and the EPA office possible.

Taking advantage of this executive order, the Obama administration's environmental arm has framed the climate change conversation around domestic impacts. The new communication strategy is to frame the environmental around protection: protecting communities at risk due to climate changes as a matter of "justice." This raises the question of the role of Community Organizing as a valuable resource in the Black church's response to environmental justice.

Faith-based Community Organizing is much maligned today thanks to conservative talk radio, particularly, such persons as Rush Limbaugh, Glenn Beck and Shawn Hannity who oppose EPA's climate change regulation. We must face the political facts that change does not come easy in Washington.

Change does not come by charismatic, prophetic individuals acting as lone mavericks of justice. If and when change happens, it is usually because a combination of energy, time, resources and commitment by social justice Advocates.

The Civil Rights Movement happened because of the combined forces of love, justice and a hunger for

freedom and equality under the law. If we learn anything from the Civil Rights Movement it is that even super men like Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. needed a super following to make super changes in the way America does justice and equality under the law.

We thank God for Gina McCarthy and prior to her, Lisa Jackson. One thing is clear in the fight for environmental justice. The Black church will have to step up by expanding its engagement with the environmental justice movement. The good Lord can place who we need in the right places on high, but we must be the right people below to work with them if change is to take place.

McCarthy made it clear that her agency's approach will be as much about helping communities adapt to climate change as it will be about curbing carbon emissions. McCarthy said that focusing on adaptation grants the federal government provides an opportunity to invest in the kind of infrastructure upgrades and resiliency-building measures for under-resourced communities that environmental justice advocates have been calling for, for a number of years.

While we are thankful for the President Clinton's executive order, they are only as good as the tenure of any given President. Orders must become Law so they cannot as easily be overturned.

There is also the pushback by corporations, co-signed by pseudo-scientific studies that suggest that certain levels of carbon emissions are not the devil that others have made them to be. EPA will have to face congressional carbon enablers who are well paid to fight legislation that permits carbon emits and pollution.

The EPA will also have to go before the Supreme Court to defend the right to regulate in nine different cases over the next few months. Add to these burdens, the sequestration threats and budget cuts that have the EPA officials struggling under the wayward winds of financial uncertainty.

"I want to assure you that the EPA," state McCarthy, "will keep environmental justice not on the side of its brain but at the front of its brain, because frankly, environmental justice is not a secondary issue. It is a core issue of the mission of the EPA, because we are about protecting people's health and the environment."

As encouraging as McCarthy's words are, she cannot fight this fight effectively without additional voices from the margins and church pews.

The fight for environmental justice is not just about Polar bears. It is about the question--Who bears? Who will bear the cost of unregulated carbon and other harmful emissions? The fight for environmental justice is expensive and time consuming but it is a fight that must be waged. It must be waged in the name of the God who gave the heavens and the earth to us, entrusting us to be responsible stewards of property that belongs to God.

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Dr. William H. Foster, Sr. *A Tribute to a Servant-in-Chief*



Dr. William H. Foster, Sr. a great pulpiteer, stepped from the pulpit of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church and into the Throne Room of glory in November 2013. He goes on to enjoy a rich reward that belongs to all faithful, sacrificial Servants-in-Chief. We celebrate his service not only as a pastor, great preacher and singer. The Home Mission Board joins countless others impacted by his ministry in celebrating his stellar leadership as President of the United Baptist State Convention of Illinois.

The Home Mission Board pays tribute to Dr. Foster, Sr. because his ministry exemplified the kind of connection that is classic and therefore worthy of emulation by 21st century churches. The classic nature of his ministry was demonstrated for decades by a connectional and associative leadership that ran on a track that connected the local church to the District Association, which connected then to the State Baptist Convention, with a final connection to the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

