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By Rev. Dr. Robert D. Cochran

Identity and Integrity

This is a time of change for the D.C. Baptist Convention. Whenever change comes, it is important to look for ways that others will lead in the future. Today some hear often the phrase, “Ok, Boomer!” It may well be that this article falls into that category, for I was born in 1954. Still, observation of leadership, both currently and across the decades, reveals to me that there are two critically important aspects of leadership: identity and integrity.

Dictionaries define integrity as uprightness of character or honesty. It is difficult for me to imagine anyone being effective in leadership without those characteristics. Such is true whether one speaks of leadership of a small group within a church or that of either a single congregation or a group of congregations. Indeed, many see that a lack of uprightness of character and honesty undermines anyone’s leadership. The faults begun under such unsavory practices grow larger within a group, subverting one’s attempts to lead, eventually leading to a unnecessary crisis. People cannot plan nor can they support willingly any leader that does not have integrity of character and honesty when leading others. My prayer for D.C. Baptists as well as all in metropolitan Washington is that D.C. Baptists will both find a leader of integrity and follow the characteristics of that leader as they share the Good News throughout our area.

Integrity of character also depends upon a person’s self-knowledge or a group’s self-awareness.

I pity both persons confused in their own identities, not knowing who they are, as well as those who have built their identities upon something false, something other than the grace of God we find in Christ Jesus. They have no chance for effective

leadership. So often, we see in the DCBC, within our churches and within our city, leaders who confuse themselves, missing God’s blessing of relationship, merely functioning in socially acceptable roles. I certainly believe that the only identity upon which one can properly live is both that of a follower of Jesus Christ and through that relationship a friend of God. Without a clear identity, one cannot live in integrity.

Integrity and identity are also important for groups, those who understand who they are and who they have become. For that reason, I recently submitted a manuscript to our Board of Directors of the DCBC, a manuscript named Baptists on the Potomac. I pray that this work will assist D.C. Baptists realize our past experiences which helped to make us into the diverse group we are today. Our identity together, both in victories and in failures, will help us live with integrity into the future, leading through Christ our beloved community in metropolitan Washington.



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THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BAPTIST CONVENTION
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO THE RETIREMENT CELEBRATION OF

*Rev. Dr.
Robert D. Cochran*

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/MINISTER

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2020

7:00 pm

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AFTER FIVE ATTIRE
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\$75

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About this moth's edition of the Capital Baptist...

Have you purchased your ticket to the Retirement Celebration of Rev. Dr. Robert D. Cochran? Time is ticking and we are so excited to see you all at this momentous occasion. Individual and table tickets are available! Please visit www.dcbaptist.org for more information and to purchase tickets.

Trainings, Trainings, Trainings!!! We are so excited to offer our membership informative, and exciting trainings for everyone in your congregation! This month we offer on the **February 22**, from the Office of Empowering Congregation, Reconciling Others and from the Office of Administration and Stewardship, Church Treasurers. You can register for both of these trainings on the DCBC website (www.dcbaptist.org)

Lastly, February is dedicated to the accomplishments of African Americans. Black History Month was originated in 1976. It was meant to be an expansion of Negro History Week which had been established in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson. Consider attending the numerous of celebrations at our member churches to recognize the beautiful and steadfast accomplishments.



Blessings to you and Enjoy!

Kimberly

THE GIVING STATEMENTS



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co-laborer in the
gospel, the
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Convention
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to opportunities,
resources and
services that multiply
your ministry efforts.
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do this because
month after month,
year after year,
generation after
generation, your
hands have been
open.

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in a myriad of ways.

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The Office of Empowering Congregations presents

"We live in an aggressively
anti- community society
and the church has mostly
gone along for the ride."
| David Janzen

RECONCILING OURSELVES

A call for Christians to come together

"If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all."
| Romans 12.18, NRSV

Francis Schaeffer offers this measurement for Christian community: "Our relationship with each other is the criterion the world uses to judge whether our message is truthful. Christian community is the final apologetic." If Christians cannot come together, then what hope is there for the world? Join us for a necessary conversation for all would- be peace-makers and keepers, conflict mangers and mediators, bridge-builders and partners in speech that strengthens our togetherness as one body in Christ.

