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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.*

Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr., M.Div.  
President



**NBCA PASTORAL APPLICATION FORM  
STRATEGIC PASTORAL EXCELLENCE PROGRAM**

**Rev. Dr. Kevin Donalson, NBCA Corresponding Secretary  
Rev. Keyon Payton, Program Coordinator  
Rev. Rikki Ferrell, Committee Member**

NAME OF PASTOR: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF CHURCH: \_\_\_\_\_

CHURCH ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please describe your experience with promoting congregational stewardship (may include reflections on preaching, stewardship campaigns, fund raising, teaching of stewardship concepts).**

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**Please describe your experience with promoting and developing Missions and Discipleship within the congregation (may include reflections on the mission of the church in the community and world, the growth of congregational members as disciples in the church and community).**

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**Please describe your experience and success in promoting congregational growth (you may reflect on not only numerical growth, but the growth of the congregation and its members in increased ministry effectiveness within and outside of the congregation)**

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**Please describe your experience and success with managing congregational budgets and administrative responsibilities.**

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**Please circle your years of service as a Pastor.**

1 – 7 Years

8 – 15 Years

16 – 30 Years

31 Years or more