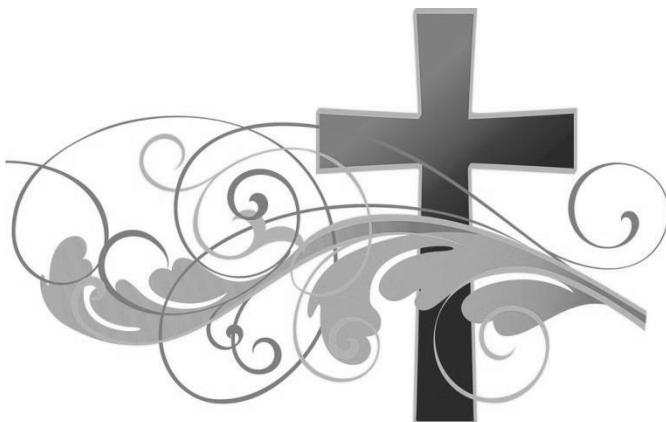
Dr. Foster, Sr. was highly connected in a way that protected the historical associative nature of Black Baptist denominationalism. Such historical connections to a large extent have been responsible for the Black Baptist legacy of ministry responsiveness on the various levels of our Black Baptist witness.

The Home Mission Board was a recipient of Dr. Foster's connectional, associative Baptist spirit. We are forever grateful for his vision of mission that created

opportunities for the Home Mission Board to be of service to local churches, District Associations and the United Baptist State Convention of Illinois. We pay tribute to a Servant-in-Chief who is a part of a fading species of Black Baptist denominationalism.

We live in an age where the power, potential and provision of Black Baptist denominationalism is at risk of becoming a relic in the museum of ecclesiastical history. Our connection and associative legacy has suffered painful blows from rocks thrown by the hands of an individualistic culture characterized by me, myself and I. Churches that historically formed associations and conventions to lift the fallen, help the helpless and give hope to the hopeless are doing so now without the collective power demonstrated during post slavery and the Reconstruction Era. It is for this reason and so many others we celebrate the rich legacy of Dr. William H Foster, Sr. as a Servant-in-Chief, he demonstrated an “all-us-we” associative spirit that will never be forgotten.

We pray that the memory of his accomplishments and how they were made will become a source of fresh inspiration to all who live on in celebration of his sacrificial, connectional and associative service as one of the Lord’s Servants-in-Chief.



The Journey Continues

by Minister Nautochia Webb

To God be the glory for another successful year of ministry outside the walls of the church. I was afforded



the opportunity to return to the Children’s Emergency Hostel in Nassau, Bahamas to share a Vacation Bible School series I had already tested within my own church a few years ago. After completing my supervised ministry at this location last year under the director, Marita Ferguson, and with the spiritual guidance of Rev. Lloyd Smith, I was drawn to come back again and do something a little different this year. Last year was a task to meet my requirements at New York Theological Seminary. This year was directive from God to return with what He had already placed inside of me to share with those hungry for His word and very impressionable. Being able to teach and share God with children on a daily basis was nothing less than joyful, exhilarating, and rewarding for all of us. I hoped to have left them with positive examples in their young lives, while they definitely left me with hope for our future generations. I could not have completed this task without the support and blessings of my Pastor, Rev. Gilbert Pickett, Sr., who encouraged me to move forward with what God had laid in my heart.

I am also so thankful for the opportunity to share my vision with my sisters who thought it not robbery to take time out of their very busy schedules to volunteer in a foreign land doing a new work with the

gifts that God birthed in them. I could not share this report without including them...

Sister Nicole Bellmon

My trip to the Bahamas started out as a text checking up on a friend, and needless to say, Nautochia thought I would be a good asset to her VBS team and ergo my invitation. Initially I had no idea what to expect. I had never been to the Bahamas but it had never occurred to me that the Bahamas would have children in foster care (Hostel) because the Bahamas is thought of as Paradise. The breakdown of our day included a lesson plan on a certain Fruit of the Spirit, and then the children were broken up into two



groups according to their age. I took one group and my sister Natasha took the other group where we performed activities that emphasized the Fruit if the Spirit learned for that day. Our afternoon was spent performing arts and crafts with the kids.

This trip had a profound impact on me where it challenged me to do something I had never done before: teach children the word of God. It showed me that no matter where I go in the world there is always a need for God's word. I often think about this young girl whom said she had no joy. I thought My God she is only 9, how could this girl have no joy? Aren't children supposed to be happy? When thinking about what I left the children, the first thing that comes to mind is encouragement. I encouraged the older kids to be an example to the younger ones. I encouraged these children to have respect for themselves and one another; I encouraged these children to always keep the Lord's word in their hearts.