Save the Date.

Saturday, February 22, 2020

10A to 12P

The Baptist Building

1628 16th Street NW | Washington, DC 20009

Rev. Starlette Thomas, Minister to Empower Congregations
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Church TREASURER Training

Saturday, February 22, 10a - 12p

Location: The Baptist Building
1628 16th Street NW Washington DC 20009

Agenda:

9:30 a.m.

Registration and
Continental Breakfast

10:00 a.m.

Workshop

Register Today

www.dcbaptist.org

Join us for the Church Treasurer workshop. Serving as a Church Treasurer is more than just signing checks. It is a trusted role where the Church Treasurer serves as a steward over the finances and resources that the Lord has entrusted in their care.

This workshop will cover establishing comprehensive financial procedures and practices (internal controls, separation of duties, etc.), counting and recording offerings, processing disbursements and deposits, financial reporting, budgeting, managing risk (insurances), and processing payroll and the required filings.



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ANOTHER CONVERSATION PARTY

**Feb. 9th, 2020
3:00 PM**

Fellowship Baptist Church
5605 Colorado Ave NW
Washington, DC 20011

Discover What Your Hair Reveals About Your Health

Hair & Scalp Specialist, Pamela Ferrell will show you how to connect areas on your scalp to health problems such as hair loss, belly fat, and high blood pressure. Learn hair mapping and hair analysis so you can prevent or restore your health and hair growth.

Limited Seating

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1325 Maryland Avenue, Northeast
Washington, DC 20002
202-397-4333

Rev. Dr. Robin A. Toogood, II, Senior Pastor

Join us on Sunday, February 23rd as we celebrate

"Hats On for the Count!"

In 2020 there will be a **Presidential Election** and the **U.S. Census** will take place.

It is important that we **participate** in each.

Join us as we share in our Final Sunday of **Black History** month by wearing your **Hat** in support of **Voting** and being counted in the **Census**.

We will have a **Hat Parade** at the conclusion of the Service!

Join us in the Fellowship Hall after service for our **Black History Feast** (at cost) and **vendors**

Mrs. Barbara Carter and Hattitude Plus

Mrs. Kimberly Emerson's Paparazzi Jewelry Collection





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The District of Columbia Baptist Convention is excited to announce the Retirement Celebration of Rev. Dr. Robert D. Cochran on **Saturday, March 28, 2020, 7:00 in the evening at Martin's Crosswinds (7400 Greenway Center Drive, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770).**

We would like you and your congregation to celebrate with us! In addition to your presence, we invite you to participate and share in this occasion by placing a Congratulatory Ad in our Celebration Booklet.

Please use the online form on the Registration Page to submit your Congratulatory Ad. You are welcome to share this invitation with your church family, family, friends, organizations and business associates.

In an effort to accommodate all of our participating Ad Submissions, we ask that you submit your ad no later than **March 1, 2020**.

Full page ads are priced at \$200 and Half Page ads are priced at \$100.

Camera Ready ads may be submitted with payment on the DCBC Registration portal (www.dcbaptist.org/registration) . Please submit your ad in .jpeg or .pdf format.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration!

**If you need assistance, please contact the
District of Columbia Baptist Convention at 202.265.1526.**



We give thanks for the Board of Directors meeting and Orientation to new members of the Board and to new members of the Standing Committees of the D.C. Baptist Convention. The DCBC has a new President, Dr. Donald Kelly, and a new Vice-president, Dr. Ella Redfield now serving alongside the Recording Secretary, Ms. Gail Lacy. We give thanks for these officers. We also are glad to be welcoming six new Board member and additional committee members to the work of the DCBC. These groups had their first meeting on Saturday, February 1. We give thanks for that meeting, and let us pray for the work of these groups in the present and coming years.

