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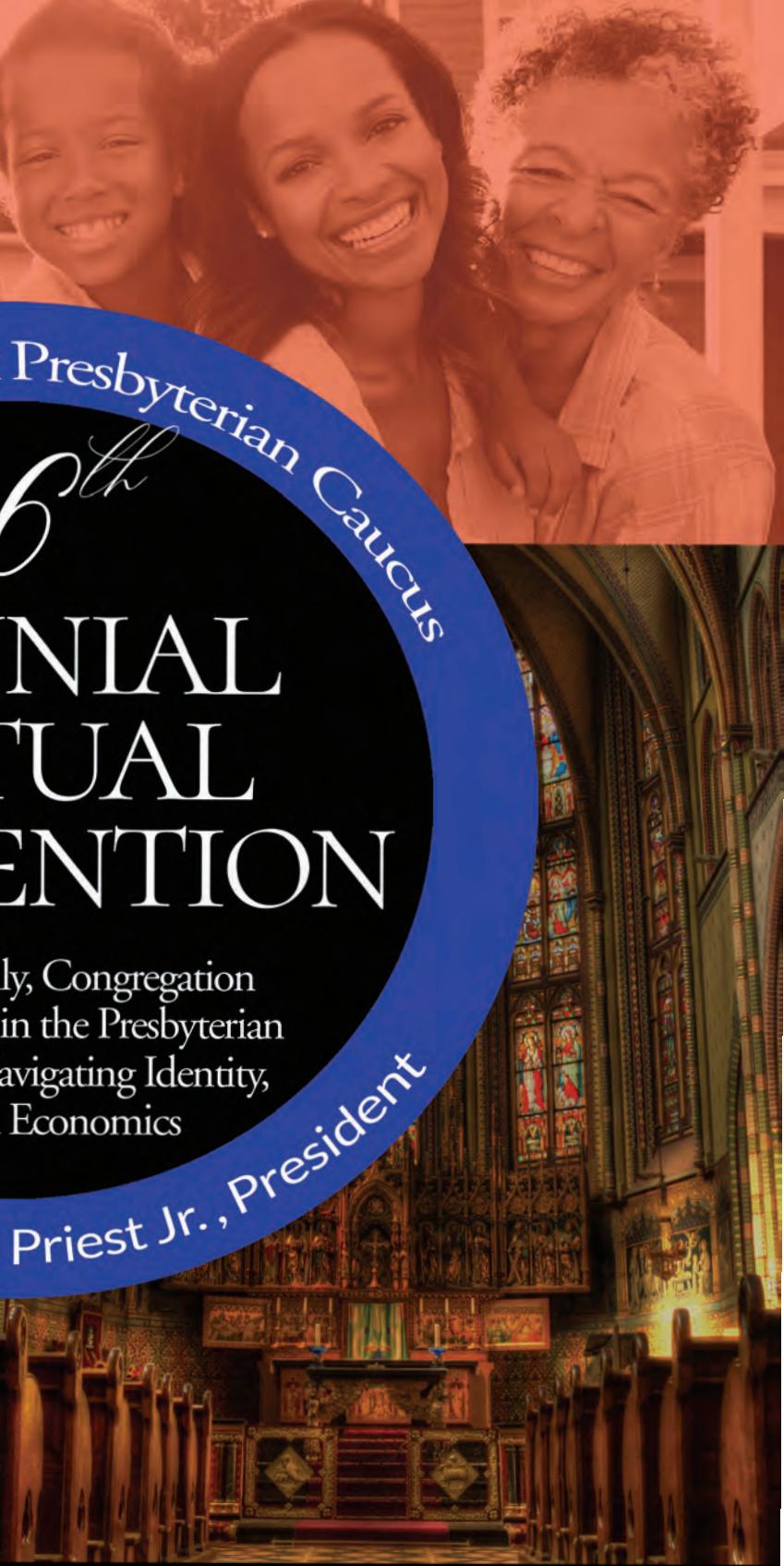