Lastly, I left the children with responsibility. A responsibility to work on that Fruit in which they lacked, that Fruit in which they desired to have more of, and to make sure that Fruit was evident to other people.

Sister Natasha Woodley

Working at the Children's Hostel in Nassau Bahamas was a special treat for me. I did not know what to expect. I felt exhilarated and excited. This was my first time in the Bahamas, and the people and island were beautiful. I had butterflies in my stomach the first day at the Hostel. Were the kids going to be unruly or well behaved? I said a prayer before I walked in knowing that God would restore my courage and strength. The children exceeded my expectations. They were well mannered and polite. My mission was to drive into the hearts of every child, scripture *Galatians 5:22-23*.

The first day was a bit overwhelming. Trying to keep the attention of 2-8 year olds by myself was very trying at times. I did have a better understanding of what my purpose was though. I pulled from my own experience being a mom myself. These children taught me patience. Patience with everything I do and also within myself. The message I tried to leave with the children was to take your worries to the Lord and

leave it with him. Always pray no matter what. That's what I keep telling myself.

Leslie P., Half A Mind Creations, Inc.

"Always Strive for Excellence"

Sister Leslie Phillips

Exercise & Drama Ministry Leader, MHBC

My experience at the Children's Emergency Hostel in Nassau, Bahamas was fulfilling and fun. It was touching to see these energetic children display affection, laughter and happiness in spite of not being united with their parents. As with all children, they were excited and wanted to please us. I loved how they embraced and enjoyed singing songs "Yes, Jesus Loves Me," "I Am A Christian," and others, with such expression, conviction and strength! They were competitive, talented and friendly. I believe they were impacted positively from learning the "Fruit of the Spirit" and how they can use the principles daily.

The facility was pleasantly clean, bright and nicely designed. All the children were clean and wore nice clothing, with the exception of not liking to wear footwear. (Smiles) I thoroughly enjoyed them, and just like children anywhere, they were extremely energetic, loud, playful and silly, of which I enjoyed tremendously. I was impressed that quite a few of them were very creative; and I pray that their talents and gifts will be used mightily as they grow. I would love to repeat this experience again in 2014, God willing.

Sister Denise Thomas,

Women's Department Ministry Leader, MHBC

During the week with the children at the VBS I can truly say that I was blessed by the experience. It made me want to love my children more and thank God even more for all that he provides for me to be the parent that I am. I was touched by the love and affection that each child had and shared so freely. Yes, at times they were a challenge to deal with but with love and patience I was able to get thru those moments. The kids were lovable, needy, sweet, mischievous, demanding and enlightening all at the

same time. They were extremely funny too, which was a joy to see such happiness despite their circumstances. I thought that my job was to go there and be a resource provision and teacher to those children and in return I received so much more than what I was able to give. Each child had their own unique quality and I learned how to adjust to each child's need. I am truly grateful for the experience that I had. I am a better person because of that experience. I have grown as a person because of that experience. I have learned so much about myself because of that experience.

Giving of your time is a special gift and I thank God that I was afforded the opportunity to be a part of this unique experience. I pray that I am able to do more mission work, abroad or at home. I learned that being a source of information, learning and assistance is what I enjoy doing and hope that I can continue in this path.

I thank Minister Nautochia Webb for including me in this endeavor. She laid the foundation for us to come to VBS this year with the work she did the previous year and I pray that what we were able to do this year will open the doors for us for the following year. *Love & Blessings*

...The ladies were definitely a blessing to the ministry and were self-directed to do exactly what I knew they were called to do. Through scriptures, song, poetry, writing, drama, self-exploration, games and arts & craft, we were the right team to fulfill the children's days. This was a 3-week project which, if it be the will of God, will grow in length and other areas of ministry for next year. I am already excited about what could take place as I am planning to travel in a few months to see what direction I am led on a path that is already God-determined.

I thank every organization and individual who contributed to this great work of teaching children who have fewer resources, but more life experiences, than I or the children I've taught at home have ever

experienced. May God bless you and may He continue to smile on us all.

