

Day By Day Success In New Orleans

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

Host Church Sunday Service

Christian Unity Baptist Church served as the Host Church. Its leader, Senior Pastor Dr. Dwight D. Webster, shown below, provided a welcoming environment for PNBC with a praise dance. Dr. James C. Perkins, PNBC President, preached the morning



service with a sermon entitled, "Retracing Our Footsteps to Find a Lost Generation." Dr. Perkins exclaimed, "We must piece our generation back together one person at a time." Dr. Perkins also participated in a book signing for his new book, *Midnight Religion*.

MONDAY, AUGUST 8

Missions Night

Mrs. Betty Chandler was honored for her 4 years of service as Missions Department president. The incoming president, Rev. Sam Nixon, presided and Dr. James Victor, Executive Director of PNBC Missions, presented the award and flowers to Mrs. Chandler. Special music was provided by the Chime Choir of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church of Atlanta, GA, Mrs. Chandler's home church.

The Missions report featured PNBC work and donations that provided relief and education in Haiti, jobs training in Jamaica, and disaster relief in Flint, MI, El Paso and Houston, TX; and Oklahoma City, OK.



Bishop J. Douglas Wiley-Taylor, Founding Senior Pastor of The Life Center Cathedral Church in New Orleans was the keynote preacher for the evening.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9

Opening Session



Cornell West Brooks, President of the NAACP

In a rousing speech on the importance of the vote, NAACP President Cornell William Brooks exclaimed to the crowd, "We will stand and fight for the right to vote." Brooks encouraged the crowd to register people to vote and support the passing of the Voting Rights Advancement Act.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9 Cont'd



Mrs. Sybil Haydel Morial is the mother of Marc Morial, President of the Urban League. Mrs. Morial stated to the attentive audience, "Jim Crow is hovering over us once again."



Dr. Frederick D. Haynes, III, preached the Opening Session with a blazing sermon that gave the Annual Session a brilliant start.

Education Night

Dr. Kevin Cosby Named Educator of the Year



During "Education Night" on Tuesday, August 9, PNBC bestowed upon Dr. Kevin W. Cosby, President of Simmons College of Kentucky, the title of "Educator of the Year." Under Dr. Cosby's leadership, Simmons College of Kentucky has reclaimed its status as an official Historically Black College and University (HBCU) with full collegiate accreditation. In addition to the honor, PNBC presented the College with a check for \$5,000.00. Since 1979, Dr. Cosby has served as Senior Pastor of St. Stephens Church in Louisville, KY. He preached the Education Night sermon.

Financial support was also presented to Wiley College, Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University, and Morehouse School of

Religion at Interdenominational Theological Center.

Education night was also an ecumenical affair. The Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA) held a convention in New Orleans during the week, and in an exchange arranged by President Perkins, First VP Dr. Timothy Stewart gave greetings at the Lutheran delegation while Bishop Bill Gafkjen from ELCA brought greetings to PNBC. A gospel choir from St. Peter Claver Catholic Church performed.



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

SOCIAL JUSTICE DAY



Donna Brazile Speaks to PNBC

On Wednesday, August 10, Donna Brazile, Interim Democratic National Committee Chair, came home to New Orleans to give a fiery speech to the hundreds of attendees. She uplifted the historical relevance of PNBC and their long fight and commitment to social justice. Brazile expressed, "PNBC stands at the corner of biblical wisdom and social justice." In encouraging people to vote, she proclaimed, "If your vote didn't matter, why are they trying to take it away?" She stressed the importance of electing a candidate who is concerned about the poor as she stated, "Let us stop displacing poor people and blaming them for being poor."



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10 Cont'd Preaching Session



Dr. Gardner C. Taylor Hour

Dr. Charles E. Booth preached a soaring sermon during the popular Dr. Gardner C. Taylor Hour.

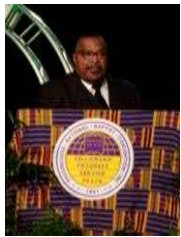
Social Justice Event

On Wednesday, August 10, PNBC hosted a special social justice event to discuss the issues that deeply affect the African American community: voting rights and policing tactics.

Attorney and Pastor Bertram Marks provided the do's and don'ts of how not to jeopardize your church tax exempt status during the election.



Rev. John Mendez discussed the need for churches to engage in the Every Church/Every Sunday campaign and register voters. He reminded attendees that "When you organize the power of the church, you can make a difference."



Dr. Frederick D. Haynes, III,

discussed the state of police tactics and the need for reform at the institutional level. He stated, "Let us deal with the tree in addition to the bad apples."



Lt. Colonel Murphy Paul is a Supervisor with the Louisiana State Police. He offered strategies that churches can implement to help develop better relations between police and the urban communities they serve. Lt. Paul stated, "Law enforcement officers must sit with faith-based communities and listen to



learn."

