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Dear Pastor and Congregation:

It is my sincere prayer that this letter finds you doing well and enjoying all God's manifold blessings!

I am so excited to share information and hopefully inspire you to partner with us in our effort to undergird the scholarship activities of our great state Convention. Each year we award more than \$2,500.00 in scholarships to graduating high school seniors who participate in our Annual Oratorical Contest each spring. These students, from constituent churches, work diligently to prepare orations on the assigned topic that comes from the National Baptist Convention USA. The top three students are awarded one of our scholarships. In addition, the first-place winner advances to the National competition held during the National Baptist Congress.

In conjunction with our state Youth, Young Adult & Children's Ministry, we are launching the inaugural President's Scholarship Banquet to be held on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 during our Annual Congress of Christian Education. This year's Congress will be held July 15-18, 2019 at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church - Knoxville. The speaker for this inaugural Banquet will be the Rev. Dr. Charles F. Lomax Jr., Congress Vice President At-Large; Pastor, St. John Missionary Baptist Church - Alcoa; and Knoxville City Council candidate.

Here is where I need your help! I need at least 15 churches to purchase or sponsor a table of 8 for \$300.00. Individual tickets are \$50.00, however, if you purchase/sponsor a table, you receive 2 seats free. Your partnership will allow us to cover all costs associated with our scholarship efforts and assist our First Place Oratorical Contest winner with their travel to the National competition.

I am sure that we can all appreciate what our collective partnership can do to be a blessing and source of tangible encouragement to our students. Further, it is my goal to increase our scholarship opportunities and budget, but I cannot do it without your help. Please consider partnering with us to enrich the lives of our scholars. Tickets are available now! Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

Reverend Umiko D. Jones, Sr., Congress President  
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