*Minister Nautochia Webb,
Church School Superintendent
Helping Hands Ministry Leader,
Mount Horeb Baptist Church*



**National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.
Home Mission Board**

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
September 1 through December 31, 2013

(Subject to audit by MBC, USA, Inc.
Office of the Treasurer)

General Operating Account

Cash in Bank as of September 1	\$ 2,475.02
Cash Donations/Interest	\$ 52,920.05
Cash Disbursements/Expenses	\$ 50,669.54
Outstanding Checks	\$.00

Cash in Bank as of December 31 \$ 4,725.53

Ecclesiastical Endorser Account

Cash in Bank as of September 1	\$ 10,463.15
Cash Donations/Interest	\$ 4,510.00
Cash Disbursements/Expenses	\$ 7,505.52
Outstanding Checks	\$.00

Cash in Bank as of December 31 \$ 7,467.63

Cash on Bank Statements Bank of America (both accounts)

General Operating Account	\$ 4,725.53
Ecclesiastical Endorser Account	\$ 7,467.63
Total	\$ 12,193.16

*Respectfully submitted by
Rev. Shawn L. Buckhanan
Shawn L. Buckhanan, BBA, M.Th,
Treasurer*

State Contributions August 31, 2013 through January 15, 2014

ALABAMA					
Aimwell Baptist Church	Dr. Michael Jackson	Mobile	AL	\$	600.00
Alabama State Missionary Baptist Convention	Dr. Vernon Swift	Tuscaloosa	AL	\$	5,000.00
Bro. James N. Robbins, Sr.		Midway	AL	\$	5.00
First Baptist Missionary Baptist Church	Dr. Julius R. Scruggs	Huntsville	AL	\$	5,000.00
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church	Dr. Robert L. Webb	Livingston	AL	\$	1,200.00
ARIZONA					
Dr. Warren H. Stewart, Sr.		Phoenix	AZ	\$	600.00
First Institutional Baptist Church	Dr. Warren H. Stewart, Sr.	Phoenix	AZ	\$	5,000.02
Rev. Shawn Buckhanan Southern Arizona Baptist District Association	Moderator Willie L. Coleman	Sierra Vista	AZ	\$	100.00
		Tucson	AZ	\$	120.00
ARKANSAS					
Greater St. Paul Baptist Church	Dr. George E. Smith	Camden	AR	\$	83.32
CALIFORNIA					
Beth Eden Baptist Church	Dr. Gillette O. James	Oakland	CA	\$	200.00
COLORADO					
Emmanuel Missionary Baptist church	Rev. Cleveland A. Thompson	Colorado Springs	CO	\$	1,931.66
DC (District of Columbia)					
Nineteenth Street Baptist Church	Dr. Derrick Harkins	Washington	DC	\$	610.00
FLORIDA					
Bro. Michael D. Warren		Apopka	FL	\$	25.00
GEORGIA					
Bro. W. J. Reid		Covington	GA	\$	10.00
New Hope Baptist Church	Rev. Kenneth F. Scaife	Dalton	GA	\$	100.00
Rev. Albert M. James		Augusta	GA	\$	50.00
Rev. Clarence Moore		Hephzibah	GA	\$	100.00
Spring Hill Missionary Baptist Church		Register	GA	\$	200.00
ILLINOIS					
Beautiful Zion Baptist Church	Dr. Russell B. Harris	Chicago	IL	\$	100.00
Christ Temple Missionary Baptist Church	Rev. Kenneth E. Cherry	Evanston	IL	\$	50.00
Dr. Lacy K. Curry		Chicago	IL	\$	25.00
Dr. O. C. Morgan		Chicago	IL	\$	200.00
Living Water Missionary Baptist Church	Rev. Clarence Olloway	Harvey	IL	\$	75.00
Loving Spirit Missionary Baptist Church	Dr. John H. Robinson	Chicago	IL	\$	75.00
New Gideon Missionary Baptist Church	Rev. O. C. Dockery	Chicago	IL	\$	200.00
New Mt. Calvary Baptist Church	Rev. Franklin Morris	Chicago	IL	\$	100.00
Rev. O. C. Dockery		Chicago	IL	\$	100.00
Sis. Kimberly Thompson		Villa Park	IL	\$	50.00
Sis. Wilma Jean Byrd		Villa Park	IL	\$	100.00
INDIANA					
Dr. Angelique Walker-Smith		Indianapolis	IN	\$	600.00
Jerusalem Baptist Church		Fort Wayne	IN	\$	64.00

