



# PROGRESSIVE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, INC.

Dear PNBC Family,

As we approach the 250th anniversary of the Fourth of July, we invite PNBC congregations across the country to observe **PNBC Freedom Sunday on July 5, 2026**, or on the Sunday that best fits your church calendar.

The **Freedom Sunday Toolkit** is designed to help clergy and congregations hold sacred space in worship to proclaim justice, remember our freedom tradition, and ask as did our ancestor, Frederick Douglass: *What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?*

We also want to lift up the churches participating in this national witness. If your congregation plans to observe Freedom Sunday, please complete the [short survey](#) or text the following information to **404-993-2007**:

**Church name, city and state, and date of observance.**

This will help us announce PNBC's collective action to the press and show the strength of our shared moral witness.

Finally, please plan to join us for our final **Movement Mondays listening session and Freedom Sunday evaluation on Monday, July 6, via Zoom**. We will reflect on what we heard, what we learned, and how we continue this work together.

In faith and freedom,

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Rev. Dr. Willie D. Francois, III and  
Rev. Dr. Frederick D. Haynes, III  
PNBC Social Justice Co-Chairs

## *It's Time!*

**“To evaluate – our privilege to serve and our fervent defense of the faith”**

**1 Corinthians 15:8-22**

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