



## National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.



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To the Officers, Board Members, Pastors, Preachers, Messengers, and Friends of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.:

Once again, allow me to express my authentic appreciation to those of you who have demonstrated your commitment to Christ, His cause and our Convention through your faithful and fruitful contributions towards the continuous growth and development of our Convention. I greet you in the merciful, the marvelous, and the magnificent name of Him who does all things well, even Jesus, who is the Christ. What a tremendous privilege for me to welcome you to the State of Mississippi and particularly to the city of Jackson!

The most significant concept that is inextricably linked to our theme, "Envisioning the Future Exceptionally," is that we as a Convention must not be subdued by our failures nor restrained by our successes, but rather we are to maintain a holy dissatisfaction with the status quo. To that end, I challenge our Convention to a concise estimate of our present condition, a conscious erasure of the past and a concentrated effort for future approbation.

To that end, as your newly elected president, I invite all of us to consider and collaborate on a new vision, namely, the dream and vision for the future development of our great Convention. This vision is an all-encompassing vision that inevitably will enable us to transition from a Convention model to a Denominational model. This model will help to enhance the infrastructure of our Convention and enlarge our capacity to deliver goods and services to our constituent members. In addition, it will assist us in becoming more effective and efficient in our endeavor to do ministry and missions to the glory of God and for the good of His people.

I look forward to greeting all of you and request your prayers for God's providential and powerful presence throughout the week.

Yours in His service,

Jerry Young, President  
National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.