KANSAS

Community Missionary Baptist Church	Dr. Alfred White	Kansas City	KS	\$	400.00
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LOUISIANA

Mt. Canaan Baptist Church	Rev. Harry Blake	Shreveport	LA	\$	100.00
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MARYLAND

Dr. L. B. West		Laurel	MD	\$	100.00
First Baptist Church of Annapolis	Rev. Louis J. Boston	Annapolis	MD	\$	300.00
Rev. Roosevelt M. Bell		Temple Hills	MD	\$	100.00
Sis. Caroline M. Andrews		Oxon Hill	MD	\$	50.00

MASSACHUSETTS

New Hope Baptist Church	Rev. Kenneth K. Simms	Boston	MA	\$	500.00
United Baptist Convention of MA, NH & RI	Rev. Amos L. Bailey	Springfield	MA	\$	950.00

MICHIGAN

Baptist Missionary & Education St. Con.	President Wallace Mills	Detroit	MI	\$	800.00
Dr. Avery Graham		Mt. Clemons	MI	\$	20.00
Dr. Kenneth M. Gavin		Benton Harbor	MI	\$	20.00
Dr. Lee Bernard	Greater True Vine Bapt. Ch.	Detroit	MI	\$	25.00
Greater True Vine Baptist Church	Dr. Lee Bernard	Detroit	MI	\$	100.00
Jamison Temple Missionary Baptist Church	Rev. H. Jamison	Detroit	MI	\$	100.00
Peace & Goodwill Missionary Baptist Church	Rev. Mark C. Holloway	Detroit	MI	\$	50.00
Rightway Baptist Church		Detroit	MI	\$	100.00
Sis. Ceylon Williams-Bettis		Saginaw	MI	\$	25.00
Sis. Gwendolyn Charleston		Flushing	MI	\$	20.00
Sis. Hazel O. Whitney		Detroit	MI	\$	500.00
Sis. Margerite Ann Adkins		Redford	MI	\$	10.00
Saginaw Valley Baptist District Association	Sis. Sharon M. Floyd	Saginaw	MI	\$	40.00
Wolverine Baptist State Convention	President Henry Fuller, Jr.	Saginaw	MI	\$	200.00

MISSISSIPPI

Brown Missionary Baptist Church	Rev. Bartholomew Orr	Southaven	MS	\$	10,000.00
East Mississippi Baptist State Convention, Inc.	Bro. Melvin Jenkins	Meridian	MS	\$	175.00
North East Baptist State Convention		Starkville	MS	\$	200.00

MISSOURI

Antioch District WMU	Sis. Shirley Marks	St. Louis	MO	\$	367.25
Bro. Cozy Marks, Jr.		St. Louis	MO	\$	15.00
Bro. Leno Blue		Florissant	MO	\$	100.00
Unity Baptist Church	Rev. Edward Chapple	Kirkwood	MO	\$	200.00
West Side Missionary Baptist Church	Rev. Ronald I. Bobo, Sr.	St. Louis	MO	\$	62.50

NEW JERSEY

Bro. Kenneth D. Clayton		Paterson	NJ	\$	50.00
Union Baptist Temple	Rev. Ezekiel Bey	Atlantic City	NJ	\$	200.00

NEW MEXICO

Dea Glen Chelf		Albuquerque	NM	\$	35.00
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NEW YORK