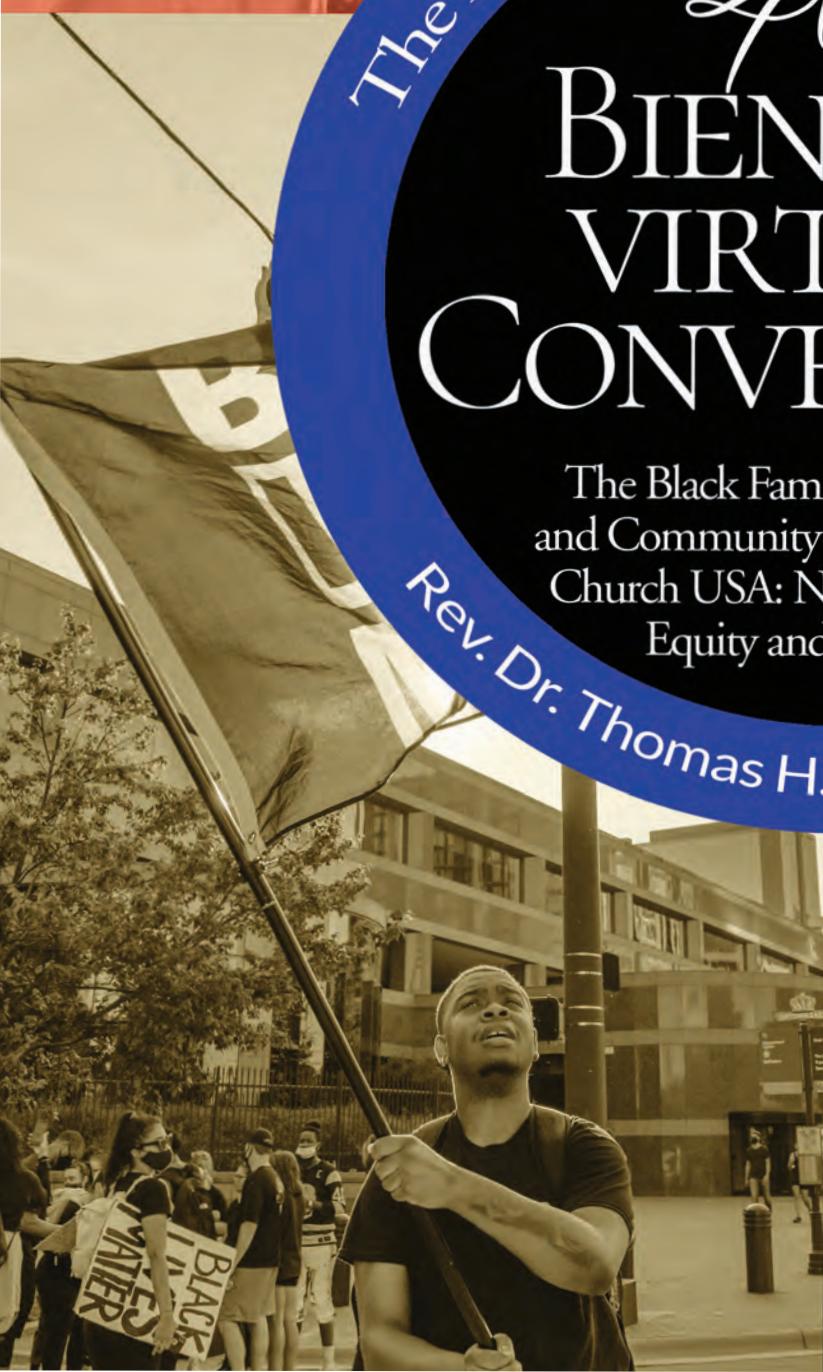
The National Black Presbyterian Caucus

