



**POWER CONNECTION:**  
**A Call to Greater Works**  
**2009 Black Church Conference**  
**November 3-7, 2009 • Chicago, Illinois**  
**National Ministries, American Baptist Churches USA**

Pre-Conference Event  
National Black Caucus of  
American Baptist Churches USA  
Ministers Summit  
November 2 & 3, 2009

Special Hip Hop/  
Intergenerational Summit  
“We Got This! Passing  
the Mantle Without  
Breaking the Bridge”  
Saturday only, November 7, 2009

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**CONFERENCE HOTEL**

Holiday Inn Chicago Matteson  
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**HOST CHURCH**

Third Baptist Church  
1551 West Ninth Street  
Chicago, IL 60643  
Rev. Dr. Alan Ragland, Pastor

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## We extend a special invitation to you...

You are invited to join church leaders, preachers, and teachers from across the country who minister in the African-American context as we explore the 2009 Black Church Conference theme, "Power Connection: A Call to Greater Works" (John 14:12).

At the close of his public ministry, Jesus reminds the disciples that they must continue to believe in him and the one who sent him. He tells them that their impact will be greater than his as those who will continue to do the work he began and as representatives of the awesomeness of God's love.

The same reminder is given to us as disciples of Jesus Christ today: You will do even greater works! As disciples ministering in the midst of challenges faced in black communities—violence, educational disparities, poor housing, and the health care crisis—the lived experience of our Christian witness through works has never been more critical. If we believe—compelled by God's love and empowered by the Holy Spirit—we, like first-century Christians, will do the impossible and turn this world upside down! We will reap the harvest in an ever-changing, challenging, and burgeoning mission field!

Join us! Explore the call to do even greater works. This year's conference is the culmination of months of planning and diligent preparation on the part of the staff of the American Baptist Home Mission Society (National Ministries), the National Planning Team, Local Arrangements Committee, and all conference presenters. Exciting and inspirational learning opportunities have been developed for all who are striving to be more faithful disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Outstanding seminars, workshops, and preachers will encourage, inspire, and challenge you. All exhibits have been selected with you in mind.

Please read this brochure and then complete the registration form or register online at [ABCPowerConnection.org](http://ABCPowerConnection.org). Come and explore with others the call to greater works in the 21st century.

Bearing Joyful Witness,

**Rev. Dr. Brenda Halliburton**  
Conference Coordinator

**Rev. Yvonne Carter**  
Conference Director

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## Pre-Conference Event

### Nov. 2 & 3, 2009

Sponsored by the National Black Caucus  
of American Baptist Churches USA

### **The Ministers Summit is a call to Renewal, Relationship, and Relevance**

Acts 2: 44-47

The Ministers Summit is designed to provide dialogue, networking, and resource sharing for those serving in the African-American community. Join with ministers from the denomination for this event!

**Featured Speaker:** Dr. Frederick D. Haynes III,  
Pastor, Friendship-West Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas.

*"Mighty causes are calling us"—W. E. B. Dubois*  
So let's run with a new message and with new energy.

Rev. Dr. G. Daniel Jones  
President, National Black Caucus, ABCUSA  
Rev. Herbert Edmondson  
First Vice President, General Board Black Caucus, ABCUSA  
Rev. Dr. Paul Martin  
Second Vice President, National Black Caucus, ABCUSA  
Rev. Jacqueline Saxon  
Treasurer, National Black Caucus, ABCUSA

### **Pre-Conference Event Schedule**

#### **Monday, Nov. 2**

12:00 noon      Opening Session/Luncheon  
Biblical Reflection  
"A Call to Renewal/A Call to  
Engagement"

5:00 p.m. Dinner      "The Power of Relationship"

#### **Tuesday, Nov. 3**

9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon      Morning Session: "The Power of  
Relevance"  
12:00 noon      Closing Luncheon



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## A Special Track for Emerging Leaders/Emerging Voices

Are you an emerging leader/emerging voice aged 18-35? Do you feel that God is calling you to make a difference in the church, community, and our world? Then this track is for you! A special leadership development experience has been designed to engage and equip you with tools, resources, and networking opportunities to help increase the effectiveness of the ministry God has placed inside of you.

### Wednesday through Friday

#### Seminar

"Something's Gotta Give"—This morning's seminar will promote deep conversations about the current state of the black church and how the church can continue to be relevant and effective in the 21st century.

#### Workshops

Select a skill-building session in the afternoon that will challenge you and sharpen your gifts.