Bro. Hershel L. Ginn		Cambria Heights	NY	\$	50.00
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Calvary Baptist Church	Dr. Edgar Howard	Haverstraw	NY	\$	200.00
Dr. Washington Lundy		Brooklyn	NY	\$	300.00
Eastern Baptist Association of New York	Dr. Alvin Barnett	Brooklyn	NY	\$	1,000.00
First Baptist Church	Rev. Patrick Young	East Elmhurst	NY	\$	500.00
Greater Hope Baptist Church	Dr. James C. Blackburn	Buffalo	NY	\$	100.00
Liberty Baptist Church	Rev. Curlee Windham	Brooklyn	NY	\$	100.00
Min. Nautochia R. Webb		St. Hollis	NY	\$	100.00
Rev. Gilbert Pickett	Mt. Horeb Baptist Church	Corona	NY	\$	100.00
Rev. Patrick Young				\$	100.00
Rising Star Baptist Church	Rev. Norman W. Scott	Jamaica	NY	\$	100.00
Sis. Cynthia Jiles		Jamaica	NY	\$	25.00
Sis. Geraldine Harris		Bronx	NY	\$	100.00
Sis. Gloria Peters-Wynn		Bronx	NY	\$	10.00
Sis. Mabel Haymore-Mitchell		Flushing	NY	\$	25.00

NORTH CAROLINA

Dr. Leonzo D. Lynch	Dr. Leonzo D. Lynch	Charlotte	NC	\$	750.00
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church	Dr. Clifford A. Jones, Sr.	Charlotte	NC	\$	1,200.00
Greater Providence Baptist Church	Rev. Dr. Fred Gibson	Charlotte	NC	\$	250.00
Sis. E. Jean Hamilton		Kernersville	NC	\$	25.00
Sis. Rosa Richardson		Charlotte	NC	\$	25.00

OHIO

Rev. Charles S. Brown, Sr.		Dayton	OH	\$	50.00
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OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma Baptist State Woman's Auxiliary		Oklahoma City	OK	\$	400.00
Rev. Hersey Hammone		Guthrie	OK	\$	20.00
Rev. John A. Reed, Jr.		Midwest City	OK	\$	100.00
Sis. Mary Elizabeth Williams		Ardmore	OK	\$	150.00

PENNSYLVANIA

Bright Side Baptist Church	Rev. Louis Butcher	Lancaster	PA	\$	25.00
Christian Hope Baptist Church	Bishop Boyce Jordan, Jr.	Philadelphia	PA	\$	500.00
First Baptist Church of Darby	Dr. Raymond A. Merriweather	Darby	PA	\$	1,000.00
Mount Carmel Baptist Church	Dr. Albert F. Campbell	Philadelphia	PA	\$	500.00
Mount Carmel Baptist church	Rev. Barbara Gunn	North Versailles	PA	\$	200.00
Mt. Zion Baptist Church	Rev. Cedrick Jones	Philadelphia	PA	\$	2,000.00
New Gethsemane Baptist Church	Rev. Samuel Jordan, Jr.	Philadelphia	PA	\$	1,000.00
People's Community Baptist Church	Rev. Ruby Thames	Harrisburg	PA	\$	100.00
Rev. Charles E. Mock		Erie	PA	\$	100.00
Rev. & Mrs. Charles E. Mock		Erie	PA	\$	840.00
Sis. Gladys M. Jackson		Philadelphia	PA	\$	10.00
White Rock Baptist Church	Dr. William J. Shaw	Philadelphia	PA	\$	50.00

SOUTH CAROLINA

Bro. Covia L. Stanley		Conway	SC	\$	50.00
Bro. Eddie C. Bines		Summerville	SC	\$	10.00
Dr. Benjamin D. Snoddy		Spartanburg	SC	\$	500.00
Dr. Floyd Hughes		Blackville	SC	\$	25.00

Cherry Hill Missionary Baptist Church	Rev. James H. Cokley	Conway	SC	\$ 250.00
First Missionary Baptist Church	Dr. Willie E. Givens	Summerville	SC	\$ 200.00
Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church	Rev. Votrail Robert Gabriel	Conway	SC	\$ 20.00
Liberty Hill Missionary Baptist Church		Rock Hill	SC	\$ 100.00
Morris Street Baptist Church	Rev. Leonard O. Griffin	Charleston	SC	\$ 300.00
Mt. Canaan Association		Trenton	SC	\$ 300.00
Mt. Carmel Baptist Church		Orangeburg	SC	\$ 100.00
Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church	Rev. James Blassingame	Sumter	SC	\$ 100.00
New Ebenezer Baptist church	Dr. Michael Ross	Columbia	SC	\$ 250.00
Rev. Leonard O. Griffin		Charleston	SC	\$ 100.00

