

National Baptist Laymen's Movement
Mid-Winter Board Report
Nashville, Tennessee
Millennium Maxwell House Hotel
January 16 – 19, 2012

“Solidarity with the Savior”

Sunday, January 15, 2012

The State President's Advisory Council led by Ernest Tinsley held a two day summit meeting prior to the start of the Annual Mid-Winter Board Session. The purpose of the Summit was to review and evaluate the laymen ministries and programs and make recommendations to President Simmons and the Executive Committee.

Monday, January 16, 2012

President Simmons convened his Pre-Session Officers and Ministry Leaders Meeting at 4:00 p.m. The agenda was:

- Opening Prayer
- Session Outlook & Expectations – Harold Simmons, President
- Housing & Logistics for the June and September Sessions
- Programming for the Week
- Education Committee & Working with Junior Laymen
- Social & Fellowship Committee for the Special Projects Breakfaste
- Fellowship Cruise Information
- Registration and Discipleships Procedures
- Adjournment

Tuesday, January 17, 2012

The Mid-Winter Board session officially opened with a prayer and praise service by the Worship Ministry.

President Simmons opened the session with his Vision & Focus for the year.

His theme for the year is, *“Solidarity With the Saviour”, Men in Solidarity With the Savior”*

The State President's Advisory Council reported on their two day summit prior to the session.

The Finance Committee gave their report and expectations for the session.

The morning message was delivered by Dr. Robert L. Manaway, Sr., pastor of the Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church of Seattle, WA and president, North Pacific Convention. The title of his message was, *“With Christ”*.

The session adjourned to the Parent-Body opening session.

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Tuesday, January 17th (cont'd)

At 1:30 p.m. the afternoon session opened with a Prayer and Praise period.

The Education Ministry gave their report on:

- June Congress Classes
- Annual Session Seminars
- Men Teaching Boys Initiative. A partnership with the National Congress

The Wives & Women Supporters Ministry gave their report.

The afternoon message was delivered by Dr. T. L. Lewis, pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church of Birmingham, AL. The title of his message was, "*A Brand New Day*", Revelation 21.

The laymen adjourned to committee meetings.

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

The session opened at 8:00 a.m. with a Prayer and Praise service.

Reports were given by:

- The Adopt-A-School Ministry
- The Fellowship & Social Ministry

The morning message was delivered by Dr. Elliott Cuff, dean of our National Congress. The title of his message was, "*Don't Get Blind Sided*", Eph. 6:10-18.

The afternoon session opened at 1:30 p.m. with a Prayer and Praise period.

The Evangelism Ministry gave their report.

- Street Evangelistic Services Prison Ministry of Indianapolis
- Homeless Shelters Plans Acts of Kindness Ministry
- Senior Citizens Ministries Brush of Kindness Ministry

The reports for the week were adopted with one special note, one of the founders or the laymen's prayer breakfast held on Tuesday morning during the annual session passed away this past October. Melinda J. Cade, the widow of the late Dr. Walter Cade, Jr., former national laymen president.

It was voted that the breakfast will be named in her memory as the Melinda J. Cade Wives & Women Supporters Prayer Breakfast.

Following the reports Dr. Washington Lundy, National Vice President of the Northeast Region delivered the afternoon message. The title was, "*Together For The Cause of Almighty God, Through Jesus Christ*".

The laymen adjourned to various committee meetings.

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Thursday, January 19, 2012

The laymen held their annual Special Projects breakfast at 7:00 a.m. at the Millennium Maxwell House Hotel.

The program was:

- Invocation & Grace
- Welcome
- Breakfast
- Greetings from the Tennessee Laymen
- Statement of Purpose
- Roll Call of State President's Contributions to laymen ministries and special projects
- Introduction of the speaker
- Special Music

The keynote speaker delivering the morning message was Dr. Boise Kimber, Secretary of the Board of Directors and pastor of the First Calvary Baptist Church, New Haven, CT. His message was "*Surviving Tough Times*". Habakkuk 3:17-19

The laymen session for this 2012 Mid-Winter Board session was then adjourned.

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