#### The Lounge

Daily gatherings for sharing, networking, and leadership development



### Saturday



#### Hip Hop /Intergenerational Summit

The conference will culminate with a special Saturday session, "We Got This! Passing the Mantle Without Breaking the Bridge." Church leadership will be in the hands of the emerging leaders as we continue to answer the call to greater works. Rev. Phil Jackson, pastor of a hip hop church known as "The House" and author of "The Hip Hop Church," will be our featured speaker. This summit is sure to be a highlight of the Emerging Leaders Track!

## Unique Learning Opportunities

(See registration form for details of dates and times)

### Special Lunch-And-Learn Opportunity



#### "Biblical Reflections on the Disciple-Making Church"

by Theologian-In-Residence Dr. Marvin McMickle, Author, Theologian, Pastor, Antioch Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio. Spend 45 minutes with Dr. Marvin McMickle as he reflects on the marks of a disciple-making church. He will focus on evangelism, spiritual formation, missions, and worship.

**Open to registered conference participants only! Your conference name badge will serve as your admission ticket.**

### Three-Day Special-Interest Skillsshops



#### "Facilities Planning Skill Shop"

Dr. Benjamin Greene, Vice President and Loan Services Director, The American Baptist Extension Corporation. This special emphasis series is designed to help churches develop a plan for construction or expansion of their facilities. Dr. Greene will be joined by other professionals (architects, civil engineers, and attorneys) who will equip participants with specific expertise and guidance in planning and decision-making. Pastors, church administrators, trustees, building committees, and other church leaders will benefit.

#### "A Plan for Greater Works" (Facilitated by Missional Church Coaches)

This session will use the information presented throughout the conference to help church leaders design an action plan for greater work in the community. The session will be an interactive, instructional coaching session. Bring your vision for ministry, the resource information gathered during the conference, and a passion to do even greater works in your community, and facilitators will assist you in mapping a path.



### Interactive Afternoon Sessions



#### "A Conversation Café"

Rev. Marilyn P. Turner, Associate Executive Director, Program Ministries, National Ministries, ABCUSA. In this session you will have an opportunity to engage in meaningful conversations around ministry and mission in the black church context and offer suggestions about ways ABCUSA can help to facilitate and empower your church in those efforts. This is a unique opportunity to let your voice be heard and to share concerns by way of a structured conversation that will prove engaging and energizing. Come and share in the conversation about important mission issues and, in the process, learn about a dialogue model that you can use in your local church.



#### "Identify Your Crowd Using Demographics for Effective Evangelism and Outreach"

This workshop will offer information about ways in which demographic materials can help you identify and gain a better understanding of the community you have been called to serve. Congregations attending this session will receive a demographic report and three follow-up consultations. The workshop will be presented using *GoToMeeting* technology.

#### "Bridging the Digital Divide: Using Technology in the Local Church"

This session will offer a glimpse of ways in which local congregations are creatively bridging the digital divide by using current technologies to advance ministry and mission efforts. Hear the stories shared by local pastors and "IT" practitioners, and experience the technologies used in this presentation. The workshop will be presented using *Skype*. Both workshops will be presented by Rev. David Cushman, Research and Information Services Officer, National Ministries, ABCUSA.

(See full list of seminars and workshops on back)

## Three-Day Seminars

10 a.m.-12:00 noon

### **“Something’s Gotta Give”**

Dr. Adam Bond, Assistant Professor of Historical Studies, Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology, Virginia Union University, Richmond, Va.

This seminar raises questions and concerns about the identity and practices of African-American Christian churches. Participants in this seminar will ponder the nature of the Christian church’s witness in matters of public policy, issues of human sexuality, environmental justice, and money.

### **“Call to Greater Works”**

Dr. Marshall Hatch, Pastor, New Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.

This seminar will focus on outreach ministry methods and working models that will meet the daily challenges of the 21st century black church.

### **“The Doors of the Church Are Open”**

Rev. Roxanne Cardenas, Pastor, Tangible Word Church, Milwaukee, Wis.

This seminar is designed to assist congregations in ministering in a changing and diverse mission field while strengthening intracultural relationships within black churches in the black community.

### **“Teaching that Transforms”**

Rev. Carol Jamieson Brown, Pastor, First Baptist Church of Park Forest, Ill.

This seminar will focus on best teaching practices, learning styles, and the importance of teaching for application.

### **“Make a Joyful Noise”**

Special Guest Wednesday Only  
Dr. James Abbingtion, Associate Professor of Church Music and Worship, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.

This seminar is designed to offer resources that will expand your worship repertoire and enhance worship experience.

### **“A Call to Oneness/A Day of Reconciliation: Organizing to Stop The Violence!”**

Dr. F. James Clark, Pastor, Shalom Church (City of Peace), Florissant, Mo.  
Dr. Robert Scott, Pastor, Central Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo.

This seminar will focus on the movement that targeted stopping the violence in the streets of St. Louis and the impact of their efforts to date.

