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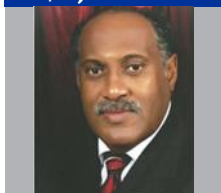
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Home Mission Board Statement

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

Home Mission Board Goal

To spread the Gospel message of Jesus Christ and advance the Kingdom of GOD in *Envisioning Excellence in Compassion and Care.*"

Home Mission Board Vision

The Home Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc., seeks to witness to the *Compassion & Care* 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 Compassion & Care, 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, financial 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 USA, Inc., 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.

Greetings from Our Chairman



Dr. Michael D. Warren

President Jerry Young; Officers and Members of our great National Baptist Convention USA, Incorporated; Executive Secretary Leonard O. Griffin; Vice Chairman Kelsey West; Executive Team; Regional Coordinators; Area Field Workers; State Representatives; Members-at-Large and our many faithful contributors to the work of the Home Mission Board.

The same Hand that guides the sparrow in its flight and super-intends the stars of the galaxies has brought us to this signal moment in history. It is a moment of uncertainty and a moment of challenge to say the least. The global Covid-19 pandemic has affected us on every level of living. Tens of thousands infected, tens of thousands have died but thank God tens of thousands have survived. Factor in the reality that Black and Brown people and the poor and the homeless of this nation are disproportionately affected. Then add insult to an already injurious situation there is overt racism often fanned by elected leaders and their base...police murdering our young people in the streets...and then we are senselessly killing each other..., parents and guardians having to decide how their children would be schooled....at home or face to face...and then there is the economic impact of all of this...the layoffs...the furloughs... the firings...burying loved ones...caring for sick loved ones...can't see loved ones in hospitals...care facilities....all of this and so much more. Yet through it all The Lord has blessed us and brought us to this hour.

The late Dr. Maynard Turner who served several years as dean of our National Congress said forty years ago when Reaganomics was unfairly impacting our communities "this is the church's finest hour." Forty years later, those words are even more true. Against the darkness of our nation's skyline, the church of Jesus Christ must shine as the light of the world and in the midst of the moral bankruptcy and societal corrup-

tion in this country the church much stand as the salt of the earth. This is the church's finest hour.

Your Home Mission Board takes seriously the command of Jesus to be witnesses unto Him FIRST in Jerusalem. Since the early days of our denominational life we have been on the frontlines serving as the hands and feet our convention meeting the needs of our brothers and sisters in America and her territories. We boldly put us all on notice that neither the pandemic, the president, the police, the prejudicial economic and social policies, or any other extremity will prevent us from sharing the love Jesus Christ.

Normally we would be preparing to meet in Annual Session but this year we will meet virtually. I personally will miss the in-person fellowship of colleagues and friends, but I am thoroughly convinced that this too is our denomination's finest hour. This is that moment when we must with all our powers engage to BE THE CHURCH.

Over the past several weeks, days and months, many of our Pastors, Churches and Leaders have partnered with us in this most vital ministry. For your support we are genuinely grateful. Your contributions have greatly assisted us to credibly respond to the urgent calls for assistance all across the country. We say THANK YOU! Hebrews 6:10 says For God *is* not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, *in that* you have ministered to the saints, and do minister. In this hour I appeal to us to continue to sow into the work of your Home Mission Board and to use your influence to encourage others to do the same.

Finally, sixty-nine years after Emmett Louis Till was lynched in Mississippi after being accused of offending a white woman in her family's grocery store and fifty-seven years after the historic March on Washington. We find ourselves at a crossroad. There are those in high places who would make America Hate Again by turning back the clock. We are like Israel at the Red Sea. We must decide whether we will go back to Egypt; stand still and do absolutely nothing or go forward with the help of The God of our weary years and The God of our silent tears. Your Home Mission Board urges us to go forward...NOW!

We do this best through peaceful protest, completing the census as dollars and services follow the numbers; registering to vote, becoming educated voters and by all means VOTING.

Some years ago in Canada, a little two-year-old girl wandered

away from her neighborhood. It was a cold, winter day. Her parents alerted the neighbors and they saw some tracks in the snow, but there were a lot of other tracks, so for several hours the searchers went in all different directions calling her name. They didn't find her.