One of the items on the agenda of the Board of Directors meeting was the gift from Robert Cochran to the DCBC of a new book, Baptists on the Potomac: A Historical Analysis of the Columbia Association of Baptist Churches, 1877-1937. The hope is that this work will help D.C. Baptists to discover or to remember their past so that they might build on it to be what God desires for them to be in the future. More than likely the book will be available first through the internet. Perhaps in a few years, it may become available in printed form. Give thanks to God for the history of DC Baptists and pray for the continued efforts of Baptists in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

Remember also to pray for the Search Team of the DCBC that is seeking the next Executive Director/ Minister. Mrs. Charlotte Peddicord is leading this team, and we hear that they are making good, if not excellent, progress in their task. Pray for this group as it works through the curriculum vitae and statements of the prospective applicants. Pray that God will lead the group to the next Executive Director/Minister who the DCBC needs.

We request your prayers concerning some of our fellow workers. Miss Gloria Grogan retired from the DCBC in about 2005. She served for many years at the Director of the Baptist Women within the DCBC and started many other ministries during her time here, including the beloved Ministry on the Mall. We were saddened to hear that Miss Grogan, having relocated to North Carolina, recently experienced a heart attack and a stroke. Pray for her in the recovery of her health and in a coming surgery. Another note of sadness came in learning that both Mrs. Janie Archer, a long-time volunteer who served the DCBC, and also Mrs. Ida Lindsay recently went to be with the Lord. Janie, a long-term member and staff of National Baptist Memorial Church, certainly is cared for by God, but her loss is noted by her son Rev. Bill Archer and his family. Ms. Lindsay worked across many years with the Older Adult Team and was a member of Mt. Jezreel Baptist Church.

Pray for our continued efforts to reach out to work as partners with Foundations. We give thanks that last year the DCBC received some \$220,000 in grants to be used in work for 2020. We know that some of our churches also received grants directly, one which received over \$200,000. Therefore, we are thankful that our pursuit of grants and our preparation of grant writers is working well. Give thanks to God. Each should also know that DCBC is leading other Baptists to recognize these partnership opportunities to work with Foundations. We give thanks also that the giving to the DCBC this past year was at the level of \$264,054 (not including monies given to other Baptist causes, the whole giving totaling \$415,000). The fact that DCBC received \$264,054 last year sets the goal for grant writing by the DCBC this year at that same amount. Pray for us, especially Mrs. Fam Chock, Dr. Robert Cochran and Rev. Andre Towner as we work to secure grants at that level. We also give thanks for the giftedness of Fam and Andre. Give thanks to God generally for the generous provision of support by which we are . . . working together where our city and the world follow and glorify God.



We also should note that Mrs. Fam Chock is offering her services to assist congregations to write grants and is working currently on several projects that include different churches. Pray for her in this work as she continues to assist churches secure grants and more importantly for her work as bookkeeper. Give thanks for the progress that DCBC is making in this ministry.


We need to pray for the staff as they experience in the next month their reviews of the work, which we do annually. This is simply a normal part of the process of the DCBC, but it gives the staff the opportunity to pause and to reflect on their ministries and on what God is doing through them.

We give thanks that the staff is working well within and

among the churches, discovering new ways to express Christ in our midst while being on mission in this metropolitan area. This time of reflection and evaluation also opens the door for our planning for the next year, setting new objectives and goals for the staff, for our areas and for the convention at large. Pray for God's Spirit and wisdom to lead us during these times of reflection and preparation.

One of the great items for which you prayed last month was the trip to Hakha in Chin State of Myanmar (Burma). Three persons went to Hakha, making a dangerous trip during a time of international unrest and of contagion. We give thanks that all three returned unharmed by such challenges. Further, we taught 58 students at the Chin Christian University in the following areas: Women's Studies, Baptist History and Identity and Reconciliation. The Hakha Baptist Association, a group that requests still other visits in the future, to assist both their students and the pastors of the Association, also received the three. Praise God for the mission outreach that follows in the tradition of Luther Rice and the Judsons, through which Baptists in Washington are on mission for Christ is far away Asia. Pray as well for the Burma Work Group and for those involved in these effort, as well as all the ministry efforts mentioned earlier.



