

National Baptist Convention of America International, Inc.

Rev. Dr. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr., President

Rev. S.C. Dixon, General Secretary

Mid-Winter Meeting

San Antonio, Texas
February 25-27, 2019

The Minutes

Monday, February 25, 2019 - 9:00 AM:

The Morning Session was called to order by Rev. Robert Alexander, 4th Vice President, Presiding. The Congregation was inspired during the Inspirational Period by Dr. Hattie Wade singing "Lift Him Up". The Devotional Message was given by Rev. Willie K. Orr, Pastor of Payne Chapel Missionary Baptist Church of Prairie, Mississippi. His Biblical Scripture was John 4:23-24 entitled, "Being A True Worshipper." After the Devotional Message, 4th Vice President Alexander closed with a prayer and Dr. Wade then led the Congregation in singing "This Is The Day That Lord Has Made."

Our President, Dr. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr. came forth and welcomed everyone to the Opening Session! He then presented Rev. Dr. John Brooks, Pastor of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church of Kansas City, Missouri. Dr. Brooks along with members of his Staff presented an Initiative on 18-35 year olds in developing them for Church Leadership. A very intriguing initiative and was well received by the body. Next President Tolbert presented the Host Pastor Rev. Dr. Kenneth Kemp. Dr. Kemp's presentation was entitled, "Antioch Is Love: Youth Programs" and "Community Outreach Initiative - Part I." This presentation was very informative and enlightening. President Tolbert then



called for Dr. F. D. Sampson. Dr. Sampson then proceeded to call for the offering. After everyone had shared in giving, Dr. Sampson offered a prayer concerning the collection.

4th Vice President Alexander gave a few closing remarks.

The Announcements were given by the General Secretary, Rev. S.C. Dixon.

The Morning Session Benediction was given by 4th Vice President, Rev. Robert Alexander.

Monday, February 25, 2019 - 2:00 PM

The Afternoon Session was called to order by Rev. N. D. Smith, 3rd Vice President. He called for Dr. Hattie Wade to lead us in singing “I Am On The Battlefield For My Lord.” The Devotional Message was given by Rev. Dennis Hubbard, Pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church of Albuquerque, New Mexico. His Biblical Scripture was Psalm 100 and John 4:24 and his Subject was entitled, “Experiencing The True Essence of God Through Praise and Worship.”

3rd Vice President Smith presented The Host Pastor, Dr. Kenneth Kemp who came forth and delivered Part II of “Antioch Is Love: Youth Programs” and “Community Outreach Initiatives.” Excitement filled the place again during his presentation. Good information for others to consider.

President Tolbert gave Remarks and Introduced Mrs. Ceasar. Mrs. Ceasar who is a member of Greater St. Mary Missionary Baptist Church in Lake Charles, Louisiana came forth and gave us information concerning a Grant for those affected by Hurricane Harvey through the Lott Carey Program.

Dr. F. D. Sampson called for the Afternoon Offering and provided the Prayer.



The Announcements were given by the General Secretary, Rev. S.C. Dixon, and the Benediction was given by Dr. Kenneth Kemp.

Monday, February 25, 2019 - 7:00 PM

The Evening Session was called to order by Rev. N. D. Smith, 3rd Vice President who then called for Dr. Hattie Wade to lead us in singing, "I Love To Praise Him." The Devotional Message was given by Rev. Justin Gamble, Pastor of Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church of Georgetown, South Carolina. His Biblical Scripture was Luke 8:26, and his Subject was entitled "And They Arrived." The messengers were on their feet!!

The Host Pastor, Dr. Kenneth Kemp, Welcomed and Greeted everyone in attendance. We also received Greetings from the following: San Antonio State Representative, Barbara Garvin-Hawkins of District 120, County Commissioner, Tommy Calvert of Precinct 4 and City Councilman, Art Hall of District 2. After the Greetings the Congregation listened to a Musical Selection from the Antioch Baptist Church Choir of San Antonio entitled, "We Praise Your Name."

President Tolbert asked the following New Pastors to come to the Pulpit and be introduced to the Convention! They were: 1.) Rev. T. Devan Franklin, III, Pastor of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church of Lascassas, Tennessee. 2.) Rev. Justin Gamble of Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church of Georgetown, South Carolina.

