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18TH ANNUAL NABA RENEWAL CONVENTION 2024

THEME:
**“ONENESS:
OUR MASTER’S WILL”**

JOHN 17:11, MATTHEW 12:25



 **JULY 26TH - 29TH**

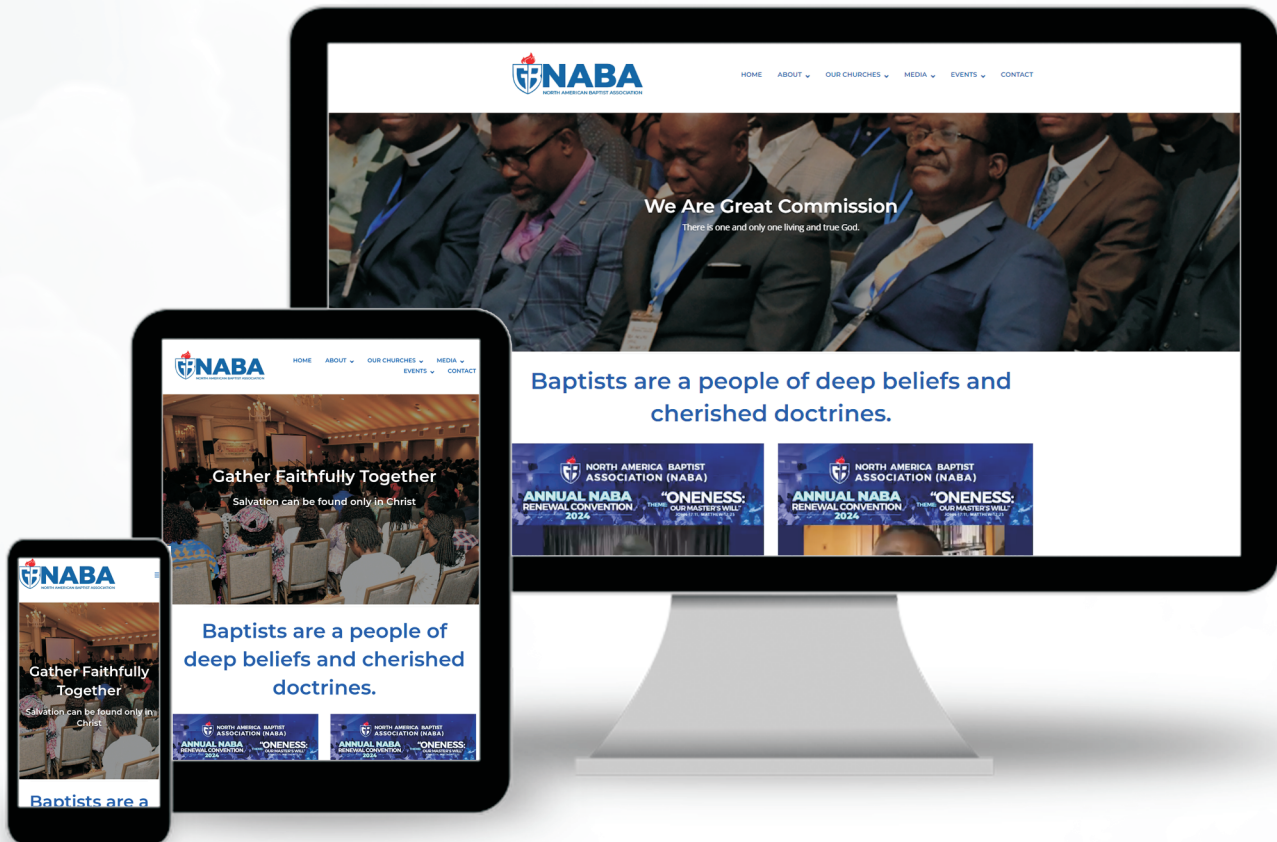
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The President's Welcome Address

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant grace and mercies, has given us hope everlasting in God the Father; the only one and triune God who lives in the everlasting, for ever and ever. Amen

On behalf of the executive committee, and on my own behalf, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to our 18th Annual Renewal Convention which is happening here at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Fairfield, New Jersey. I am extremely excited to have lived to see this day, and I hope you are too. Coming back here to this same hotel back to back should not be assumed as a coincidence but a divine act orchestrated by the Almighty God for a special purpose. It is regrettable however that many have failed to come because in their mind a new city would have been more fun. Your presence here is a testament to the fact that you are here to have an encounter with your God and not for an excursion. For that reason I salute you and would indulge you to shout a big amen to the Lord God Almighty. Amen.