A portrait of The Reverend Gloria Jenkins, an older Black woman with grey hair, wearing a black headwrap with white polka dots and a black and white patterned top. She is smiling and standing in front of a green hedge. The image has a soft, artistic filter with purple and blue light effects.

The District of Columbia Baptist Convention salutes

The Reverend Gloria Jenkins

For her love and dedication to the Convention churches and staff of DCBC. Rev. Jenkins volunteers at the Baptist Building completing tedious tasks and giving advice to all. We value, appreciate and love her!

Thank you Rev. Jenkins!

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THOUGH WE ARE INCOMPLETE,
GOD LOVES US
COMPLETELY.

THOUGH WE ARE IMPERFECT,
HE LOVES US PERFECTLY.

THOUGH WE MAY FEEL
LOST AND WITHOUT COMPASS

God's love

ENCOMPASSES US
COMPLETELY.

MEET
the
NEW
DOCBCC
PRESIDENT

REV. DR. DONALD

Kelly



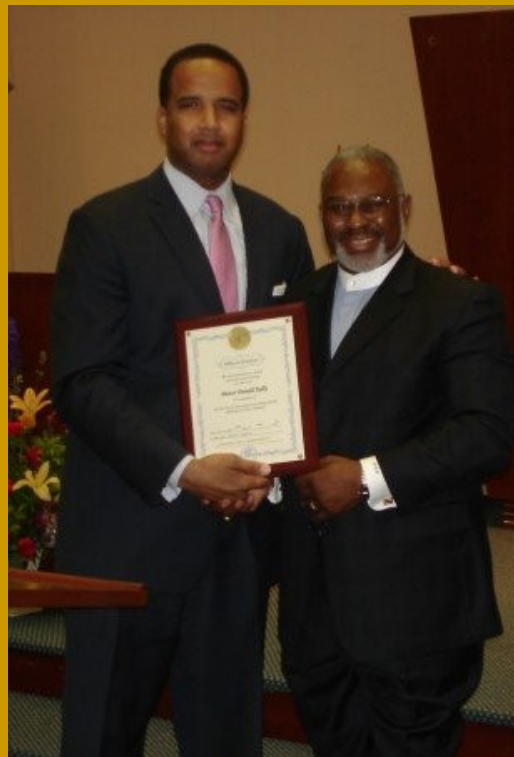
Reverend Donald R. Kelly serves as the Senior Pastor of the Olive Branch Community Church. A native of Keithville, Louisiana, Rev. Kelly was licensed and preached his first sermon at Shiloh Baptist Church in Plainfield, New Jersey. After serving three years as Associate Minister at Shiloh, Rev. Kelly served as Associate Pastor at St.

Stephens Baptist Church, Washington, DC, for approximately two years and Youth Pastor at The People's Community Baptist Church for two years. In 1991 when his career took the family to California, Rev. Kelly united with Star Light Baptist Church in Santa Ana, where he was ordained and became an Associate Pastor. While serving in that role, he simultaneously served as a Lay Minister at Mission Hills Church in Mission Viejo. After returning to the Washington Metropolitan Area in 2000, he and his family reunited with The People's Community Baptist Church where he served as the Family Life, Pastoral Care and Saturday Church Minister. Later, he became the interim Senior Pastor of the church until the spirit led him to begin the Olive Branch Community Church in October 2006.

As the founder and senior pastor of Olive Branch, Rev. Kelly is realizing his vision of a church that changes lives by creating a community of committed, compassionate believers and disciples for Christ. Since the founding of the church, the membership has grown, ministries established, property acquired, and a church rectory dedicated.

