

NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, USA, INC.

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Music [and Arts] Auxiliary

Report

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Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD.

Psalm 150:6

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

Colossians 3:16

I greet you in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who is the object of our worship.

We are grateful that at the Orlando session, registration increased. We were blessed to have special recording artists Angella Christie and James Bignon. Both were blessings to our Convention. Your response let us know that you enjoyed them. It is our intention to bring in more gifted artists to share with us. We need to know them, but they also need to know that the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. is "well" worthy of knowing.

The mission of the Music (and Arts) Auxiliary is to foster, throughout the NBC, USA, Inc., a biblically based and doctrinally sound worship paradigm that encourages, empowers, and employs the comprehensive, sacred artistic expressions within the body of Christ with excellence, inspiring the continuous praise and pleasure which God desires and deserves.

I want to keep that ever before us because knowing where we're going, helps us stay focused in knowing how to get there.

The Music and Arts Auxiliary is working hard to live out this mission. We are looking to broaden the leadership base, and increase overall participation in the Auxiliary. To that end we have communicated with all state presidents and have asked that they send in the names of their music and arts person or persons. It is my hope that you received that email. We are also asking that moderators do the same. We

are pleading with all pastors to encourage all of your music and arts personnel to participate with the Music and Arts Auxiliary. We want to be a viable tool for you, but we need the participation of your staff people to help develop the program of this Auxiliary.

Further, this past November we had a Planning Summit here at the World Center. It was a very productive meeting filled with excitement and anticipation. I want to make note of the fact that while there were others in attendance, the dominant age attending the Summit was between 21 and 29 years of age. These young adult ministers of music love this convention and want to be a part of its growth and development. All who came, came brimming with ideas. I can mention a few of the suggestions: A National Baptist Music Camp gifted where children and youth can come for a week or two to concentrate on the worship arts; we discussed a National Baptist Sacred Arts Workshop (apart from the Annual Session setting) along with regional workshops; we discussed having a full orchestra playing at all annual sessions; and we discussed worship arts groups performing (for lack of a better word) during the down times at our Congress and Convention in the halls of the arenas. Time will not permit me to give you all of that information now, but as we move forward you will begin to see the fruit of that meeting. The fellowship was rich, but it was also a productive meeting!

We are looking for 100 voice choirs at our Convention sessions. We want twenty to thirty dancers on the floor at one time. We want to provide worship arts' resources for your church or ministry. We want to provide qualified staff persons for your churches. We want to do all of these things and more, but we need your help. See the vision and talk about what we are trying to do to your pastors and church staff persons. We still want to record the National Baptist Pastor's Choir. Help us!!

Please note that the upcoming Atlanta Session information will be posted on the Music Auxiliary web page in approximately two weeks.

We ask your prayers for Music and Arts Mid-South Regional Vice President, Rev. Albert Green and his parents. He is not here this year because he is caring for his parents who are both very ill. Please also pray for Mid-West Regional Vice President Rev. Keith Pendilton who is not well and could not be with us this week.

We also ask your continued prayers for the Music and Arts Auxiliary as we continue to develop and grow to be a biblically based, doctrinally sound 21st century worship arts ministry. We do hold both Word and worship in our heart and hand.

Thank you, President Scruggs for the awesome privilege of serving this body at your will. I am honored.

Humbly submitted,

Angelique Banks Coleman, President
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