



**NATIONAL BLACK PRESBYTERIAN CAUCUS
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**“One Body, Many Parts: Connecting for the Greater Cause”
1 Corinthians 12: 12-27**

To: Synod of South Atlantic Congregations
From: 2024 Southeast Region Planning Committee
Subject: 2024 Southeast Region Biennial Conference

The Southeast Region National Black Presbyterian Caucus will hold its biennial conference on July 19-20, 2024, at the Crowne Plaza Jacksonville Airport Hotel, 14670 Duvall Road, Jacksonville, FL. We are pleased that we have been able to negotiate an excellent room rate of **\$159.00 per night**, includes two (2) breakfast tickets per room. This rate is only available by reserving your room through the conference.

In order to receive this rate, you must register for the conference and reserve your room by June 1, 2024. Conference registration and hotel room reservation forms along with a universal response sheet for Life Member contributions are enclosed. Please complete these forms as applicable and send them along with your check/money order to Southeast Region NBPC, c/o Mary B. Porter, SER Treasurer, PO Box 245, Hollywood, SC 29449.

The conference will begin on Friday, July 19, 2024. The theme is: “One Body, Many Parts: Connecting for the Greater Cause” 1 Corinthians 12: 12-27. We have planned an intergenerational program that we hope will be spiritual, joyful, and educational, one that we hope will enhance the spiritual growth of each attendee. Additional information with more details on the conference will be forthcoming.

The following interesting and informative workshops are being planned for the adults:

- Social Justice
- Congregational Development with a focus on Matthew 25 Initiative
- Spiritual Gifts

Exciting workshops are being planned for the youth. A representative from the General Assembly YAV office, Ms. Destini Hodges, will be leading these workshops. Note: Scholarships are/will be available for youth to help with registration and will be available on a first come, first served basis.

A Pre-conference dialog/discussion workshop is scheduled for Friday morning beginning at 9:30 AM. The three (3) hour workshop is a Dialog/Discussion/Training Session planned specifically for Chapter Presidents and Clergy; however, the workshop is open to all. Chapter Presidents are especially urged to attend.

Our Friday evening worship service speaker to be determined. The Lawrence Bottoms Award Banquet will be held on Saturday evening, July 19, 2024.

The cost for registration is \$200.00 for adult members (\$225.00 after June 1st), \$100.00 for youth and seminary students. Nonmembers registration cost is \$250.00/\$250.00 after June 1st. This includes conference materials, the luncheon on Saturday and the Lawrence Bottoms Award Banquet. All late registrations must be received by no later than June 10, 2024. There will be no onsite registration.

Registration packets will be distributed on Friday, July 19, 2024, from 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM and from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The Southeast region also encourages you to consider becoming a Life Member of the region through a contribution of \$500.00. This contribution maybe paid in one lump sum of \$500.00 or in installments of \$100.00 per year over five years. Life membership contributions are invested in the Region's Permanent Endowment Funds, proceeds from the investment supports the ongoing work of the Southeast Region. Please use the enclosed Universal Response Sheet for your contribution.

Finally, we are asking each congregation to vigorously promote the Southeast Region conference to your members and encourage your pastor, officers and members to attend. We also ask that you place special emphasis on youth attendance.

If you need further information, please contact, Mary B. Porter, telephone (843)889-3290, email: mbporter3@comcast.net or Lauren Fields-Barringer, telephone (404)914-3514, email: lauren.fields02@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you at the conference!!

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ENCLOSURES: Conference Registration Form
Hotel Registration Form
Universal Response Sheet