Rev. Kelly received his graduate degree in 1978 from Idaho State University in Pocatello, Idaho. He also holds a Master of Arts in Theology from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California. Rev. Kelly serves on the Montgomery Hospice Board, the John LeLand Theological Seminary Board and the Ministers' Advisory Board at Howard University Hospital. In March 2009, he was appointed President of the Black Ministers Conference of Montgomery County.

In 1974, Rev. Kelly married the former Brenda S. Washington and they were blessed with four daughters. Their family has expanded to include two son-in-laws and two grandsons.





District of Columbia Baptist Convention
Office of Equipping Leaders

BAPTIST HISTORY

Class

DCBC offers its member churches and persons wanting to learn about Baptist History. Topics include the Baptist Faith and Message, Baptist leaders, confessions, controversies and reformers. The doctrines of biblical inspiration and religious authority are seen in historical perspective. Students will create a visual project and a booklet on Baptist beliefs and practices.

Saturday

**February 29 & March 7,
14, 21, 2020**

\$150.00 per person

**1628 16th Street, NW
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Register online at **www.dcbaptist.org**

February Devotional

Rev. Dr. Robert D. Cochran, Exec. Dir. /Min

*They come each evening growling like dogs,
roaming the city.
They wander in search of food;
and whine if they are not satisfied.
But I will sing of Your strength,
extol each morning Your faithfulness;
for You have been my haven,
a refuge in time of trouble.*

Psalm fifty-nine, verses 15-17

Adapted from TANAKH

There are times that I fear the people of our city. Like the ones described above, some cause me to walk a little faster after dark. They seem to be predators, even if they are not, even when they are simply minding their own business. How my fears affect my perception of those I fear!

Perhaps some real predators are not those on the street but rather are those who work around me. They may be clothed in the finest threads, but they, too, wander around in search of their food. They affect my life negatively by taking advantage, or they affect the lives of thousands through seeking their personal gain. Perhaps I have the chance of being a predator, as well.

God, save me from the predators and be my refuge, for I can as easily become a growling dog as I can be hurt by one.

Meet
THE

NEW

DCBC

VICE PRESIDENT



Rev. Dr. Ella Redfield

Dr. Ella V. Redfield is the Pastor of the New Creation Church located in Wheaton, Maryland, which was organized under her leadership in December, 1994. She is a graduate of the Howard University School of Divinity with both the Master of



Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees.

Dr. Redfield has offered the community a meaningful, powerful, and purposeful ministry.

She has served as a Chaplain for the National Veterans Affairs Hospital in Washington, DC; a member of the Professional Advisory Committee of the National Institutes of Health, Spiritual Ministries Chaplaincy Program, Instructor at the Howard University School of Divinity Continuing Education Program, and Adjunct Faculty and

Colloquy Leader at the Wesley Theological Seminar.

She has also held several leadership positions regionally and nationally with the American Baptist Churches, USA, Progressive National Baptist Convention, The former Washington Ministerium, Howard University School of Divinity National Alumni Association, and past president of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention.

Dr. Redfield has preached and conducted a variety of workshops and seminars from Christian Education to Leadership Principles and subjects relating to living a spiritual life in churches and conventions throughout the United States. She and the New Creation congregation have been featured in stories by the Washington Post, local Gazette and Afro-American newspapers, and in American Baptist publications. She is also the co-author of *The Circle Of Life, Waking Up To The Ultimate Design For Our Lives.*



District of Columbia Baptist Convention

2020 OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION & STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOP



Join us as we begin an in-depth conversation on how to acquire seed money for program funding.

lunch learn with *Fam*

Thursday, March 26, 2020
11:30AM

District of Columbia Baptist Convention
1628 16th Street, NW
Washington, DC 200018

(Lunch will be provided)

REGISTER ONLINE www.dcbaptist.org



District of Columbia Baptist Convention
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PARLIAMENTARIAN TRAINING

In this workshop, basic parliamentary procedure topics that will enhance the church council/board experience will be identified and demonstrated where applicable.

