

MID – ATLANTIC BLACK CAUCUS

NBPC NEWSLETTER

Spring Issue



The ministry of the National Black Presbyterian Caucus is

“... to serve Jesus Christ, and enrich 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 and oppressed.”

The Purpose Statement

- To promote church growth and the strengthening of Black Presbyterian congregations in the Presbyterian Church (USA);
- To emphasize the spiritual growth of individual members;
 - To continually focus on concerns stemming from Black religious and cultural traditions as well as political and economic issues;
 - To speak and act on those issues that adversely affect the lives of people of African descent.
 - To achieve full participation of its members in the total Church and society; and to combat racism and injustice.

1001 NEW WORSHIPING COMMUNITIES

As many of you know, this program is all about giving potential leaders of new worshiping communities the space, training, coaching and support to start healthy ministries from scratch. The deadline to apply for this program is March 15, 2018.

Contact me if you have questions,

John

MID ATLANTIC BLACK CAUCUS ANNUAL MEETING

Start making plans to attend this most important meeting on May 4 & 5, 2018 in Richmond, VA. at the Holiday Inn Express (airport) [491 International Center Drive, Sandston, VA](#). The theme is, "A Call To Action," based on Isaiah 6:8.

The meeting will begin at 7.00 PM on Friday and end at 12.00 noon on Saturday. We will be privileged to hear from our NBPC president, Rev. Thomas Priest. He will deliver the message during our worship service on Friday night. Saturday morning he will cover why we need the "Black Caucus" for such a time as this.

Room rate is \$93.00 plus tax for Friday night only. This rate is good for up to four per room (king or double.) Check in is 3:00 PM and check out is 11:00 AM. Reservations should be made by directly contacting Holiday Inn Express at [804-222-1499](#) and telling them you are with the Mid Atlantic Black Caucus. All reservations must be received on or before April 20, 2018 for this rate.

Dear NBPC Regional Representatives:

I'm sharing the following email from the 1001 New Worshiping Communities. Please share this information with your constituencies, or perhaps with whom you are familiar that someone who fits the criteria.

Dear friends, I'm excited to share the link to our 2018-2019 applications for 1001 Apprenticeships and Residencies:
<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/1001-2/apprenticeship/>

As many of you know, this program is all about giving potential and current leaders of new worshiping communities the space, training, coaching and support to start healthy ministries from scratch. I hope that you will recommend this program to colleagues for consideration and share with your networks of influence. The deadline to apply for the program is March 15.

This year we will offer seven year-long residencies and two different part-time apprenticeships – one in the summer in Los Angeles and one that unites a cohort of apprentices from around the country via Zoom each week (September – May). Regardless of the program type, each participant will be matched with an experienced coach, attend our national apprenticeship training this summer in Kansas City, join a cohort of peers for reflection a support, and take the risk to start or continue a new ministry.

Details of each program and applications are at the link above. I'd be excited to talk with prospective candidates.

In shared partnership,

Rev. Sara Hayden

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[Meet our Current Apprentices and Residents](#)

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“#STAY WOKE YOUTH RETREAT”

The Mid Atlantic Black Caucus believes there are future Pastors, Christian Educators and church leaders in your congregation. We would like to help you expose them to a calling they may not be aware they have. This retreat will be at Massenetta Springs Conference Center, Harrisonburg, VA. July 20 - 22, 2018. We are inviting youth who completed grade 7 through grade 9 to be a part of a gathering for the weekend.

We trust this will be a time for all our youth getting to know each other, learn about PC(USA), examining their part in Christ's commission, and just plain having fun as Christians. One initiative of this caucus in to create an environment that will help us identify young people who appear to be suited for church vocations. The Mid Atlantic Black Caucus want to help you mentor and encourage our youth to consider ordained ministry. We think it is not too early to start this process and feel now is the time.

Cost of the retreat is \$110.00 per person, (youth and/or adult.) This includes all that is needed for the weekend retreat, transportation not included. We are required to have at least one chaperone per six youth. May we suggest several churches carpooling together. There is a \$25.00 deposit with the application, balance to be paid by June 1, 2018. Thanks to the Synod, we will offer paying half the cost to the first 25 applications (youth) we receive by April 30, 2018.

**ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION
MAY 4 & 5, 2018**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Church _____ Presbytery _____

What are your concerns _____

Please return registration form by April 20, 2018. Email to: snuffy977@aol.com or
By US mail to: John Etheredge, P.O. Box 7591, Rocky Mount, NC. 27804

There is no registration fee thanks to support from the Synod Black Caucus.

"# STAY WOKE" YOUTH RETREAT REGISTRATION
July 20 - 22, 2018

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Age _____ Grade Completed _____

Church _____ Presbytery _____

Emergency Contact _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

What would you like for us to know about you? _____

What would you like to take back from this retreat? _____
