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Annual Mission Banquet

Saturday, October 21, 2017

Millennials

**“Discipling Millennials – A Multigenerational Approach to Congregational Life.”
...We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy
deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he
has done. Psalm 78:4b**

The 31st annual Mission Banquet will be held on Saturday, October 21, 2017 at The Drexelbrook, in Drexel Hill, PA (4700 Drexelbrook Drive) from 11:30 AM to 3:00 PM.

This year we are celebrating persons committed to nurturing and discipling the next generations. We want to say thank you to church members who provide exceptional ministry and service to children, youth and young adults through: church school, mentoring programs, scouts, church sponsored sports ministry, at risk youth programs, scholarship committees, youth employment projects, guidance and support for teen-aged parents, outreach ministries to young adults, Bible Study leaders for youth and young adults, tutorial programs, and/or ministry at juvenile detention centers.

Luncheon tickets are \$35.00/25.00 per person/child. To register, download a [form](#) or email [Janet Reedy](mailto:Janet.Reedy). **The registration deadline for the banquet is has been extended to October 9th. Please respond as soon as possible.**

We invite you to attend and help us honor this year's honorees.

The speaker this year is Reverend Dr. Brianna Parker, the founding curator of the Black Millennial Caf  , established as a resource for black churches and other institutions seeking to engage millennials. Rev. Brianna currently serves Friendship-West Baptist Church as the Pastor of Assimilation. Brianna, concurrently, serves as an adjunct professor and Coordinator of College Assembly at Paul Quinn College where she endeavors to bring Christ to the youth of today to ensure a better tomorrow. In 2016, she accepted an appointment as a full-time Assistant Professor of Religion at Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, TX. Dr. Parker provides support for congregations across the United States that are interested in reaching the millennial generation for Christ. (www.blackmillennialcafe.com)



2017 Award Recipients

Mrs. Violent Brown - Lansdowne Baptist Church
Ms. Caitlyn Burruss - Mt. Olivet Tabernacle Baptist Church
Ms. Kathy Clemmer - First Baptist Church of Levittown-Fairless Hills
Ms. Elaine Davis - Greater Enon Missionary Baptist Church
Mr. Harry Favor, Sr.- Second Baptist Church of Germantown
Mrs. Sheila Gilbert- Pinn Memorial Baptist Church
Rev. Crystal Goree - Pinn Memorial Baptist Church
Mother Marcella Hand - Society for Helping Church
Mrs. Dianne Harding - The Green Church
Rev. Lillie Jackson - Society for Helping Church
Ms. Sandra Johnson - Grace Baptist Church of Germantown
Mrs. Doris Murrel - Wayland Temple Baptist Church
Ms. Joyce Oliver - Second Pilgrim Baptist Church
Mr. Harold Russell - Bethlehem Baptist Church
Mr. S. Robert Steward - Holmesburg Baptist Church
Mr. Kevin Stroman - First Baptist Church of Wayne
Deaconess Susan Truitt - Tenth Memorial Baptist Church
Mrs. Fannie Turner - Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Philadelphia
Mrs. Carol Ward - Central Baptist Church of Wayne
Deacon Edward Williams - Mt Zion Baptist Church of Holmesburg
Mr. Carlton Wills - Canaan Baptist Church
Mrs. Roberta Winters - Baptist Church in the Great Valley

For complete details see the [flyer](#).

Community Empowerment Breakfast

with Pini



Philipine Chepkoech Kidulah, also known as "Pini", is a native of West Pokot County and a founding member of Jitokeze Wamama Wafrika, a community based organization committed to serving the people of West Pokot County who face vulnerability to droughts and conflicts induced by Climate Change. Philipine works with women and youth of Kenya and Rwanda to promote community economic development, Christian discipleship, leadership, missions, and Peacebuilding. She has a Masters Degree in International Development from Eastern University in St. Davids, PA and a Bachelor Degree in Environmental Studies and Community Development from Kenya University in Nairobi, Kenya.