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11 Senator Tim Kaine, Democratic VP Candidate



Senator Tim Kaine spoke to a standing room only crowd of over 900 attendees on Thursday, August 11. After reveling in one of his favorite gospel songs, "Total Praise," Kaine shared with the audience his lifelong commitment to service, buoyed by a deep faith. From worshipping at the same predominantly African American Catholic church for thirty years to discussing his challenges as a civil rights attorney for 17 years, Kaine connected with the PNBC audience. Said Kaine of PNBC, "You're working hard to ensure so much in terms of the progressive values that are the values of Scripture – the passages in the Bible, Old Testament and New, that speak to the values of the PNBC are infinite, and every day they challenge us.

Of his choice of place to worship, Kaine shared, "I've made my spiritual home in a neighborhood where we're not segregated. We've got to put ourselves in situations where we're in the minority and come to understand a reality that's different than the one that we just take for granted every day."

Scripture passages were heavily referenced throughout Kaine's speech, and using the biblical story of Job as a backdrop, he said, "Together with our congregations we have to make sure people don't lose faith and that their vote matters." Kaine then discussed voting and the importance of "Making sure that everybody can participate – registering voters and making sure that people can get over the hurdles and the barriers that some want to put in their way so that they can participate in one of the most solemn things we do. It's not just a right...it's a deep moral responsibility. Voting is a sacred act whether you're religious or not."



THURSDAY, AUGUST 11 Cont'd



Jesse Jackson spoke to the crowd following Tim Kaine and encouraged the audience to vote stating, "Deep water does not drown you. You drown when you stop kicking."



The Mayor of New Orleans, Mitchell Landrieu, gave welcoming remarks after Tim Kaine and Jesse Jackson spoke.



Dr. Perkins enjoyed a moment of one-on-one conversation with Kaine to listen to the Vice Presidential Nominee's plans for America.

PNBC Press Conference



Shortly after Senator Tim Kaine spoke on Thursday, August 11, the Rev. Jesse Jackson joined Dr. James C. Perkins in a press conference.

Dr. Perkins spread the message of the PNBC "Every Church, Every Sunday" campaign that encourages black churches to engage in voter registration drives.

Pastors' Spouses Emerald Gala



On Thursday, August 11, PNBC honored nearly 40 couples with a gala and award in recognition of the contributions of the pastor's spouse. Special guest speaker, Ms. Xernona Clayton (shown above),



founder of the Trumpet Awards, spoke passionately to the audience. Gospel recording artist Kurt Carr and his singers provided a medley of songs.

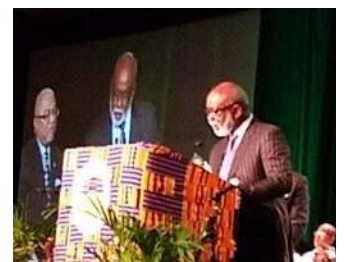
President's Night



Joshua, Dr. Thomas H. Peoples, Jr., Dr. Delma Bennett Peoples, and Dr. Ralph W. Canty, Sr. (shown right)

Lifetime Achievement Awards

PNBC presented honors to Ms. Barbara Barnes (pictured), Ms. Helen F.



THURSDAY, AUGUST 11 Cont'd

President Perkins' Address

During President's Night, Dr. Perkins thanked the denomination for its support of the 55th Annual Session. He spoke about the importance of reaching communities using new methods of communication and stating, "We have the same message but we must change our delivery system. For the church not to change is to sign our death certificate." Dr. Perkins expressed, "As long as there is one soul unsaved, there will always be the need for Progressive." He then proceeded to preach, bringing the crowd to their feet.



FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

Closing Session

During the closing session of the PNBC 55th Annual Session, Dr. Ralph W. West provided a sermon for the ages, answering the question "Does it Pay to Serve Jesus?" with a resounding, "Yes."



Installation of Officers

PNBC Officers take their oath to further the mission of the denomination. Visit www.pnbc.org for a full list.



MULTI-DAY EVENTS

Young Adult Expo and Youth Extravagant August 8-11

Dr. Paul Dunn, Pastor of First Baptist Church of Charleston, WV, is the Youth Expo Coordinator. Kurt Carr directed the youth department in an outstanding mini-concert. The Expo included mixers, movies, education, fitness classes, and a comedy show.