A little before sunset one of the men said, "Instead of all working separately, let's join hands and form a long line and walk through the field together; that way we cannot miss a square foot."

That's what they did. They joined hands and together walked as one long line calling that little girl's name. Tragically, they found her frozen body curled up. One of the men said with great anguish, "Oh, if we had only joined hands sooner.

Let's join hands to make a Jesus Difference in our Nation.

Executive Secretary Report



Rev. Leonard O. Griffin

Greetings, grace, peace, and mercy to you from God our Father, Christ our Redeemer, and the Holy Ghost our Comforter, Teacher and Guide! Honor to our esteemed President, Dr. Jerry Young, Vice President At-Large, Dr. C. P. Preston, Jr., General Secretary, Dr. Alvin Edwards, the Executive Board, and the eminent Parent Body leadership team. I give honor to all of the Department Heads of our National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., honor to our HMB Chairman Dr. Michael Warren, Vice Chairman, Dr. Kelsey West, to all of the HMB Family, and to all of the Pastors of our great convention.

The immortal and infamous 1776 words of Thomas Paine disturbingly haunt us in 2020! He spoke in an era of the genesis of this nation. He wrote at a critical juncture wherein America could have become victim of a neonatal death at the onset of the American Revolutionary War. In *The Crisis* Paine wrote: “These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands by it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph” (ushistory.org/Paine/crisis/index.htm).

We often focus on Paine’s opening line. Today, the focus belongs on this statement: “Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph” (ushistory.org/Paine/crisis/index.htm). The tyranny, unfit, unethical, unintelligent, and failed leadership of the 45th POTUS has landed this nation in a valley of devastation, a context of disease-infestation, an aura of demoralized conditions, and a disastrous political atmosphere! Our 140th Annual Session of the NBC, USA, Inc., our beloved Convention, remains forced to convene virtually under the theme of “Envisioning the Future Exceptionally Through Our Commitment to Christ-Centered Evangelism”.

These virtual means under which we meet make plain *WHY* the HMB became necessary at the genesis of our treasured Convention. Dr. E. L. Thomas in undertaking the tremendous task of chronicling the history of our Convention, dedicated a chapter in *A History of the NBC: The Programs, Personalities, and Power Base* to describing the mission and wrote that “The beginning and burden of the National Baptist Convention would take upon it odds that were constantly against our success. Even with complete harmony of the brothers and sisters of our faith, there was America—our home, not homeland—that would signal the biggest challenge: Free by proclamation, but enslaved by attitude and activities” (Thomas, E. L., 2007).

The *WHAT* of the HMB is that we are ministry and people focused. President Young has challenged our Convention under the thematic conviction of commitment to Christ-centered evangelism. While evangelism consists of witnessing to potential converts in conversations on street corners and on front porches, evangelism *MUST* also adapt to this cultural climate. The mission field in America includes a multiplicity of suffering among our people. The HMB strives to serve as Jesus modeled.

Jesus extended the love of God to mission fields in and around His hometown of Bethlehem.

That work of fully freeing black and brown bodies in the land of the brave and home of the free remains a top priority of the HMB in 2020! The *HOW* of our work in the HMB rests with several methods of ministry service. In the HMB presentation during the Virtual convention, you hear of and see the HMB in action. We operate ministries that strive to free our people economically, educationally, evangelistically, physically, politically, and socially.

We bring the compassion and care of our Christ to every Host city. You read in the bible that Jesus adapted His message to the contexts of those to whom He reached and preached. In every city that hosts our Convention, that city not only feels the monetary impact of our presence. They also feel the spiritual impact of our presence because the HMB partners with a local church in the community, with the Evangelism Department of the Convention, and with other local entities to provide witnessing, feeding, clothing, helping, baptizing, and connecting the lost and needy with a local church and Pastor.

Another *HOW* of the HMB is that we stress souls to the polls. In concert with President Young’s Proposed Action Plan on voting, we diligently work to:

- Encourage early voting,
- Encourage absentee voting,
- Educate voters about voting from home and other voting procedures,
- Encourage alignment with local voter registration laws regarding in-person voting.