Rev. S. C. Dixon introduced Rev. Jamaal Weathersby, the 2018 Midwinter Board Host and the Pastor of the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church of New Orleans, Louisiana. He will deliver the Message after the next selection by the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church Choir. His Biblical Scripture was Esther 4:10-16 entitled, "We Need More Leaders." What an exciting word that made our hearts glad.

The Evangelical Board extended the Invitation to Discipleship. The Rev.



William Timothy Glynn called for the Offering and offered the Prayer. Announcements were given by the General Secretary, Rev. S. C. Dixon.

President Tolbert gave a Special Recognition to Dr. Earl Pleasant of Inglewood, California and Dr. Harry Blake of Shreveport, Louisiana. Remarks were given by Dr. Harry Blake of Louisiana. The Benediction was given by Rev. Jamaal Weathersby.

Tuesday, February 26, 2019 - 9:00 AM

The Session was called to order by Rev. Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Vice President At Large. He then called for Dr. Hattie Wade to lead us in an Inspirational Selection and she chose “Jesus Is On The Main Line.” The Devotional Message was given by Rev. Napoleon Jones, Pastor of New Antioch Missionary Baptist Church of Aliceville, Alabama. His Biblical Scripture was Acts 9: 1-6 and his Subject was entitled “A Personal Change.” What an inspiring message. Dr. Hattie Wade then led us into singing, “Let Jesus Lead You.”

President Tolbert welcomed everyone and then declared that we were moving directly into the Business Session. He encouraged all Messengers to remember to give Tips to the Courtesy Drivers this week. He also asked all the Executive Board Members to come up and introduce themselves. President Tolbert also recognized all Auxiliary Presidents, Board Chairs and Commissioners. He encouraged all members of NBCA to participate in CAP. This Convention is a working Convention and is in need of monthly CAP Givers. Dr. J. Roy Morrison moved that the previous Minutes be adopted. It was seconded by Rev. Robert Alexander. The motion was adopted by a unanimous vote.

President Tolbert asked for a ‘Moment of Silence’ in memory of the Late Sis. Susan Turner who recently made her transition from earth to be with The Lord. Sis. Turner served as 2nd Vice President of the SMWU of NBCA.

*President Tolbert appointed and presented the following:

1.) Sis. Carrie Moore of Missouri who will move from 3rd Vice President of SMWU to 2nd Vice President. Sis. Jewel Bailey of Mississippi will be 3rd Vice President. Sis. Stella Turner of Mississippi will be Financial Secretary.

The SMWU Newsletter, 'The Turning Point', Editor will be Sis. Carolyn Lewis of Mississippi. It was motioned by Dr. Barbara Wright of Florida and seconded by Rev. S. C. Dixon of Louisiana that the following appointments be adopted. The motion was adopted after a unanimous vote had been carried.

2.) Rev. Dr. Oscar Moses resigned due to personal reasons as Chairman of the Pastors Conference. President Tolbert appointed Rev. Lelious Johnson of Dallas, Texas as President of the Pastors Conference. He also appointed Rev. F. D. Sampson, Jr., as Vice Chairman. President Tolbert recommended that Rev. Johnson be given the liberty to select the remaining Cabinet Members for approval. It was motioned by Rev. Derrick Scobey of Oklahoma and seconded by Rev. Bethea of New Jersey. The motion was adopted following a unanimous vote.

3.) President Tolbert appointed Rev. Blanton Harper to move from Chairman of the Insurance Annuity Board to Executive Secretary due to the passing of the late Rev. Dr. Mallery Callahan of Louisiana. Rev. Harper will provide a list of Officers for approval. It was motioned by Rev. Robert Alexander of Alabama and seconded by Rev. Dr. J. Roy Morrison of Florida. The motion was adopted following a unanimous vote.

4.) The following Presentations were given: Sis. Kyle Harrison presented an update on the progress of the Convention's new Website. Bro. Tyler Anderson of St. Stephens Baptist Church of Louisville, Kentucky gave a presentation on HAAYLO MEDIA. Mr. Philip L. Smith, Vice President of Baton Rouge Community College presented information about Fund Raising for NBCA with Cooperate Sponsors.