Pastors' Division August 9- 11

Dr. Johnny Ray Youngblood (pictured)
Building a Men's Ministry
Dr. Sir Walter Mack
Using Social Media to Grow Your Church
Dr. Perry Hopper
Financial Wellness and The Church



Bishop John R. Bryant
The Wedding of the Bible and Social Justice



Additional Preachers and Speakers:

Bishop Walter Scott Thomas (shown here)
Dr. Jacqueline Thompson (shown here)
Dr. James Victor
Dr. Robert C. Scott
Dr. Michael T. Scott



Women in Ministry August 8- 11

Sessions offered topics to encourage and support women in ministerial positions including women preachers. Facilitators included Rev. Dr. Delores Cain. (shown here)





PRESS COVERAGE



The local and national media provided coverage of the PNBC Annual Session. Dr. James C. Perkins appeared on the morning news shows of WDSU, Channel 6, NBC affiliate, as well as WLTV, Channel 4, CBS affiliate. Significant coverage was granted to Senator Tim Kaine's and Donna Brazile's appearance. The Associated Press published a story, which was picked up nationally in newspapers from South Dakota to Boston. CNN, *The Washington Post*, Religion News Service, *The Times-Picayune* (New Orleans's metro newspaper), and *The Advocate* wrote original articles. WDSU broadcasted full coverage on their station and website.

Sen. Kaine's and Ms. Brazile's speeches were streamed lived. Kaine's speech was broadcasted on independent networks across the country. Listed below are a few links to the stories.

Newspapers geared to the African American community, *The New Orleans Tribune* and *The Louisiana Weekly* provided coverages and promoted PNBC activities to their readers.

WDSU, Channel 6, NBC in New Orleans
<http://www.wdsu.com/news/local-news/new-orleans/democratic-vp-candidate-tim-kaine-makes-campaign-stop-in-new-orleans/41155226>

The Times Picayune
http://www.nola.com/politics/index.ssf/2016/08/tim_kaine_hillary_clinton_new.html

The Advocate
http://www.theadvocate.com/baton_rouge/news/politics/article_f5a5a86e-5fe7-11e6-ae3f-1369abcd3f23.html

Religion News Service
<http://religionnews.com/2016/08/11/kaine-trump-address-faithful-of-different-stripes/>

Religion News Service
<http://religionnews.com/2016/08/08/democratic-vice-presidential-nominee-tim-kaine-to-address-progressive-national-baptist-convention-during-annual-session-in-new-orleans/>

The Washington Post
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/acts-of-faith/wp/2016/08/11/in-hourlong-sermon-tim-kaine-appeals-to-black-voters-with-his-faith-story-and-a-plea-to-vote/>

The Courthouse News
<http://www.courthousenews.com/2016/08/11/democratic-vp-pick-talks-civil-rights-and-voting.htm>

WWL.com FM105.3 870 AM
<http://www.wwl.com/Democratic-VP-candidate-in-New-Orleans/22840876>

The Louisiana Weekly
<http://www.louisianaweekly.com/thousands-expected-at-pnbc-confab/>

CNN
<http://www.cnn.com/2016/08/13/politics/gallery/week-in-politics-0813/index.html>



Social Media

Social media was abuzz with especially active Twitter and Facebook activity. Listed below are a few Tweet highlights.

G. Chris Brown @GChrisB1990 Aug 12

I love the progressive national baptist convention!
[@PNBCINC](#)

Rev Jesse Jackson Sr @RevJJackson Aug 11

So HONORED to address [@PNBCINC](#) today. [#PNBC55](#)

WWL - AM870 | FM105.3 | News | Talk | Sports -
Democratic VP Candidate In New Orleans <http://www.wwl.com/Democratic-VP-candidate-in-New-Orleans/22840876> ... via [@sharethis](#) [@pnbcinc](#) [#pnbc](#)

Tim Kaine addresses Progressive National Baptist Convention <http://augustafreepress.com/tim-kaine-addresses-progressive-national-baptist-convention/> ... via [@AugFreePress](#) [@pnbcinc](#) [#pnbc](#) <http://pnbc.org>

Donte' L. Jackson @DontesPEAKs1 Aug 11

I'm telling you all right now [@DrJCPerkins](#) is absolutely
LETHAL AND VINTAGE TONIGHT!!!
[#TheMosesPerdicament](#) [#BeProgressive2016](#)

Donte' L. Jackson @DontesPEAKs1 Aug 12

I've been inspired to do more this week. Wear out
rather than RUST out... We all have a responsibility in
our lifetime. Thank you

Karen Finney @finneyk Aug 11

Many Standing ovations for [@timkaine](#) at [@PNBCINC](#).
On the way out: PNBC president says "Glve it up for
Rev. Kaine"

Morgan Finkelstein @momofink Aug 11

"Voting is a sacred act, whether you're religious or not."
-[@timkaine](#) to [@PNBCINC](#) in New Orleans

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CDs of PNBC Annual Session segments can be purchased at www.pnbc.org.

Visit the website for PNBC for a photo gallery of the 55th Annual Sesssion. www.pnbc.org

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