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







National Black Presbyterian Caucus 46th Biennial Virtual Convention

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

Registration is Now Open!

We pray this letter finds you well! The National Black Presbyterian Caucus Board of Directors are excited to announce that registration is now open for the 2021 Biennial Virtual Convention to be held virtually from Charleston, South Carolina, June 24 – June 26, 2021. The theme of the 46th Biennial Virtual Convention is *“The Black Family, Congregation and Community in the Presbyterian Church U.S.A.: Navigating Identity, Equity and Economics.”*

Our reference scripture is 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.” (CEB). We lift up the Black Family unity as it continues to be disrupted by the evil forces of oppression, marginalization, white privilege and societal disregard.

As Black Presbyterians we know that racism has not been abated in our church and society. Black Presbyterians are underrepresented across our governing bodies and the membership of our congregations is declining.

The communities where many of our churches are located continue to be oppressed by systems of racism. Black and Brown people continue to absorb the brutal blows of injustice and exclusion. Come join us as we work together to embrace our **identity**, achieve **equity** for black and brown people in the church and society, and seek the appropriate **economics** to repair years of racial bias.

NBPC 2021 Biennial Virtual Convention Registration Details

You may register in one of two (2) ways:

1.

You may register on the National Black Presbyterian Caucus homepage at:

<https://Nationalnbpc.org/nbpc-46th-biennial-convention-page/>

2.

You may register on the PC(USA) registration site at:

<https://ogaevents.pcusa.org/accounts/login/?next=/register/nbpc-2021/>

Highlights of our 2021 Biennial Virtual Convention include:

Opening Worship – The Reverend Letiah Fraser

Devotion #1 – The Reverend Patricia Jones

Devotion #2 – The Reverend Dr. Brian Henderson

Closing Worship – The Reverend Dr. Alonzo Johnson

Other Programming – Youth Leading the Way; Awards Ceremony; Vendor Event

Our plenary sessions below will focus on how the NBPC navigates its calling in the PC(USA) and society to realize God's beloved community.

Plenary I

Thursday, June 24, 2021, 2:00 p.m. – *The Reverend Jonathan Walton, PhD, Dean of Wake Forest University School of Divinity*

Plenary II

Friday, June 25, 2021, 10:00 a.m. – *The Reverend Jonathan Walton, PhD, Dean of Wake Forest University School of Divinity*

Worldview on Theme

Saturday, June 26, 2021, 10:00 a.m. – *The Reverend Shelvis Smith-Mather, Presbyterian Mission Agency Mission Co-worker South Sudan - 2021*

NBPC Business Meetings

Thursday, June 24, 2021, 10:00 a.m. Part 1

Thursday, June 24, 2021, 12:00 p.m. Part 2

Saturday, June 26, 2021, 10:30 a.m. Part 1

Saturday, June 26, 2021, 12:30 p.m. Part 2

Other Programming

Youth Leading the Way

Justice Unbound: Just Talk Live

Awards Ceremony

Vendor Event

46th BIENNIAL VIRTUAL CONVENTION

The 2021 Biennial Virtual Convention is structured to educate and encourage our chapters and member congregations to fully participate in life of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Friends, the National Black Presbyterian Caucus needs your witness and participation to accomplish our mission and purpose in these most difficult times. Let us commit to work together in unity to be the change needed to realize God's beloved community. We look forward to being with you virtually from Charleston, South Carolina.

Blessings,

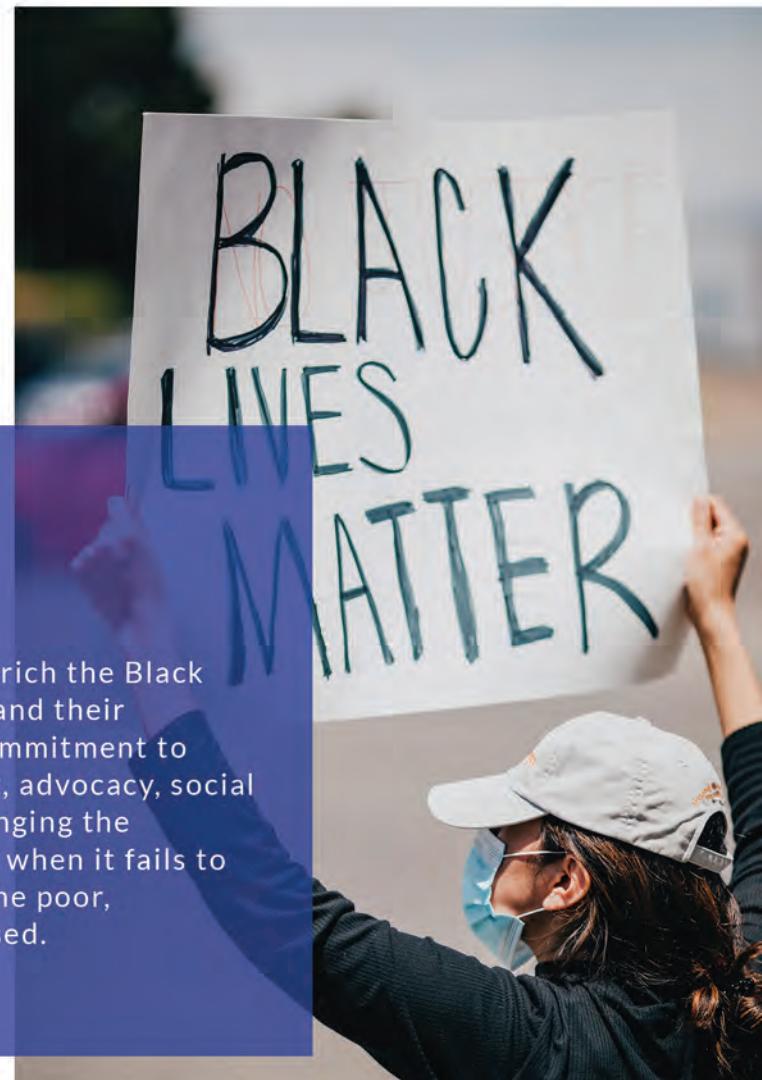
The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Priest Jr.
President, NBPC