On Saturday, September 9, 2017 over 45 people representing 11 Philadelphia Baptist Association (PBA) congregations gathered at our Host Church, Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Holmesburg where Rev. Scott Dorsey serves as the Senior Pastor. Her visit is part of a nationwide tour to share with us updates concerning her ministry from the financial and prayerful support received from PBA congregations, individuals, and friends of the ministry. This gathering was designed with the intentional focus of **EMPOWERMENT** for our PBA congregations...*How can we learn from her vision and story and bring forth life to our congregations and communities?*



Through Pini's presentation we were reminded of the challenges facing her ministry such as food and water insecurity and loss of livelihood. As a child, she witnessed firsthand through her mother the need to resist cultural constructs such a female mutilation, denial of an education and the cycle of poverty. As a point of reflection, we were challenged to view and understand that the assets we must embrace and cherish are that of "**TRUST, TIME AND PEOPLE**". Some key aspects of her

presentation was the importance of understanding that for a ministry to grow and be substantial it must move and shift from merely giving to people to having them invest in the ministry. This re-education of herself, the staff and the recipients enforced the power of "**SELF-HELP**" and that time is an essential investment into any ministry. Along with these understandings, she stressed the importance of education, connecting with resources and training in leadership.

At the conclusion of Pini's presentation, we gathered in groups for 45 minutes to have Mission Conversations which focused upon "**Faith-Based Empowerment Projects in Our Neighborhoods**". There was much excitement in the room as people were sharing their



vision for empowerment and the appreciation for the journey that Pini shared with us earlier in the day. Each group had the opportunity to share the highlight of their group discussion with all in attendance.



All in attendance had the opportunity to participate in a **SEED OFFERING** to **JITOKENZE WAMAMA WAFRIKA** which yielded over \$500.00 to be gifted to Pini's ministry. In addition, the American Baptist Women's Ministry - Philadelphia Baptist Association (ABWM-PBA) presented her with check for

\$1,200, which was raised through our Sacred Music Concert which was held in May 2017 at First Baptist Church of Lansdale. Pini expressed her gratitude for the prayers and financial support that she has received from the PBA and ABWM-PBA. As part of continued financial support to this ministry, Pini requested that the PBA continue to support the Tailoring Initiative of the ministry where they make uniforms, clothes, backpacks and handbags.

Mrs. Revonne Peyton, ABWM-PBA's Chaplain led us in "A Prayer for Pini" with the laying on of hands and a corporate circle of prayer for her ministry. We were truly blessed by her presence and her commitment to the ministry that God has entrusted to her.



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Philadelphia Burmese Baptist Church Celebrates Ten Years

The Philadelphia Burmese Baptist Church (PBBC), Rev. La Seng Dingrin, pastor, celebrated their tenth anniversary thanksgiving celebration of the church and Installation of Pastor Rev. Saw Thomas, the new

pastor for youth, on Sunday, August 27, 2017.

PBBC shares worship space with the St. John's Baptist Church, (Rev. David Powles, pastor) at 13th and Tasker Streets in South Philadelphia.



Approximately 200 people attended the service including members from the First Baptist Church of Lansdale and Rev. Florence Li and Rev. Rothang Chhange, representing the American Baptist Home Mission Societies.

Various Burmese congregations from around the region also attended and presented gifts of food, a tradition in the Burmese culture, which was served at the reception which followed the service.



Rev. Dr. La Seng Dingrin, Pastor PBBC



Rev. David Powles, Pastor, St. John's Baptist Church



Rev. Saw Thomas, new Pastor for Youth, PBBC



Choir from around the area



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One Great Hour of Sharing Hurricane Relief

Donations can be made through the PBA. Make checks payable to

PBA and designate it for "Hurricane Harvey" or "Hurricane Irma" or "Hurricane Maria" Mail to PBA, 8711 Ridge Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19128-2023.

American Baptists are urged to lift up those affected in both Texas and Louisiana by Hurricane Harvey, in the Caribbean and Florida by Hurricane Irma, and in Puerto Rico by Hurricane Marie.

You and your congregation can give to disaster relief through the **One Great Hour of Sharing**. One hundred percent of donations go to relief efforts; no dollars are retained for administrative costs. All donations will be sent through **One Great Hour of Sharing**.

Listed are some other ways you can help:

PRAY for those affected by the storms.