5.) Rev. Delbert Mack of Beaumont, Texas will be the Secretary Treasurer and Rev. William Watson of Jackson, Tennessee will be the Chairman of the Church Growth and Development Board. It was motioned by Rev. S. C. Dixon of Louisiana and seconded by Rev. Dr. Frank S. Gordon of Tennessee. The motion was adopted after a unanimous vote was carried.

6.) Bro. David Harris gave a Presentation concerning Heritage Financial.

Dr. F. D. Sampson called for the Offering and provided the Prayer as well.

Dean A. W. Mays gave instructions for the Mini-Congress Classes. The Morning Session was adjourned with prayer by Dr. A. W. Mays.

Tuesday, February, 26, 2019 -7:00 PM

The Evening Session was called to order by Rev. Dr. Frank S. Gordon, 2nd Vice President. He called for Dr. Hattie Wade who yielded to the combined choir of San Antonio singing, "Total Praise."

President Tolbert gave Remarks and informed the Session of the passing of Rabbi Eckstein and asked everyone for a 'Moment of Silence' in his Memory.

The Auxiliary Report for Outreach was given by Bro. Forestal Lawton. The Auxiliaries of NBCA gave in excess of \$5,000.00 in Gift Cards and Cash this week to a local Facility in San Antonio, Texas! A Rousing Amen went throughout the Sanctuary.

Rev. Terry White, Secretary/Treasurer of the Home Mission Board reported to us concerning the trap of 'Pay Day Loans' and stressed the importance of people being wise and not become easy prey to this Financial Prison!!

Dr. D. L. Wallace of Success Training Institute reported on the School's Theological Seminary. He also announced that President Tolbert is the new Chancellor of the Institution. The Convention stood to their feet with a great

shout. President Tolbert announced that four Scholarships would be given to the following recipients:

- 1.) Dr. F. D. Sampson Scholarship - Recipient, Rev. Brian Wilson, Shreveport, LA.
- 2.) Dr. R. B. House Scholarship - Recipient, Rev. S.C. Dixon, Baton Rouge, LA.
- 3.) Dr. Earl Pleasant Scholarship - Recipient, Rev. Ricki Ferrell, Los Angeles, CA.
- 4.) Dr. N.S. Sanders Scholarship - Recipient, Bro. Christopher Anthony, FL.

President Tolbert also stated that we as a Convention support the following HBCU's:

- 1.) Simmons College, Kentucky
- 2.) Morehouse College, Georgia
- 3.) Florida Memorial University, Florida

President Tolbert raised a \$500.00 Offering for the support of our HBCU's.

The Devotional Message was given by Rev. Elmore Garner, Pastor of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church of Lake Charles, Louisiana. The 'Welcome' was given by Rev. Patrick Jones, President, Baptist Ministers' Union of San Antonio and Vicinity of San Antonio, Texas.

Following the Welcome the City-Wide Choir of San Antonio rendered a Selection of, "Do Not Pass Me By."

The Evening Message was given by Rev. Dr. William T. Glynn, 1st Vice President and Pastor of Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church of Fort Worth, Texas. His Biblical Scripture was from I Samuel 22: 1-2, and his Subject was entitled, "How to Behave In A Cave." Excitement filled the Sanctuary due to the Preached Word of God.

The Evangelical Board extended the Invitation to Discipleship.

Rev. Andrew Berry encouraged everyone not to forget about the “Bridge” Young Adult Ministry that will be Meeting at the June Annual Session of the Congress in New Orleans, Louisiana. Registration is \$100.00 for Ages 25-40.

Rev. Dr. Harry Blake gave remarks and stated how blessed he was having come to be with us! President Tolbert recognized National Baptist Convention of the Bahamas, Rev. Dr. Lloyd Smith, President and Dr. Smith gave some brief remarks. Announcements were given by General Secretary, Rev. S.C. Dixon followed by the benediction which was given by Rev. Dr. William T. Glynn.

Wednesday, February 27, 2019 - 9:00 AM

The session was called to order by Rev. N. D. Smith the 4th Vice President, NBCA who called for Dr. Hattie Wade to lead us in a congregational song. We lifted our voices in singing, “The Lord is Blessing me Right Now.”

The Devotional Message was given by Rev. Lelious A. Johnson, Pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas. His Biblical Scripture was Psalm 118:19-29 and his Subject was entitled, “Keep On Shouting.”