Dr. Lydia Willingham, Co-Chair
2021 Biennial Convention Committee

Margaret C. Priest, Co-Chair
2021 Biennial Convention Committee

mission

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.





Siblings in Christ:

The 46th Biennial Virtual Convention Planning Committee of the National Black Presbyterian Caucus (NBPC) is excited to invite you to register 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!

Please review all the information in this package. You will see familiar activities – Worship, Plenary, Business Meetings – and you will see new activities such as “Just Talk Live” and a special event for the Vendors who support the Biennial year-after-year.

As you look through the pages, please note that membership information for the National Black Presbyterian Caucus is included. If you are not currently a member of the NBPC and intend to vote at the Business meeting, please complete the membership application with payment, and return it to the address on the form as soon as possible. To register for the conference, participate as vendor, purchase an ad, or send in a nomination form, please see the links referenced or complete the sheet in this packet.

We pray that you will join us as we virtually participate with other faithful members of the NBPC as we come together to celebrate and uplift our Black intergenerational families. 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

THE PURPOSE OF THE
NATIONAL BLACK
PRESBYTERIAN CAUCUS
IS TO ENABLE, EQUIP,
AND EMPOWER
PEOPLE OF THE
AFRICAN DIASPORA, IN
DEALING WITH
CURRENT ISSUES THAT
ADVERSELY AFFECT
OR THAT CAN ENHANCE
THEIR LIVES IN THE
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH (U.S.A.)
AND SOCIETY.

46th Biennial National Black Presbyterian Caucus Virtual Convention
June 24th - June 26th, 2021

CONVENTION PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

(All start times are Eastern Daylight Time)

Live Programming

Thursday June 24, 2021

10:00 a.m. - NPBC Business Meeting Part 1
11:30 a.m. Youth Workshop Breakout #1
12:00 p.m. – NBPC Business Meeting Part 2
2:00 p.m. - Plenary Part 1 – Rev. Jonathan Walton, PhD Dean of Wake Forest University School of Divinity

Friday June 25, 2021

10:00 a.m. – Plenary Part 2 – Rev. Jonathan Walton, PhD Dean of Wake Forest University School of Divinity
12:00 p.m. – Justice Unbound: Just Talk Live
1:00 p.m. - Youth Workshop Breakout #2

Saturday June 26, 2021

10:00 a.m. - Worldview on Theme –Rev. Shelvis Smith-Mather
10:30 a.m. – NBPC Business Meeting Part 1
11:30 a.m. – Youth Workshop Breakout #3
12:30 p.m. – NBPC Business Meeting Part 2
1:15 p.m. – Convention Closing –
Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Priest Jr. – President NBPC

Other Video Streamed Programming

Awards Ceremony
Vendor Event
Planning Co-Chair Closing Comments

Video Streamed Programming

Convention Opening

Thursday June 24, 2021
8:45 a.m. Customs of Heritage:
Acknowledge the Land
Honor the Gullah People
8:50 a.m. - Greetings from Racial Equity and Women's Intercultural Ministries –
Rev. Denise Anderson, Acting Director

Worship

Thursday June 24, 2021

9:00 a.m. - Opening Worship – Rev. Letiah Fraser, Ordained Pastor, Hospital Chaplain, Activist with Kansas Poor People's Campaign

Friday June 25, 2021

9:45 a.m. - Devotion #1 –
Rev. Patricia Jones, Pastor
Hebron-Zion Presbyterian Church
Johns Island, SC

Saturday June 26, 2021

9:45 a.m. - Devotion #2 –
Rev. Dr. Brian Henderson, Pastor
St. James Presbyterian Church
Charleston, SC

12:45 p.m. Closing Worship –

Rev. Dr. Alonzo Johnson, National Coordinator, Self-Development of People

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.

