



The Baptist Convention of the District
of Columbia and Vicinity
Rev. Andre Ivey, President

May 15, 2026

Greetings PNBC Pastoral Leaders,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

On behalf of the leadership and planning committee for the 2026 Annual Session of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc. (PNBC), we are honored to extend this invitation to you as you prepare to gather with us in Washington, D.C.

The 2026 PNBC Annual Session will convene Sunday, July 19, 2026, through Thursday, July 23, 2026. This year's gathering marks a historic milestone as we assemble in the denominational home of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In this pivotal moment, we are reminded that the time is now to be empowered for change—spiritually, socially, and collectively as the Body of Christ.

In the spirit of unity and shared purpose, we invite you to prayerfully consider serving as a guest preacher during a local congregation's regular Sunday Worship Service in the DMV Metropolitan Area on Sunday, July 19, 2026.

Our goal is to share the rich preaching gifts within our fellowship across the region, demonstrating our unity in faith, solidarity in mission, and strength in numbers. This initiative provides an opportunity for visiting pastors to extend their ministry beyond the convention setting while building meaningful connections with local congregations.

Pastors who express interest will be matched with a host church by the Planning Committee based upon availability. Additionally, host churches may request specific guest preachers, and every effort will be made to honor such preferences where possible. Once matched, host churches will coordinate transportation for guest preachers from the Convention Hotel to the church and return, and are expected to extend a love offering in accordance with their established protocol.

To indicate your availability and interest in serving as a guest preacher, please complete and submit the response form online using the link below. Alternatively, a copy of the form is also included with this letter for your convenience in completing and returning it via email to BCDC.PNBCpartnersinpreaching@gmail.com. All responses are due no later than **May 31st**.

[Pastoral Partners in Preaching - Online Response Form](#)

We encourage you to consider this opportunity to share in a powerful expression of fellowship, ministry, and Kingdom-building as we gather in this historic season. Thank you for your faithful service, your commitment to the Gospel, and your willingness to be used by God in this collective movement of faith and transformation.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours in Christ's service,

Rev. Dr. C. H. Johnson

Rev. Dr. C. H. Johnson, Chairman, *Pastoral
Partners in Preaching Initiative*
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Rev. Jeffrey Smith, National Chairman
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2026 BCDCV/PNBC Pastoral Partners in Preaching Initiative Response Form

(For Use only if Online Form Submission is not accessible)

DUE DATE: May 31, 2026

*Thank you for prayerfully considering participation in the Baptist Convention of DC and Vicinity's Pastoral Partners in Preaching Initiative to kick off the PNBC 2026 Annual Session in Washington, D.C. This form gathers essential information for the Initiative Planning Committee to match consenting host churches in the DMV area with prospective visiting PNBC clergy willing to serve as guest preachers on Sunday, July 19, 2026. Your responses will help facilitate meaningful worship partnerships that reflect unity, fellowship, and shared ministry through this collaborative preaching experience. Please complete this form with your decision and preferences and return it **NO LATER THAN Tuesday, May 31, 2026** to BCDC.PNBCpartnersinpreaching@gmail.com (Alternatively, you may complete this form online by clicking the link embedded in the accompanying Letter of Invitation.)*

Participant Type

1. Please select your role:

- Host Church (DMV Area)
- Guest Preacher (Visiting PNBC Pastor)

2. Prospective Guest Preacher Information:

Guest's Title & Full Name: _____

Church Name: _____

Church Location (City/State/Zip): _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

3. Will you be attending the PNBC Annual Session (July 19–23, 2026)?

- Yes
- No (Stop Here and return your form)

4. Are you available to serve as a Guest Preacher on Sunday, July 19, 2026?

- Yes
- No (Stop Here and return your form)

5. If available, please state your earliest and latest time availability on Sunday, July 19, 2026:

- Earliest _____
- Latest _____



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6. Preaching Role/Experience (Optional but helpful):

- Senior Pastor
- Associate/Assistant Pastor
- Evangelist
- Other: _____

7. Do you have a host church preference in the DMV-Metro (Washington D.C., Suburban MD, Northern VA) area?

- No preference
- Yes (please specify): _____

8. Please indicate any travel or scheduling considerations you may have for Sunday morning (July 19th):

9. Are you comfortable being transported to/from the Convention Hotel by the host church?

- Yes
- No

10. You may optionally add any additional information that may be helpful in matching (e.g., sermon focus, ministry emphasis, brief bio, etc.)



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11. Primary Contact Person for Planning & Coordination (if different from the prospective Guest Preacher noted above):

(Please provide below the contact information for the primary designee who will coordinate this initiative on behalf of the invitee.)

- Name: _____
- Email: _____
- Phone: _____

12. Additional Notes, Comments, or Special Requests:

Participation Acknowledgment:

By submitting this form, I acknowledge and agree to the following:

- Participation is voluntary and coordinated by the BCDCV-PNBC Host Planning Committee
- Host churches and matched guest preachers will work collaboratively to plan and communicate the details of their partnership to ensure a meaningful worship experience
- Final assignments will be communicated four-weeks prior to the Annual Session

I Agree

I Decline

Optional attachments/information may include:

- A short bio, photo, special needs, etc.