As of this Annual Session, we have implemented Givify to receive your electronically submitted financial support. Your fiscal support enables this ministry to continue to reach the least, the lost, and the left outs with the compassion and care of our Christ. You also enable the HMB to fulfill its role as the second responder behind the Disaster Management Department. Even though the national economy suffers currently, we at the HMB trust that God will lead you to remain faithful in your support of our ministry efforts on American soil and in American territories. The HMB receives inspiration and motivation from your prayers, from your financial support, and from your encouragement. When you do these things, you help us discover *WHAT HAPPENS* as a result of the disciples of Christ following His example, His Word, and His Holy Spirit!

Knee-jerk Reactions: Just Not Enough!



Rev. Dr. Charles E. Mock

What do Colin Kaepernick, George Floyd, Nancy Kerrigan and Congressman John Lewis have in common? The answer is a knee!

Kaepernick is a former American football quarterback known for taking a knee on the football field while the National Anthem was played. His knee symbolized his protest of systemic racism and a history of police brutality against African Americans. George Floyd was the African American who died under the weight of a police officer's knee on his neck for eighteen minutes. Nancy Kerrigan was the United States award-winning professional skater whose knee was assaulted by conspirators to secure Tonya Harding, also a United States professional ice skater, a spot in the 1994 Olympics. Two days before the Olympic trials a man hit Kerrigan with a club on her knee. Congressman John Lewis is an iconic Civil Rights Leader who fought for justice on bended knees of prayer. For sixty-three years he fought the good fight of faith before succumbing to pancreatic cancer.

We used to talk about the "mighty" dollar. We can now add to that conversation the "mighty" knee. The "mighty" knee in mind is the knee of racial injustice and brutality. This knee competes for first place against the Jim Crow noose of brutal death that has hung many African Americans. The "mighty" knee of racism also competes with Covid-19's breath theft.

The "mighty" knee is on Voter's Rights. Voter suppression of average Americans and of former felons is a travesty of justice. Voter Suppression tramples the graves of all who died for voting rights. For example, Supreme Courts are demanding

that formerly incarcerated felons pay all fines before becoming eligible to vote.

A "mighty" knee unlawfully rests on the necks of teachers, mothers and children, taking away their breath of freedom in determining work and family decisions in the name of health and safety.

The above crises highlight the significance of prophetic voices from such towering figures as Congressman John Lewis. Though death has silenced his voice, death should not be able to silence his victorious life and legacy.

According to Larry Rubin who worked alongside Lewis in a group called SNCC, the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, a "civil rights leader" is not the best way in describing Lewis. "John didn't see himself as a spokesperson or a leader but as an organizer," says Larry Rubin. One of the best ways in honoring Lewis, the one who honored us in life and death, is by organizing: by institutionalizing his voice and victories during this major reset taking place across our nation.

America is undergoing a major reset in response to the deaths of the both low and high profiled men and women of color. The pulling down of statues and monuments are practical outcomes of world-wide calls for national repentance toward greater fairness and justice. The moral reset must be more than knee-jerk reactions.

The NAACP continues its historical fight for Black and Brown people constantly being hijacked by injustice and knee-capped by police brutality. The NAACP is calling for robust, game-changing measures that will lead to rogue police accountability, Community Review Accountability Boards, transformative police policy and polity, the enforcement of existent laws, and new funding for social services. As national Baptists with a history of social justice witnessing, we must fight behind them in prayer and in front of them in pulpit sermons. Protection against the "mighty" knee is needed on all fronts.

"This is not the time for silence and passivity" stated Congressman Lewis on many occasions. This is a time for getting into "good trouble." What better way to get into Lewis' "good trouble" than from on, and then off our knees in prayers and protest?

Pan African Agency and Global Solidarity Matter in Ending Hunger



Rev. Dr. Angelique Walker-Smith

This is a renewed season of Pan African agency and global solidarity. Recently, 54 African nations called the United Nations to an urgent meeting on racism and asked for an investigation into the killings of people of African descent at the hands of police. The meeting was not only a response to the killing of George Floyd, but to the many lives in the United States and throughout the world extinguished or harmed by racism. The global meeting at the UN was one of many signs of a renewed Pan African spirit—calling for global solidarity to stop racism and the killing of people of the African diaspora.