General Information

IMPORTANT DEADLINES:

Mail in Registration – June 15, 2021

Nominations of Pioneer & Honoree Awards

Must be postmarked by May 18, 2021

Sponsor Ads – May 18, 2021

Registration

Please register one person on each registration form. You may register by either Option 1 or 2:

(Please write legibly and complete both sides of this form.)

Option 1: Online at: <https://Nationalnbpc.org/nbpc-46th-biennial-convention-page/>

Option 2: Online at: <https://ogaevents.pcusa.org/accounts/login/?next=/register/nbpc-2021/>

Option 3: Print out and complete a hard copy of this form and mail it with your check/ money order payable to:

National Black Presbyterian Caucus (NBPC)
PO Box 99696
Troy, MI 48099

You can find further information regarding the NBPC Biennial Convention by visiting here:

<http://www.Nationalnbpc.org/> and selecting the “NBPC Biennial Convention Section” tab at the top of the webpage and choosing the NBPC 46th Biennial Convention Page.

Registration Fees

The registration fees for the 2021 National Black Presbyterian Caucus Biennial Virtual Convention are listed below:

The NBPC Biennial Virtual Convention registration fee is \$25.00 for those over 19 years of age and over.

The NBPC Biennial Virtual Convention registration fee is \$5.00 for those 18 years and under.

Cancellation Policy: For all who register for the 46th Biennial Virtual Convention, there is NO reimbursement of any part of the registration fee. If you are unable to participate in the virtual convention, the net amount of what you have paid (after deductions for bank fees, processing fee, etc.) will be donated to the National Black Presbyterian Caucus.



National Black Presbyterian Caucus 46th Biennial Virtual Convention June 24-26, 2021

**Theme: “The Black Family, Congregation and
Community in the Presbyterian Church USA: Navigating
Identity, Equity and Economics”
Exodus 3:7**



You May Register Online Using Either Option 1 or 2

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Registration Category: Please check all that apply

NBPC member Ruling Elder Teaching Elder Seminarian Lay Person
 Youth Young Adult (19-30) Mid Council Staff PC(USA) Staff
 Presenter Guest: _____

Your Information: (Please write legibly and complete both sides of this form)

Name: _____

First

Middle Initial

Last

For questions regarding the registration, please contact Joan Gray @ jgraynbpc21@gmail.com.

NBPC 46TH BIENNIAL VIRTUAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip/Post Code: _____

Country: _____

Telephone: Home # _____ Cell # _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

First/Last Name

Phone Number

Email address

Your Age Range: 18 and under 19-34 35-49 50 and over

Chapter: _____

Church Name: _____

Presbytery: _____

City: State/Province: _____

Country: _____



NATIONAL BLACK PRESBYTERIAN CAUCUS 46th Biennial Virtual Convention Souvenir Book

Dear Faithful Supporters of NBPC,

The planning is well underway for the National Black Presbyterian Caucus 46th Biennial Virtual Convention which will be held virtually. We invite you to participate by helping commemorate the occasion and placing an ad in our 46th Year Souvenir Book.

It is our hope that every friend, business and associate of the National Black Presbyterian Caucus will support this endeavor. Please use the ad sheet provided. The deadline to purchase an advertisement is **MIDNIGHT on May 18, 2021.**

No cash accepted. PayPal may be used to submit Debit Card or Credit Card payments at: nbpcpaid.org. ALL Checks or Money Orders must be written and mailed to: National Black Presbyterian Caucus with AD PURCHASE on the memo line.

The hard copy or USB drive submissions should be mailed to the address provided on the ad sheet and all email submissions should be sent to the email that is referenced.

We thank you in advance for your support and involvement. Should you have any concerns please contact Rev. Cecelia D. Armstrong at nbpc2021ad@gmail.com.

Sincerely

Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Priest, Jr.

President

Elder Margaret Priest, Co-Chair
2021 Biennial Convention Committee

Dr. Lydia Willingham, Co-Chair
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ADVERTISING SPACE INSTRUCTIONS

Mail Submissions
NBPC 2021 Convention
Attn: Rev. Cecelia D. Armstrong
1314 Secessionville Rd.
Charleston, SC 29412

Electronic Submissions Email:
nbpc2021ad@gmail.com

Subject: NPBC 2021 Convention

Those submitting electronically include the following information or return the form via email.