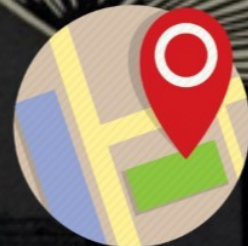
Topics will include the definition of a quorum, types of meetings, steps to making a motion, language used to make motions, voting, committee reports, and minutes.

A member since 1998 of the National Association of Parliamentarians® (NAP), Darlene T. Allen, PRP, is a practicing professional registered parliamentarian currently serving as President of the NAP. Darlene became a registered parliamentarian in 2002 and a professional registered parliamentarian in 2003.

Darlene serves her clients by writing parliamentary opinions and scripts, giving workshop presentations, providing expertise during the nomination and election process, presiding over meetings, serving as a judge during parliamentary competitions, and advising on bylaw amendments and revisions, procedures, and minutes.



SATURDAY
MAY 16, 2020
10AM - 12NOON



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J.O.Y

Just Older Youth

Technology Grant

Over your life you've had many incredible experiences and adapted to numerous of changes. Learning how to use a computer is simply one more skill to add to everything you already know how to do. These classes will educate, enrich and enlighten these "Just Older Youth" with skills to email, send documents, provide social media introductions and instruct on smart phone applications.

Qualifications

Churches interested in developing a program or continuing an existing Senior program that assists in technology integration into the lives of seniors. Churches should be active members of the D.C. Baptist Convention and financially invested in its ministries. If selected, the recipients will provide a detailed report and photos of the program and active members within 60 day of the beginning of the program.

Awards range from \$500 to \$1,500.

Application Process

Please submit the name of the program, the date (s) of the classes of the program and a detailed description of each class. The project description should include the aims, demographic of audience and expected outcomes.

Please include an itemized budget of the monies requested for the project. Applicants are encouraged to direct inquiries and completed application to the Office of Communications communications@dcbbaptist.org - 202.265.1526 ext 208. Deadline is April 15, 2020. Recipients will be notified on June 1, 2020

Celebrating Seasoned Saints



Mrs. Elizabeth Swiley McElveen



Elizabeth Swilley McElveen, affectionately called “Queen Elizabeth” by her pastor, is a member of Fort Foote Baptist Church for over 40 years. She was married to the late Deacon David H. McElveen (retired Colonel, US Air Force). She has faithfully served in the church in various capacities and is currently a member of the Chancel Choir, the Nominating Committee, the Prime Timers Ministry, the Cancer Support Ministry and the D.O.V.E. (Determined to Overcome Valley Experiences) Ministry for widow and widowers.

Mrs. McElveen is a retired educator with over thirty years experience in various states. Her last assignment was with the Crossland High School, where she oversaw the Prince George’s County Foundation for Automotive & Construction Technology for Students (FACTS) Program where students build and furnish a complete house under the supervision of a general contractor. She is the mother of two children, 5 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.



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OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION AND STEWARDSHIP
OFFICE OF EMPOWERING CONGREGATIONS

2020 Training Series

Church CLERK TRUSTEES TRAINING



Church Clerk

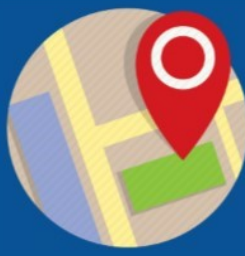
The Church Clerk is responsible for recording, processing and maintaining accurate church records. In this workshop we will discuss your role, membership records, church meetings, the proper way to prepare meeting minutes, records retention, reporting requirement and more.

TRUSTEES

The role of the Trustee is to be "Keepers of God's House." In this workshop we will discuss; the purpose and role of the trustee; Non-Disclosure and Confidentiality Agreements; document review (AOI, by-laws, meeting minutes, insurances, etc.); facility oversight, repairs and safety issues; and how to be proactive against legal liabilities.