DONATE hygiene kits and emergency cleanup buckets, which are distributed by Church World Service. (<http://cwskits.org>).

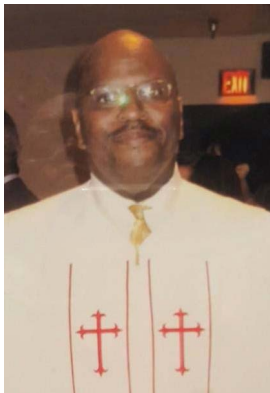
PLAN TO GO to the affected areas in future weeks or months. Contact Victoria Goff at the American Baptist Home Mission Societies at victoria.goff@abhms.org for information about volunteering for future mission trips.

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News and Notes

Around the Region

Pastoral Transitions



Rev. Dr. Alexander Payne, Sr. was elected as the new pastor at the **McKinley Memorial Baptist Church** in Willow Grove in June. His installation and banquet will be held October 28 and 29th.

The **Mount Olivet Tabernacle Baptist Church** celebrated the installation of their new pastor, **Minister Andre L. Price** on September 10, 2017.



Community Events

As part of Domestic Violence Awareness month (October) the PBA Learning

Community on Domestic Violence, is holding a [Prayer Vigil](#) on Saturday, November 11, 2017 at the Canaan Baptist Church (5430 Pulaski Street, Philadelphia, PA 19144). The vigil will run from 9:00 am - 12:00 noon.

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Interfaith March on Washington

On August 28, 2017, held on the anniversary of the day Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his iconic "I Have a Dream" speech, The Rev. [Al Sharpton](#) helped to rally 2,000+ ministers for a march on Washington, which he said marks one of the largest interfaith gatherings to protest racism in America.



The daylong Ministers March for Justice, which represents people of all religious backgrounds including Christians, Muslims, Jews and other faith-based communities, began at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial and ended outside of the Justice Department. Sharpton, said it deliberately falls on the 54th anniversary of the historic 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, during which King delivered his iconic "I Have a Dream" speech [calling for widespread racial equality](#).

"In Dr. King's 'I Have a Dream' speech, he talked about voting rights, health care, criminal justice and economic injustice. All four of these areas are at risk," according to Sharpton. He continues, "The purpose of the march is to really put front and center leaders in the faith community that have not really made a real dramatic statement about the moral outrage that we're looking at now in terms of the embrace of white supremacy and anti-Semitism."

A number of clergy from around the region were in attendance. These include, Rev. Dr. James Buck; Rev. Robert Hamlin; Rev. Jeffery Snyder; Rev. Charles Chapman; Rev. Craig Campbell; Rev. Preston Thompson.

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Rev. Preston Thompson,
Baptist Worship Center.

Staff from the American Baptist Home Mission Societies were also present. Pictured are:

(Back row:) Rev. Dr. James McJunkin,(PBA); Rev. Lisa Harris-Lee; Rev. Brenda Halliburton-Williams. (Front l-r:) Rev. Fela Barreto and Rev. Roghang Chhangte.



(l)Rev. Dr. James Buck, Pastor, Grace Baptist Church of Germantown with his son and daughter, and (r) Rev. Dr. James McJunkin, Executive Minister, PBA

Church Van Available

IS YOUR CHURCH IN NEED OF A VAN?

The North Wales Baptist Church has a 1997 Dodge 3500 15 passenger van that is no longer being used. The van itself is in good condition. It does however, need a battery charge (or a new battery) and possibly a new water pump as well, and general engine service.



If there is a church in the Philadelphia area that could use this vehicle North Wales Baptist would be more than happy to sign over the title so the buyer can get the van running and get on it on the road.



If interested please contact David Rathmell; his email is dkrsrpa@yahoo.com or text him at 215-872-8255.

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Upcoming Events

October
7 ABWM-PBA Fall Regional Gathering

21 PBA Annual Mission Banquet @ The Drexelbrook, Drexel Hill

November

8 PBA Ministers' Council @ PBA office building

11 Domestic Violence Awareness [Prayer Vigil](#) @ Canaan Baptist Church

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We encourage you to contact the PBA staff for more information on our programs and opportunities for service and ministry.

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