Organization/Person _____

Complete Address _____

Email address: _____

Contact Telephone number: _____

Please indicate form of payment Check Money order PayPal

Color Back Cover (7 x 10)	\$300	B/W Full Page	\$100
B/W Inside Front Cover	\$200	B/W Half Page	\$60
B/W Inside Back Cover	\$200	B/W Quarter Page	\$35

ALL SUBMISSIONS DUE BY MIDNIGHT on MAY 18, 2021

All submissions must be camera ready. Ads may be submitted as a hard copy, on a USB drive, or electronically and mailed or emailed to the addresses provided. Please do not submit original photos since they are not guaranteed to be returned. No cash or credit cards accepted. ALL checks or Money Orders must be written and mailed to National Black Presbyterian Caucus, C/O Judy Murphy, 135 Gauley Dr., Columbia, SC 29212, with AD PURCHASE on the memo line. PayPal may be used to submit electronic payments using nbpcpaid.org.

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For Publication Committee Use Only

Received by: _____ Fee Enclosed _____ Date Received _____

Ad Complete: _____ Page Number: _____ Booklet Mailed (\$50+ ads only): _____



National Black Presbyterian Caucus Virtual Vendor Form Online Payments Only

The National Black Presbyterian Caucus is inviting organizations and small businesses to participate in our Virtual Vendor Fair during the 46th Biennial Virtual Convention. You will have a unique opportunity to showcase your products to an estimated audience of over 400 attendees. Convention participants will shop and purchase items at any time of the day or night during the Virtual Vendor Fair dates, June 24 – 26, 2021. Each day we will feature different businesses and organizations and learn about the products they sell and the organizations they represent. If you would like to participate please complete and email this form to nbpcpaid@gmail.com and make your payment of \$50.00 using PayPal at nbpcpaid.org by May 18, 2021.

The undersigned hereby applies for space for the 46th Biennial Virtual Convention for the National Black Presbyterian Caucus, (Charleston, SC, June 24 – 26, 2021).

This form must be completed in its entirety, signed and returned by May 18, 2021, along with a \$50.00 PayPal payment made payable to: National Black Presbyterian Caucus.

A convention packet will be emailed to you along with a Vendor Welcome letter.

Contact Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Signature _____ Date _____
(Typing Your Name Will Serve As Your Signature)

Organization Name _____

Type of Product(s) _____

If you have any questions regarding exhibit space, please e-mail (nbpcexhibithall21@gmail.com).



NATIONAL BLACK PRESBYTERIAN CAUCUS (NBPC)
2021 APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

<http://Nationalnbpc.org>

*The Black Family, Congregations and Community in the
Presbyterian Church (USA): Navigating identity, Equity and Economics*



Check only ONE BOX below for your MEMBERSHIP selection: Today's Date: _____

Individual Membership \$ 50
 Affiliate Membership

Includes: Circle of Elders, National, Regional, and Local Dues

Young Adult (Ages 18-25 years) \$ 25
 Youth (Ages 12-17 years)
 College / University / Seminary

Includes: National, Regional, and Local Dues

Lifetime Membership \$ 1,000

This is a ONE-TIME Investment when paid in full.

Benefit: Pay ONLY Regional and Chapter dues in the subsequent years \$ 25

Regional Dues \$ 100
 Chapter Dues

Institutional Mission Partner (IMP)	Congregational Size	Institutional Partnership	Enter Amount Below from The Schedule on The Left
<input type="checkbox"/> Church	1 to 75.....	\$100	
<input type="checkbox"/> Presbytery	76 to 150.....	\$150	
<input type="checkbox"/> Synod	151 to 250.....	\$250	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	251 or More.....	\$300	\$ _____

General Donation to

National for Ongoing Expenses: \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Check Number: _____

Make all checks and money orders payable to:

National Black Presbyterian Caucus (NBPC)

Preferred Title [Please Check Appropriate Box(es)]: Rev. Dr. Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Preferred Email Address: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Secondary Phone: _____

Church: _____

Region: _____ Chapter: _____

For Students:

Name of College / University / Seminary: _____

Major / Concentration: _____

Mail / Forward Membership Application, Dues, and IMP Contributions to:

NBPC Memberships | P.O. Box 99696 | Troy, MI 48099

Direct questions to: membership@nationalnbpc.org or (248) 921-8102

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