SATURDAY
MARCH 7, 2020
10AM - 12NOON



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REGISTRATION](http://WWW.DCBAPTIST.ORG/REGISTRATION)



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BAPTIST CONVENTION
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Why Are The Pews Empty?

2020 Training Series

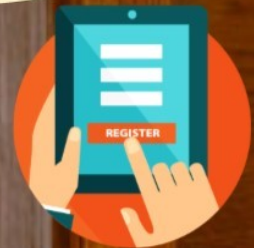
An in-depth training focusing on the communication between the front door of homes to the church pew. Come and explore effective communication portals, strong strategies and ironclad initiatives to enhance the membership, productivity and communication of the local church.



SATURDAY
APRIL 4, 2020
10AM - 1PM



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REGISTRATION](http://WWW.DCBAPTIST.ORG/REGISTRATION)

The District of Columbia Baptist Convention
presents The Blessing 2020 Initiatives

the blessing



The Blessing is a campaign for the DCBC family to extend the reach of individual member congregations by collectively supporting ministries of compassion.

Give an offering
through your
church.



Send your contribution to



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Baptist Convention
1628 16th Street, NW
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Log on to
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Our goal this year is to
raise **\$42,500** for
compassion ministries.
All money collected will
go directly to support the
ministries listed.

**With more than 150
member churches, we
believe we can reach
this goal together.**

the
blessing
2020



Partnership Missions

with Myanmar



D.C. Baptists are a people focusing on the mission of Christ. We have eleven churches among us made up of immigrants from Myanmar.

These friends provide open doors to work among three people groups—the Chins, the Kachins and the Karens—where we worked in 2019. These funds will continue to help Baptists (pastors, leaders and seminary students), extending their ministries though teaching in the areas of Agriculture, Practical Theology and Social Work. Some of the funds will also be used to strengthen teaching efforts in the refugee camps and Sunday Schools among the Kachin people of Northern Burma.

GOAL: \$5,000



MENTORSHIP TRAINING

For Retired Pastors

Retired pastors can serve as mentors to help younger pastors, sharing their experiences and treasured wisdom. A challenge for young pastors is to learn how to work both effectively and wisely in the first churches they serve. These have observed congregational life as lay persons but have limited experience in knowing the “nuts and bolts” of pastoral ministry. Often pastoral leadership styles used previously do not work well in this environment. Linking the newly serving with the newly retired will benefit the pastors, their churches and the DCBC.

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Office of Empowering Congregations

GOAL: \$7,500

Beloved Community Builders



Let me see a show of hands. Who is ready to build beloved community? The Office of Empowering Congregations invites churches to create community gardens, host health clinics, book bag drives, set up a neighborhood book exchange or coordinate a community clean-up day. Wherever the Church is, let us be found building community.

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Office of
Equipping Leaders

GOAL: \$3,750

Pastor Renewal Retreat

Pastors live hectic lives tending to the needs of others at their own sacrifice. All pastors need the support of others, whether family members or fellow clergy, who understand well the pressures upon every pastor. We sponsor these spiritual retreats so that relationships can both begin and be strengthened to support pastors throughout their ministries in the DCBC.

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Office of
Administration
and Stewardship

GOAL: \$7,500

Automotive

Repairs for Single Caregivers

We realize that having a vehicle that runs properly is important, but maintaining it is not a priority when you have limited funds and need to cover the cost for rent, food, utilities, and medical expenses. Let us put into action the words of Paul in Galatians 6:10, "Take advantage of every opportunity to be a blessing to others...". So we will provide Metro passes and/or minor automotive repairs for "single" caregivers.



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Office of
Engaging Communities
**PUBLIC THEOLOGY
INITIATIVE**

The Public Theology Initiative (PTI) will help equip congregational leaders (ordained and lay) increase the public good through the redemption of the public conversations, policies, and institutions that affect the communities we serve. Participants will partner with DCBC affiliated academic institutions and local practitioners to become firmly grounded in the theologies, philosophies, and practices of specific ministry models and then incorporate their newfound knowledge and skills into existing or new ministries."

