## **Press Release**

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WASHINGTON D.C. --- National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., Prison Ministry and Criminal Justice Commission Delegation attends National Criminal Justice Commission ACT Faith Leaders Fly-IN White House Meeting and Meetings with Members of the Senate and House to advocate and garner support for the passage of the National Criminal Justice Commission Act of 2011, S, 306. NBCUSA representatives participated at the invitation and sponsorship of the Civil and Human Rights Division of the General Board of Church and Society of the United Methodist Church.

What: National Criminal Justice Commission ACT Faith Leaders Fly-IN

When: Thursday June 16, 2011 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

**Where**: United Methodist Building, Capitol Hill, US Senate, US House of Representatives, White House Meeting Office of the Vice-President.

**Who:** Rev. Dr. Anthony Kelley, Founder and Executive Secretary Prison Ministry and Criminal Justice Commission, Social Justice Director, Greater Louisiana Baptist Convention, Inc., and Pastor, Greater First Church Baptist, Baker, LA (Senator Sessions-AL) and one of three speakers to address the White House Lead Legislative Staff; Rev. Dr. Grady Scott, PMCJC Chairman and Pastor, Grace Temple Baptist Church, Tucson, AZ (Senator Kyl-AZ); and Donna Thompson, PMCJC Commissioner and Prison Ministry Director, Oklahoma Baptist State Convention, Oklahoma City, OK (Senator Coburn-OK).

In addition to the Senate Offices, NBCUSA PMCJC delegates visited also with US Congressman Danny K. Davis-IL, who gave forthright leadership towards the creation and passage of the Second Chance Act and staunch supporter of the National Criminal Justice Commission ACT of 2011 bill.

They closed the day with a meeting in the Eisenhower Room with Eugene Schneeberg, Director for the Center of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships for the US Department of Justice who is scheduled to be the special guest speaker for the E.V. Hill Memorial Prison Ministry Luncheon during the 131<sup>st</sup> annual session of the NBCUSA, Inc. meeting in Orlando, Florida September 7, 2011.

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