TENNESSEE

Annesdale Cherokee Baptist Church	Rev. Dwight Montgomery	Memphis	TN	\$ 100.00
Lowbar Publishing Company	Rev. Calvin C. Barlow, Jr.	Nashville	TN	\$ 100.00
Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church	Rev. Kenny L. Anderson	Columbia	TN	\$ 300.00
Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church	Rev. James Joyner	Memphis	TN	\$ 200.00
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church	Rev. Bassil Brooks	Cordova	TN	\$ 300.00
New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church	Dr. Donald R. Ester	Germantown	TN	\$ 150.00
Rev. Coleman Crawford		Memphis	TN	\$ 50.00
Rev. Calvin C. Barlow, Jr.		Nashville	TN	\$ 100.00
Second Missionary Baptist Church	Rev. Calvin C. Barlow, Jr.	Nashville	TN	\$ 250.00

TEXAS

Mt. Corinth Missionary Baptist Church	Dr. A. Louis Patterson	Houston	TX	\$ 1,200.00
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UTAH

Calvary Baptist Church	Dr. France A. Davis	Salt Lake City	UT	\$ 500.00
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VIRGIN ISLANDS

Dr. Bentley Thomas		St. Thomas	VI	\$ 200.00
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VIRGINIA

Bro. Walter R. Dean		Hampton	VA	\$ 100.00
Dr. Keith I. Jones	Shiloh Baptist Church	Norfolk	VA	\$ 1,500.00
Second Calvary Baptist Church	Dr. Geoffrey V. Guns	Norfolk	VA	\$ 1,500.00
Shiloh Baptist Church	Dr. Keith I. Jones	Norfolk	VA	\$ 1,500.00

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Sixteenth Street Baptist Church	Rev. Roy E. Terry	Huntington	WV	\$ 1,625.83
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New Hope Missionary Baptist Church	Dr. Archie L. Ivy	Milwaukee	WI	\$ 340.50
Providence Baptist Church	Rev. Joe A. Games, Sr.	Milwaukee	WI	\$ 1,500.00

Mid-Winter Board Meeting 2014 - Highlights

National Baptist Convention USA, Inc.

January 20 – 24, 2014 - Birmingham, Alabama

Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex

2100 Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd. North, Birmingham, AL 35203

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Home Mission Board's Office and Meeting Room

Sheraton Birmingham Hotel, Room 421, 4th Floor

2101 Richard Arrington Blvd. North, Birmingham, AL 35203

Schedule of Events for the Home Mission Board Members (Selected)

Monday, January 20, 2014

- 10:00am Registration**
- 10:00am State President's & Board Members at Large-Meeting**
- 3:00pm Parent Body Board Meeting**
- 7:00pm Convention Musical**
- 10:00pm Late Night Service**

Tuesday, January 21, 2014

- 8:30am Home Mission Board's Executive Committee Breakfast Meeting**
Sheraton Birmingham Hotel, Room 421, 4th Floor
2101 Richard Arrington Blvd. North, Birmingham, AL 35203
- 9:00am Parent Body Session**
- 6:00pm President's Educational Banquet – Speaker: Pastor Emeritus, Dr. Otis Moss, Jr.**
- 10:00pm Late Night Service**

Wednesday, January 22, 2014

- 9:00am Parent Body Session**
- 2:15pm Home Mission Board Report at Parent Body Session**
- 4:00pm Home Mission Board Meeting**
Sheraton Birmingham Hotel, Room 421, 4th Floor
2101 Richard Arrington Blvd. North, Birmingham, AL 35203
- 10:00pm Late Night Service**

Thursday, January 23, 2014

- 9:00am Parent Body Session**
- 10:45am Closing Sermon**
- 12:00pm Adjournment of Mid-Week Board Meeting 2014**

June 16-20, 2014 - National Congress of Christian Education

Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center, 650 S. Griffin Street, Dallas, TX 75202 * 214.939.2750
Parent Body Hotel, Omni Hotel, 555 South Lamar Street, Dallas, TX 75202 * 214.979.4524

