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Dear NBCA Pastor,

We are writing to invite you to apply as a pastoral candidate for participation in the MMBB Lilly Initiative Strategic Pastoral Excellence Program (SPEP). The Program, supported by a grant from Lilly Endowment, Inc., is designed to recognize and support significant pastoral leaders and their congregations through a curriculum that focuses on personal and business financial skills.

The Strategic Pastoral Excellence Program is a three-year program that will place pastoral leaders in a cohort with up to 20 pastoral leaders where participants will be led by a skilled leader with expertise in financial literacy. The program will explore financial areas from a variety of perspectives, including theological, practical and from a congregational systems perspective. The goal is to create a solid financial foundation in the lives of personal participants and to build skills necessary for healthy conversation around money within congregations.

As a representative of NBCA in this program, these are the requirements from our Convention to participate in the program:

- Registered NBCA Church
- Willing to attend: Mid-Winter Board, June Congress, Annual Session
- Willing to enroll in MMBB program (Retirement, Disability, Life Insurance, Survivor Benefits)
- Letter of Recommendation from State President

We are looking for Pastors who are serious about developing in the following areas:

- Promoting congregational stewardship
- Promoting and developing Mission and Discipleship within the congregation
- Experience and success in promoting congregational growth
- Experience and success with managing congregational budget and administration
- Experience and success with managing staff and church leadership

If you feel like you have a heart for these areas, please fill out the attached application. Applications can be emailed to [info@nbcainc.com](mailto:info@nbcainc.com). The deadline for the Application is May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Any questions can be addressed to NBCA Corresponding Secretary, Dr. Kevin E. Donalson Sr. at (337) 263-1494.

In His Service,

*Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.*

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