Honorable Guest of honor, Mr Harold Agyemen, our guest speaker and our executive President of the Ghana Baptist Convention, Rev Enoch Nii Narh Thompson, Colleague members of the clergy, Church leaders and your congregations, the Baptist fraternity, all invited guest, and all well wishers and loved ones who are watching us from far and near on the various social media platforms, you are

welcome.

I also want to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to our host Church Abundant Life Baptist Church for accepting to hold two conventions back to back. It takes people with a big heart and a deep love for the Lord to attempt to do this. Let's give them a round of applause.

Our theme for this year, as you are already aware, is Oneness: Our master's will. Our master was fully aware that to be able to carry His message of love and redemption to the world his followers needed to cultivate the unity that existed between Him and the Father. Jesus prayed that they would be one, and one after the pattern of the unity of God the Father and God the Son (that they may be one as We are).

The unity Jesus prayed for among His people has a pattern. Even as the Father and the Son are one yet are not the same, we do not expect that genuine Christian unity will mean uniformity, sameness, lack of diversity or unity of structure. It means unity of spirit, unity of heart, unity of purpose, and unity of destiny. In fact, the fire of unity should be burning in each one of us. Unity is the catalyst that will engender new motivation to remove whatever addictions we have in our churches. We are better together We have a responsibility to the great commission. We can do more collectively than we can do individually.

“Making NABA Bigger,” our vision is not a mantra rather it is a mandate.

We need everybody on board financially to build this association. We must highlight what we are able to do together and multiply our efforts together.

We can't think myopically, we have to think globally.

I will use this opportunity to encourage us to celebrate how God is working in and through NABA churches to accomplish the Great Commission. Some wise man has observed that: Spider webs are incredibly strong and not easily torn apart or broken; although they look delicate; “the strength of the web is drawn from its interconnectedness.”

Every church will die, but the Kingdom will forever be; so it will be unimaginably naive to spend all your resources trying to propel and build a single church that will eventually die. If you work only for your church, one day your work will die, but if you work for the Kingdom, your work will be eternal. The bigger we build NABA, the bigger we would be as individuals, and the easier it will be for us to fulfill our core mandate—planting churches in North America.

It is clear, then, that self must stand out of the way, that there may be room for God to be exalted;

Last year I said something which was true then and even truer now and I will like to repeat it. I quote; “In line with the vision of my administration to “Make NABA Bigger,” it is imperative that we innovate and venture into newer ways of doing ministry, ensuring that we accelerate growth by a firm resolve to maximize our own resources, prioritize our goals, and work assiduously towards our set goals. A goal without a plan they say is a dream.”

On behalf of my EC ,I would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for giving us the privilege to serve in this capacity for the last three years. As part of our vision to make NABA Bigger we put some proposals before this house for approval, many of which we have and initiated steps to bring them into realization.

2.0 Strategic Objectives

Last year we rolled out our strategic plan for approval and implementation. I am happy to announce that upon approval by this house many of the items have been implemented. Very soon we will begin to feel the impact of these plans in our association. I would like to mention a few.

2.1 The Commission on Ordained Ministry

The Commission has been formed and has started work in earnest.

The Commission is made up of two committees, namely, Ministerial Standing and Ministerial Preparation, and members serve on one of the two committees. The Committee on Ministerial Preparation (recruitment, training, capacity building, (etc) is made up of Rev. Dr. Robert Setor, Rev. Patrick Amoah, Rev. Daniel Addai Smith, and Rev. Theophilus Arthur. Members of the Committee on Ministerial Standing (recognition, ordination,ministerial ethics and standards, etc) are Rev. John Bio Asante (NABA President), Rev. Samuel Nana Opoku (Ministers Fellowship President), Rev. Seth Opoku, and Rev. Dr. Charles Owusu, who also serves as the coordinator for the two committees of the Commission.

This year, two candidates were interviewed by the Committee on Ministerial Standing for recognition as pastors. The candidates were Minister Alfred Saforo of Lifeway Baptist Church in Leominster, MA, and Minister Kwabena Nuako-Frimpong of Word of Life Baptist Church in Lithia Springs, GA. The candidates

were successful at the interviews and will be formally recognized as pastors and presented with certificates at this convention. They will continue to serve under their respective pastors and participate in continuing education until they are recommended by their churches for ordination. Our hope is that their recognition will inspire other brethren to discover and develop God's calling on their lives.

2.2 The Medical Missions

Membership is made up of all the health professionals of our association.

In January this year, we sent 31 boxes of medical clothes to the Ghana Baptist Convention Health Services. We also had a presentation on zoom by the Director, Rev. Stephen Forkuoh who briefed us on the various projects they have undertaken and the kind of help they are looking for. The difficulty we are facing is to find leaders who will volunteer leadership for this group.

I will take this opportunity to encourage our health professionals to avail themselves for this onerous task of sending medical missions to our dear motherland.