Other signs of this growing coalition of Pan African agency include on-the-street uprisings to change racist systems, policies, and practices; rejection of symbols that serve as a reminder of a draconian past of racial violence and hatred; and focus of health disparities that negatively impact people of African descent—revealed again in this COVID-19 season.

The roots of Pan African agency go back to the days of the transatlantic slave trade, when the struggle for liberation of enslaved African peoples sparked cross-continental activism.

Bread's Pan African devotional "Lament and Hope" highlights this with a focus on their faith. Activists hope for a future devoid of the public policies and practices that have systematically contributed to the inhumane treatment and discrimination of people of African descent. These policies and practices have contributed to the colonization of the lands of African peoples and have left many African peoples landless and hungry.

In the last century, strategic movements channeled the work and agency of the African diaspora. For example, women leaders participated in Pan African conferences and congresses—including the Manchester Pan African conferences. In the 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s, African nations attained independence from colonial rule. And a collaborative Pan African spirit supported the civil rights movement in the U.S. and elsewhere. These movements served as catalysts unifying the African world in collaborating against apartheid, neo-colonialism, and exploitation of land and resources. This has pushed the international community and international institutions to maximize focus on the issues of peace, justice, and dignity for the Pan African world. This legacy has helped usher in the renewed Black Lives Matter moment.

As the renewed rising of African peoples takes place throughout the world, we need renewed justice-centered relationships and policies to propel us to overcome racism in all its manifestations: poverty, hunger, disease, injustice, and climate change. At Bread for the World, we are working towards a strong and prosperous Africa and its diaspora—to protect dignity and prosperity within and outside Africa.

In a spirit of oneness and ubuntu, we seek a shared understanding of the different contexts in which African peoples reside as we join together to create a public policy agenda for the good of all.

Angelique Walker-Smith is an at-large member of the Home Mission Board and senior associate for Pan African and Orthodox Church Engagement at Bread for the World.



Regional Coordinator Report

Southwest Regional Coordinator



Dr. William R. Boone

Helen and I have been engaged in a variety of ministry opportunities since we were last together. We participated in a variety of outreach ministries in the Little Rock and North Little Rock areas representing First Baptist Church Main Street-North Little Rock Arkansas, where D.L. Richardson, PhD pastors, Pulaski Family Action Coalition of Arkansas of Arkansas. We were able to minister in prisons and with local social services programs prior to the advent of COVID 19.



Pictured is Helen and another volunteer at the Watershed, a social hospital, preparing food for Thanksgiving distribution to needy families.



FBC Main Street Joshua Generation Young Adult Ministry taking a break after serving a Thanksgiving meal to youth and volunteers participating in a mentoring

ministry for school age children living in one of our underserved communities prom called STEP.



Sign at the entrance to the Tucker Maximum Security facility where I volunteer weekly as a Certified Religious

Assistant (CRA) proving leadership for a Christian based Principal Applied Living (PAL). We conduct worship services at this facility an four other's facilities across the state of Arkansas.

Additionally, First Baptist Church Main-North Little Rock donated food items that were delivered to Tucker Maximum Prison, Wrightsville Prison Complex and homeless brothers and sisters living on the street and homeless centers in central Little Rock

Finally, we have also been very active in voter registration activities with our church and the NAACP since our arrival in North Little Rock four years ago. This involvement let is to participate in a multifaceted event on August 29, 2020. We gathered at Shorter College, an HBC founded in 1886 by the African Methodist Church, along with representatives from the Arkansas American Civil Liberties Union, Census 2020, Restorative Justice volunteers, Voter Registration education and registration and finally, there were candidates sharing their platforms. The unofficial theme was "We are better together." This event is captured by picture taken before we started.