Dr. Hattie Wade engaged us in singing, “Glad to Be in the Service One More Time.” Following the selection, the Host Pastor, Dr. Kenneth Kemp delivered Part 3: “Antioch Is Love: Youth Programs” and “Community Outreach Initiatives.”

President Tolbert gave remarks concerning how well the morning session was and how proud he was of the attendance. He then presented Sis. Kelley Speck from Blessed Communion who made a presentation to the HBCUs’ Campaign in the amount of \$1,650.00 for which those who were present gave a hand clap of appreciation! President Tolbert thanked Sis. Speck for

Blessed Communion's generous contribution. The he challenged us to do better by purchasing our communion supplies from Blessed Communion.

The President called for the morning offering then rendered the prayer. Remarks were given by Rev. Kelvin Harrison, President of Westcoast Bible College and Seminary.

Rev. Elmore Garner of Louisiana introduced the Morning Preacher. The Rev. Matthew M. Lubin, Sr., Pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church, Abilene, Texas. He delivered the Sermon. His Biblical Scripture was 2 Kings 5: 9-14, and his Subject was entitled, "God Is In The Blessing Business." What a powerful word by Pastor Lubin. The Evangelical Board extended the Invitation to Discipleship.

Dean Anthony A. W. Mayes gave instructions for our Mini-Congress Classes. Rev. Matthew M. Lubin, Sr., then pronounced the Benediction.

Wednesday, February 27, 2019 - 7:00 PM

The evening session was called to order by Rev. Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Vice President at Large who called for Dr. Hattie Wade to lead us in singing. We joined her in singing, "Hold To God's Unchanging Hand and I'll Fly Away."

The Devotional Message was giving by Rev. Demetrius Klyce, Pastor of the Original Philadelphia Missionary Baptist Church and Moderator of the Christian Unity Baptist District Association of Chicago, Illinois. His Biblical Scripture was John 4:24 and the Subject was entitled, "Authentic Worship." After an inspiring Message, Bishop Stirrup of the Church of God in Christ of San Antonio, Texas welcomed everyone in attendance!

The Youth Convention led by Rev. Dr. Terrance Grant-Malone updated us about the upcoming Congress to be held June 17-20, 2019 in New Orleans, Louisiana. A Report was also given by Sis. Jabria Gentry.

Rev. Delbert Mack, Secretary/Treasurer of the Church Growth & Development Board gave a briefing of their initial Development and asked the Messengers for their support.

President Tolbert gave remarks and Dr. Gabriel Cortez who is Chief of Staff of the Baptist University of the America gave Greetings to the Convention. Inspirational Music was rendered by Macedonia Baptist Church Choir of San Antonio, singing, “You are Worthy” and “The Blood Still Works.”

The Evening Preacher was introduced by The Rev. Dr. Robert Jamison of The Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc. The Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church of San Antonio, Texas rendered a selection entitled, “The King of Glory Shall Come In.”

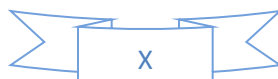
Rev. Dr. James Perkins, Pastor of Greater Christ Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan and Former President of Progressive National Baptist Convention delivered the Evening Message. His Biblical Scripture was Matthew 14:13-23 and the Subject was entitled, “Knowing When To Give The Benediction.” What an exciting word from The Lord through this Preacher. After the Sermon, the Evangelical Board extended the Invitation to Discipleship.

Dr. F. D. Sampson called for the offering and provided the prayer.

President Tolbert called for Dr. Barbara Wright to approach the mic and do for us what he knows she’s capable of doing. Dr. Barbara Wright gave Words for Gratitude and Thanks to Dr. Kemp and the Antioch Baptist Church Family for their Warm Hospitality towards us this week during this Midwinter Board Session of NBCA International, Inc.!

Rev. Dr. Earl Pleasant of Los Angeles, CA. also gave some closing remarks on behalf of President Tolbert. The announcements were given by General Secretary, Rev. S.C. Dixon.

The Benediction was Pronounced by President Tolbert which ends the 2019



Midwinter Board Meeting of The National Baptist Convention Of America International, Inc.!!

NBCA Board of Directors Fees During This Midwinter Board

Sis. Eartha Cross \$1,000.00
Rev. Dr. J. Roy Morrison \$500.00
Total Collected = \$1,500.00

Shalom,

Rev. S. C. Dixon
General Secretary
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