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Office of Communications



Too many times we walk past each other without a salutation of any kind. The Undivided Table will explore and ignite unique and diverse conversations through food, and culture with people to blaze a path of understanding, empowerment and community unity.

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District of Columbia Baptist Convention

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

Presented by the Office Equipping Leaders and the Office of Administration and Stewardship

Mental Health First Aid is a national program that teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to a person who may be experiencing a mental health or substance use challenge. The 8-hour certification course is designed to take the fear and hesitation out of starting conversations about mental health and substance use problems, improve understanding, and provide an action plan to help support someone who may be unwell or in crisis. The Youth Mental Health First Aid certification is intended for adults who desire to help adolescents between the ages of 12-17.

Friday, January 24 - Adult

Saturday, February 8 - Youth

*Saturday, February 29 - Youth (Snow Day)

Friday, March 20 - Youth

Saturday, April 4 - Adult

Monday, May 4 - Youth

Friday, May 15 - Adult

Wednesday, May 27 - Youth

Thursday, May 28 - Adult

Friday, June 5 - Youth

Monday, June 15 - Adult

Tuesday, September 1 - Adult

Thursday, September 3 - Youth

Cost: \$75

(included MHFA Manual and Handouts)

YOUTH MHFA - \$75

(included MHFA Manual and Handouts)

LOCATION: District of Columbia Baptist Convention

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WWW.DCBAPTIST.ORG

The Interfaith Council of Metropolitan Washington (IFC) is seeking a new Executive Director to help the IF continue its mission of creating an inclusive community of diverse faiths in our nation's capital that is focused on the values that unite us and the distinctions that make each faith unique.

Described by the Washington Post as “one of the most dynamic, diverse inter-religious coalitions in the United States,” the InterFaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington celebrates its 35th anniversary in 2013. The IFC engages 11 faith communities in the Nation's Capital region to promote interreligious communication, mutual understanding, and a sense of community. The member faith communities of the IFC are the Baha'i, Buddhist, Hindu, Islamic, Jain, Jewish, Latter-day Saints, Protestant, Roman Catholic, Sikh, and Zoroastrian faith communities of metropolitan Washington.

The IFC celebrates and honors religious diversity, while seeking to identify and advance those values that all of the member faith communities share. The IFC works through the sponsorship of large and small-group dialogues, the presentation of concerts and lectures, the publication of resource materials, the dissemination of public statements, institution-building, networking, and the sponsorship of annual awards for interfaith bridge-builders.

Over the years, the IFC's activities and agenda have responded to the needs and priorities of its expanding membership of faith communities. When, for example, the faith communities saw a need to serve the region's hungry people, the IFC helped found the Capital Area Food Bank. When service providers were faced with opposition to their location within residential neighborhoods, the IFC created a coalition called the Campaign for New Community to foster more mutually supportive relationships.

Today, IFC's initiatives include:

- Creating and disseminating “Strengthening Teaching About Religion (STAR), a high school curricular resource used by social studies and world religion teachers.
- Publishing the vital Emergency Food, Shelter, and Health Care Directory to enable community organizations to connect people in need with relevant service providers throughout the region.
- Empowering the next generation of interfaith leaders by sponsoring the annual DC Young Adult Faith Leaders Summit.
- Providing a supportive voice for religious communities that are affected by disaster, discrimination, restrictions on religious practices, or vandalism.
- Providing a religious leadership on environmental sustainability through IFC's program affiliated, Greater Washington Interfaith Power & Light.
- Promoting interfaith understanding through dialogues on a variety of topics and in a variety of formats.

With a successful transition to a new Executive Director, the IFC will continue to build on its historic legacy, serving the diverse community of metropolitan Washington.

Link to additional information and application procedures:

<https://ifcmw.org/.../uploa.../2020/02/ED-Job-Opening-2020-1.pdf>