I concur with our leaders on every level that our current President and his minions are dangerous for our quasi democracy and people of Color. We need to look at what's being done rather than what is being said. There is a conscious effort to discourage and suppress our votes, however, we must have the determination of brothers and sister of the past and present to be steadfast in our resolve to stand and not to allow anyone or anything to turn us around. To many of our people died and were severely injured fighting for the right to vote. We have accomplished much. However, there are still many hills to climb and valleys to cross.

Our choices this November of candidates seeking the offices of president/governors/mayors and legislative offices at every level of government will have far reaching consequences for us and future generations. We encourage you to vote early. Do not sit this one out! Too much is at stake!!! Much love.

Field Worker Reports

Field Worker - Illinois



Sis. Wilma Jean Byrd

Dear Christians Family and Friends:
Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

I pray that this correspondence finds you spiritually, healthy and being carefully and safe. I know we are in the midst of a Pandemic, which caused so much sickness, hardship and deaths. Through it all, we know that our God will supply our needs and sustain us to get passed this terrible situation soon. Many of us have lost loved ones, but through it all, we have learned to trust in Jesus.

I've had many tears and sorrows, I've had questions for tomorrow, there's been times I didn't know right from wrong. But in every situation, God gave me blessed consolation that my trials come to make me strong.

Through it all, through it all,
I've learned to trust in Jesus
I've learned to trust in God.
In times like these you need a Savior
In times like these, we need an Anchor;
Be very sure, be very sure your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock!

This Rock is Jesus, yes He's the One,
This Rock is Jesus, the only One;
Be very sure, be very sure,
Your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock;

In times like these I have a Savior,
In times like these I have an Anchor,
I'm very sure, I'm very sure
My anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock!

In times like these, Jesus is the one we have to hold onto and depend upon His word. Today, we still live in perilous times. Unlike in the early days, we as a society have grown further

and further from God. The Solid Rock is still there, always has been, but we as a people have chosen to throw our anchor on sinking sand.

In our lives, whether we're talking about us as a society or within our own families, we will encounter storms of life, some which threatens to tear our whole house apart. But, if your anchor grips onto the solid rock, there is no storm that can destroy you. Because of COVID-19, not many Church doors are open, members are not attending and certainly, no programs are taking place.

These are very critical times and all programs, activities and fellowship are cut out. I truly miss my Christians Family. Looking forward to us meeting soon.

To God be the glory, for all the wonderful things He has done for us all. Praising and thanking Him for our lives and saving us!

November 3, 2020 is Election Day

Please, Please, Please, Christian sisters and brothers.

As Election Day approaches, we certainly need you, your family and everyone you know, encourage them to VOTE on November 3, 2020!

Field Worker - Pennsylvania



Sis. Patricia White

I hope you are all well, even during this unusual time. I have been praying for all of you and your families.

During this time of doing the necessary things to stay well I have been keeping in touch with those who are ill and sending condolences to those who have lost loved ones. I have also been sharing the importance of this year's Voting for Joe Biden and Kamala Harris on November 3.

I look forward to seeing all of you again. I will be continuing to pray for you.

Rev. Dr Angelique Walker-Smith: From a Christian Pan African perspective, “who writes the stories?”



Rev. Dr Angelique Walker-Smith, WCC central committee member and senior associate for Pan African and Orthodox Church Engagement at Bread for the World.
Photo: Albin Hillert/WCC

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Rev. Dr Angelique Walker-Smith is senior associate for Pan African and Orthodox Church Engagement at Bread for the World. She also serves on the World Council of Churches (WCC) central committee. She recently participated in a rally and march in Washington, DC, where thousands gathered to commemorate the 57th anniversary of the March on Washington in 1963 that included Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have A Dream" speech. They also gathered to express their resistance to the systemic racism that has existed in the US for more than 400 years.

You look at resistance to racism through the lens of history. How does that help us deepen our perspective?

Dr Walker-Smith: It has been 401 years since Angolans were brought from the continent of Africa to the shores of Virginia in what became the United States in North America. Yet the narrative of that history has often been written from a certain vantage point that has not been inclusive of the communities most affected by the evils of slavery. I urge people to ask: Who writes the stories? Is it *his* story? *Her* story? Or *all the peoples'* story? White privilege has divided our education system and our politics. But God's truth is still God's truth. There are those of us who say: That's just not the story!