2.3 Ministers Fellowship

Our efforts to revive and build our Ministers fellowship has brought enormous transformation. A new wind of love, synergy, enthusiasm, cooperation and dedication is blowing. Our yearly retreats have seen immense improvements in attendance and participation.

Due to the importance of the Ministers Fellowship in building the capacity of pastors to effectively serve their churches, all churches are required to sponsor the participation of their pastors in the activities of the Fellowship. Such sponsorship should cover annual dues, airfare, hotel accommodation, and pocket money for attending the yearly ministers' retreats,

In March, the Pastoral Remuneration Implementation Committee constituted by NABA organized a capacity-building seminar to explain a new policy document on Pastoral Staff Compensation and Benefits. Deacons and members of Finance and Personnel Committees from our churches attended the seminar to equip themselves to develop strategies and implement the policy. All churches should dedicate themselves to the immediate implementation of the policy.

I would encourage our churches to endeavor not to balance their budget on the back of their pastors. The addition of Rev. Dr. Nii Amoo Darku has added some impetus to our fellowship. Rev. Nii Amoo Darku is now the lead pastor of Peace Community Baptist Church in Baltimore Maryland. Senior, you're welcome.

2.4 NABA and GBC Relations

We have tremendously improved and streamlined the relationship between NABA and the Ghana Baptist Convention within the period under review. The fact that the President of the Convention is our Guest Speaker bears testimony to that fact. We assure the house that we will leave no stone unturned to further improve this already cordial relationship.

The WMU will in this convention present \$2000 from their coffers to the Ghana Baptist Convention to support the President's Shelter for worship initiative project. NABA in the near future will honor the request to finance the purchase of 12 Laptops for use by the association heads in the GBC.

2.5 Others

1. The levy of \$50 a year on every member of NABA for the engagement of a church planter catalyst is in effect. Please

if you have not yet paid please do so immediately.

2. The new funeral policy is also in place: At the unfortunate demise of one of us, each member is supposed to make a donation of \$20 towards the funeral.

3. The zonal Easter Convention took off in a grand style; and we hope to improve it by making some adjustments.

3.0 North American Baptist Association of Youth and Young Adults (NABAYA)

This year NABAYA celebrated their 10th Anniversary in a grand style in Virginia under the theme: Back to the Future (Rev 1:1-3). Attendance was very encouraging and we will encourage parents to invest in their youth in this regard. No stone will be left unturned to motivate and keep the Spirit's fire burning in our youth and Young adults, for they are the future of our ministry. Let me take this opportunity to thank Rev Patrick Amo Amoah who led them and imparted so much to our youth during the anniversary. Also deserving commendation are the Pastors of our churches and the church leaders who accompanied them to the convention. I will also thank their outgoing leadership for holding the fort during their tenure.

Newly Elected Officials:

President - David Owusu, Word of Life Baptist Church
 Vice President - Edna Afoakwah, Calvary International Baptist Ministries
 Secretary - Mame Koduah, New Creation Baptist Church
 Organizing Secretary 1 - Harriet Amofah, Amazing Grace Baptist Church
 Organizing Secretary 2 - Hannah Henris, Abundant Life Baptist Church

4.0 Evangelism, Missions, And Church Planting.

Members of the Committee have been able, through direct personal engagement, to bring back International Baptist Ministries of Phoenix, AZ to rejoin the NABA fold. Youth from the church participated in this year's NABAYA convention in Virginia. The church was able to participate in the Zonal Easter Convention, and the pastor, Rev. Yaw Poku participated in this year's ministers fellowship retreat in Denver, CO. I hope they have a representation here.

4.1 New Church Plants

The main thrust of our church planting activity has been new church plants in Toronto, Canada, spearheaded by Rev. Daniel Addai Smith, Lead Pastor of Baptist International Worship Center (BIWC).

The first church plant started meeting on April 7, 2024 in North York, under the leadership of Pastor Mcpherson Al-Hassan. Twenty-six people, mainly from Sierra Leone, Kenya, and Ghana attended the first meeting, and the new church is set to grow as they continue to focus on evangelism and discipleship.

A second church plant has been started by Rev. Addai Smith in the city of Barrie. The church started in May 2024 with 11 members who are currently engaged in Bible studies, prayer and fellowship. They are also engaging the community through evangelism. There are plans to start two other churches in the metro Toronto area by the end of 2024.

Currently, the Committee has identified the following cities for new NABA church plants in the USA.

1. Nashville, TN
2. Charlotte, NC
3. Minneapolis, MN
4. Dallas, TX
5. Los Angeles, CA

5.0 Politics

I will be doing a great disservice to this gathering if I fail to request prayers for a peaceful election in both the US and Ghana this year. Many politicians have become manipulators; and as someone has said, and I quote,

“Manipulators always want something from you, and if you look back on your relationships with them, it's all take, take, take, with little or no giving. They'll do anything to win you over just so they can work you over.”