### **“Ministry to the Hidden Brokenness in Our Communities”**

Dr. Brenda Little, Pastor, Bethany Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.

This seminar will explore ministries of healing and outreach to the hidden brokenness in our communities: the poor, the lost, the lonely, the hurting, and the oppressed.

### **“The Necessary Revolution: Re-imagining Leadership for the Black Church”**

Rev. Stephen Lewis, National Director, Calling Congregations Initiative, Fund for Theological Education, Atlanta, Ga.

In this seminar, participants will imagine and explore the leadership formation necessary to develop congregational leaders and the next generation that will lead the church into a future of greater works.

## Daily Workshops

1:30-2:30 p.m.

### **“SPHERE: Solutions for Promoting HIV/AIDS Education to Reduce the Epidemic”**

Dr. Tanya Henderson, Mt. Jezreel Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.

Solutions for Promoting HIV/AIDS Education to Reduce the Epidemic (SPHERE) was developed to engage congregations and communities in dialogue about HIV/AIDS and how such life-saving information can be disseminated person to person.

### **“Successful Strategies for Teaching Across Generations”**

Minister Jennetta Ross, Trainer/Consultant, UMI, Chicago, Ill.

This workshop will highlight proven strategies for teaching preschoolers through senior adults using interactive discussion and teaching techniques.

## Daily Workshops (cont’d)

### **“Bigger is Not Always Better: Small Church Ministry”**

Rev. Ronald Burks, Pastor, Palestine MBC, Detroit, Mich.

Many assume that small churches can’t successfully engage in mission, but this workshop will prove otherwise. Small churches can be strong and vital in mission outreach.

### **“Preaching for the 21st Century”**

Rev. Martha Simmons, Esq., President and Publisher, *African-American Pulpit*

This interactive, participatory workshop will focus on ways to strengthen your preaching skills through an understanding of the principles of sermon construction. Participants are asked to bring a seven-page, double-spaced sermon for follow-up evaluation.

### **“Making Multi-Cultural/Racial Ministry Work”**

Rev. Dr. Alice Green, Pastor, Irving Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.

This workshop is designed to help church leaders and members look closely at some of the dynamics at work in multicultural and multiracial ministry settings.

### **“Biblical Support for Women’s Leadership in the Church”**

Rev. Dr. Alice Green, Pastor, Irving Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.

This workshop will focus on ways the Bible empowers women’s leadership in today’s churches.

### **“We Are the Ones” —Ministry to Young Adults**

Rev. Jason Reynolds, Youth Minister, Salem Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.

Twenty-first century ministry is changing the way we do church. This workshop will offer resources, strategies, and practices to begin to bridge generational gaps and create relevant ministry in current society.

### **“ABCs of Estate Planning”**

Minister Rick Barlow and Rev. John Sundquist Jr., AB Foundation Regional Representatives

In this session, you will gain an understanding of the Foundation as a center through which planned gifts may be made for all American Baptist ministry and mission.

### **“The Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board (MMBB)”**

Rev. Dr. Perry Hopper, Associate Executive Director, MMBB, ABCUSA

This workshop is designed to provide important information on MMBB’s program of benefits and services.

### **“Re-Shaping the Church’s Ministry with Youth”**

Rev. Reginald Fletcher, National Coordinator for Youth and Campus Ministries, National Ministries, ABCUSA

This workshop will explore our understandings of youth culture and the church’s ability to help empower youth to be an instrumental part of change in the church and broader community.

### **“Ministry to African-American Men”**

Rev. Darryl Sims, Founder and President of DLR Learning Center

This workshop will focus on ministry models for reaching and empowering men for service to the community.

### **“Black Churches Engaged in Mission”**

Rev. Yvonne Carter, Managing Director, Event Development, National Ministries, ABCUSA

Rev. Eleazar Ziharambere, Director for African American Mission International Ministries, ABCUSA

This workshop is designed to raise awareness regarding mission opportunities available in home and foreign mission fields in American Baptist congregations.

### **“On the Potter’s Wheel: Molded and Shaped for Ministry”**

Rev. Dr. Eleanor Cardenas, Associate Minister, Calvary Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., and Adjunct Professor, Central Seminary

Spiritual formation considers individual temperaments in such a way that it leads to greater intimacy with God and greater service. This workshop will discuss the many ways we experience intimacy with God and are, therefore, shaped and empowered for ministry.

### **“Empowering Leadership”**

Rev. Francine Stark, Associate Pastor, Third Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.

Good leadership is about empowerment. Through the use of scripture and small group work, you will have an opportunity to look afresh at how the Spirit of God at work in you can empower your auxiliary, ministry, mission group, or church members for the church’s work.