How important is the oral tradition of storytelling from a Pan African perspective?

Dr Walker-Smith: Here is where the oral traditions of people from African descent become very important, and now more of those stories are entering into the mainstream. It's not that the stories have not been there, it's that now we have more tools to be able to convey them, and we can put the stories in forms that people will see and hear. In the past, these stories were rarely told by people who had the resources to control the narrative. That's why we often see a one-sided story in text-

books, controlled by people who have gone as far to essentially say, "Let's just edit out the enslavement period." This is an eraser of the oral narratives—but Pan African communities have continued the oral tradition of truth-telling.

Has the “march to resist racism” actually been going on for hundreds of years?

Dr Walker-Smith: The struggle has not changed—the horror has been there and is still here. That's why there is so much power in the streets now. There is a historic stream of resistance and rebelling against oppression—but we didn't have an iPhone in 1800! We didn't have a camera in 1600! We didn't have the communication tools that are effective to sustain the stories. The laws codified and made normative slavery, racism etc. Today, it's really important to observe a confluence of some legal reforms especially since 1865 after the Emancipation Proclamation and having communication tools, and some more enlightenment in terms of the public space, all coming together in a way that uplifts us.

In what way is the march a global one?

Dr Walker-Smith: The march has always been global! We know colonialism is a global structure, a global enterprise...and it still is! When people understand that *our* story is *my* story, and *my* story is *your* story, we get a global synergy, empathy, sympathy, that encourages and emboldens people. The WCC has historically been able to generate this kind of global energy to combat marginalization and oppression but not without healthy debate within and outside of this church fellowship of how this should be approached. There is important work yet to do together.

What keeps you going personally?

Dr Walker-Smith: I grew up in a household that taught me Christian Pan African values when I was very young. I learned that people in their families and churches can write a constructive counter-narrative. I feel very blessed in my family—since day one. I owe so much to my parents and to my church, to the historic black churches especially the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. which is my church home, for my formation. Today, I'm always looking for the moments where I can be present to the rise with my people. This was built into my formation. I am part of the voices that are lifted up with and for all of God's people to stand up and be all they are called to be.

Fannie Lou Hamer - Fearlessly fought for life and the right to vote



Florence Jean Wright

Fannie Lou Hamer

October 6, 1917—March 14, 1977

**Fearlessly fought for life and the right to vote
in the Jim Crow South.**



Mrs. Fannie Lou Hamer would be incredibly sad about the progress we have not made in all these years regarding the issues surrounding voting. She would say that we still have a lot of work to do. Mrs. Hamer was an American voting and women's activist, community organizer, and a leader in the civil rights movement. She was the co-founder and vice-chair of the Freedom Democratic Party, which she represented at the 1964 Democratic National Convention in Atlantic City, NJ. Mrs. Hamer also organized Mississippi's Freedom Summer, the National Women's Political Caucus along with the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC).

Below are some of Mrs. Fannie Lou Hamer's famous quotes:

"I am Sick and Tired of Being Sick and Tired."

"Nobody's free until everybody's free."

"The Voting Rights Act is not a racial entitlement.

It's a critical protection of our Fundamental right."

"You can pray until you faint, but unless you get up and try to do something, God is not going to put it in your lap."

"There is one thing you have got to learn about our movement. Three people are better than no people."

"But now you see baby, whether you have a ph.d., d.d. or no d, we're in this bag together. And whether you are from Morehouse or No house, we are still in this bag together."

"Sometimes it seems like to tell the truth today is to run the risk of being killed. But if I fall, I'll fall five feet four inches forward in the fight for freedom. I'm not backing off."

"Never to forget where we came from and always praise the bridges that carried you over."

"A house divided against itself cannot stand. America is divided against itself and without their considering us human beings. One day America will crumble."

"What I really feel is necessary is that the Black people in this country will have to upset this apple cart. We can no longer ignore the fact that America is not the land of the free and the home of the brave."

"Every red strip in that flag represents the Black man's blood that has been shed."

"White Americans today don't know what in the world to do because when they put us behind them, that's where they made their mistake...they put us behind them, and we watched every move they made."

"I don't want you telling me to go back to Africa unless you are going back to where you come from. I got a note one day telling me to go back to Africa and ever since that time – it's been three times a week I say it when I am in a white audience – I say, 'We'll make a deal. After you send all the Koreans back to Korea, the Chinese back to China, the Jewish people back to Jerusalem, and you give the Indians their land back and you get on the Mayflower from which you come'...We are all here on borrowed land. We have to figure out how we're going to make things right for all the people of this country."

In closing, one of the highlights of Mrs. Fannie Lou Hamer's life was being featured on the United Postal Service's Civil Rights Pioneers' commemorative stamp on February 13, 2009 at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, PA.

Special Combined Treasurer's Report for Board Meetings

Annual Mid-Winter Board Meeting, Arlington, TX

January Board Meeting – January 13-16, 2020

Annual Congress of Christian Education, Kansas City, MO

June Board Meeting – June 22-26, 2020 – Canceled

Calculations – based on bank statements for 1/1/20 – 05/31/20
(subject to audit by the NBC, USA, Inc.)

General Operating Account

Month	Deposits & Credits	W/D/ & Debits	Checks	Service Fee	Income vs Expense	Beginning Balance 1/1/2020
						\$ 16,867.08
<u>January</u>	\$ 4,554.95	\$ -4,641.39	\$ -13,983.61		\$ -14,070.05	\$ 2,797.03
<u>February</u>	\$ 4,645.00	\$ -593.99	\$ -5,539.12		\$ -1,488.11	\$ 1,308.92
<u>March</u>	\$ 3,050.00	\$ -234.71			\$ 2,815.29	\$ 4,124.21
<u>April</u>	\$ 850.00	\$ -314.92			\$ 535.08	\$ 4,659.29
<u>May</u>	\$ 743.82	\$ -83.75	\$ -1,036.90		\$ -376.83	\$ 4,282.46
Totals	\$ 13,843.77	\$ -5,868.76	\$ -20,559.63		\$ -12,584.62	\$ 4,282.46
						Ending Balance 5/31/2020

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Shawn L. Buckhanan, BBA, MTS
Treasurer

Contributors by State June through August 2020

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Elizabeth Baptist Church	Dr. Vernon Swift	Tuscaloosa	AL	\$ 450.00
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ARKANSAS				
Dr. William Boone		Sherwood	AR	\$ 400.00
First Baptist Church	Rev. D. L. Richardson	North Little Rock	AR	\$ 800.00
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Sis. Wilma Jean Byrd		Villa Park	IL	\$ 200.00
MISSISSIPPI				
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Mount Carmel Baptist Church	Dr. Donald D. Moore	Philadelphia	PA	\$ 2,000.00
Rev. Willie Jordan	Community Baptist Church	Erie	PA	\$ 200.00
Shiloh Baptist Church	Rev. Anthony G. Harris	Erie	PA	\$ 500.00
SOUTH CAROLINA				
Morris Street Baptist Church	Rev. Leonard O. Griffin	Charleston	SC	\$ 1,875.00
Zion Canaan Baptist Church	Zion Canaan Baptist Church	Columbia	SC	\$ 2,000.00



*Words are so inadequate in our attempt to express our deep and abiding appreciation
for your faithful contributions.*

*We pray your loyalty to our shared mission on behalf of “the least” will be
richly rewarded by our Savior.*

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Dr.	Melvin	Owens	Alabama State Missionary Baptist Con.	Lafayette	AL	\$	6,000.00
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Dr.	Vernon	Swift	Elizabeth Baptist Church	Tuscaloosa	AL	\$	1,800.00
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Dr.	William R.	Boone	First Baptist Church	North Little	AR	\$	1,600.00
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Dr.	Charles E.	Mock	Community Baptist Church	Erie	PA	\$	1,000.00
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Rev.	James	Clay	Stone River District Association	Nashville	TN	\$	1,000.00
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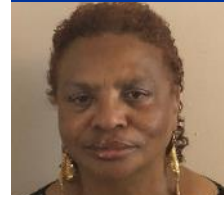
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