I would therefore appeal to all agencies and those responsible for free and fair elections to endeavor to protect and uphold the will of the people. Violence in elections and electoral fraud should be a thing of the past and governments must ensure that citizens are offered the right to elect their leaders freely.

The electorate on the other hand must also ensure that the power to vote is never taken for granted and must vow to choose good leaders—dedicated and visionary rather than callous, greedy and self-seeking ones.

6.0 Conclusion

In conclusion I would like to reiterate the fact that our strength lies in our diversity, oneness and mutual cohesion. Division does harm and so we cannot accept the fact that division and schisms are catalysts for growth. The paradigm must shift.

We cannot underestimate the power of unity; that is why I will continue to advocate and work towards the unification of churches scattered in the same localities and cities. Even though these churches are struggling, leaders are still content and are saddled with the fear of sacrificing their positions of leadership on the altar of unity.

The Fact that small churches struggle must not be put off the radar. Strong and well resourced churches will surely be the engine for growth and ultimately the catalyst to fulfill the vision to make NABA bigger.

Our collective efforts to build NABA bigger must be characterized by unwavering tenacity, unrelenting hard work, enduring persistence, and unshakable commitment to our shared vision that has propelled us thus far.

The question is, will we recognize and take the opportunity of coming together or will we focus on the near impossibilities and miss the grand opportunity for radical inner change that this spiritual experience offers?

The clock cannot be turned back if we fail to make good the opportunities that present themselves.

Our shared mission must help forge an indomitable bond among us. It is only this bond that will help us through our highs and lows, our challenges and triumphs. We will make progress if all of us are unflinchingly committed to the same cause. We must unwaveringly resolve to work together, always keeping our shared goals at the forefront. That is the surest way to success.

20 Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

21 make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you[fn] what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.



REV. JOHN BIO ASANTE, MDIV.

PRESIDENT OF NABA

The Reverend John Bio Asante serves as the 5th President of the North American Baptist Association of the Ghana Baptist Convention (NABA).

The association currently has 21 Ghanaian Baptist Churches in the United States of America and Canada. He was one of the founding members of this association and has since held many executive positions before becoming its President in July, 2021.

Rev. John Bio Asante is also the Lead Pastor of New Creation Baptist Church, Millbury Massachusetts USA. He was one of the founding members of this church and has pastored it since its inception in April, 2004.

Rev John Bio Asante was a founding member of Grace Baptist Church, Mim Ahafo, Ghana, and a Deacon in Grace Baptist Church,

Amakom Kumasi for several years, before moving to the United States.

Rev. John Bio Asante is an ordained minister of the Ghana Baptist Convention, and a recognized minister of both the American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts (TABCOM) and the American Baptist churches USA (ABCUSA). He serves on the Board of Directors of the Conference of Baptist Ministers, Massachusetts (CBMM).

Rev. John Bio Asante holds a MDiv (cum laude) from Bethel Seminary St. Paul, Minnesota. He also holds a Dip. Mech. Eng., from the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana.

Rev. John Bio Asante is married to his beautiful wife Sussana Bio-Nyarko, with four grown up children and nine grandchildren.

EDUCATION

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Rev. Enoch Thompson is currently the Executive President of the Ghana Baptist Convention since 2022. Rev. Thompson has been involved in Christian ministry from his secondary school days, through university. He has ministered both in and outside Ghana.

He has been a trainer of ministers through the Maranatha University College (Accra), the Prairie Graduate School (Calgary, Canada), and currently serves as an Adjunct Lecturer of the Ghana Baptist University College. He has been involved in the training of Children's Sunday School teachers and in field work among children. Rev. Thompson preaches in many Baptist and non-Baptist churches.

Rev. Thompson also worked at Messiah Baptist Church for seventeen years as Administrative Assistant, Associate Pastor, and Head Pastor. He was also actively involved at Hope for Life Christian Fellowship (Calgary, Alberta- Canada) He served as Vice President (Ministries) of the Ghana Baptist Convention, from 2014 to 2022.



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He currently serves as the Vice Chairman of the Christian Council of Ghana. He is a Member of the Trustees of the Christian Council of Ghana. He is a member of the Eminent Persons Group, an interfaith think-tank and monitoring group for peaceful prosecution of the 2024 elections. He has been elected the Chairman of the Western Region of the All Africa Baptist Fellowship.

He serves as a member of the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance. His passion is to know Christ, to make Christ known, and to see a vibrant Christianity that makes a difference in the quality of life of believers.

Rev. Enoch Thompson is married to Mrs. Dina Thompson; they have four young-adult daughters.

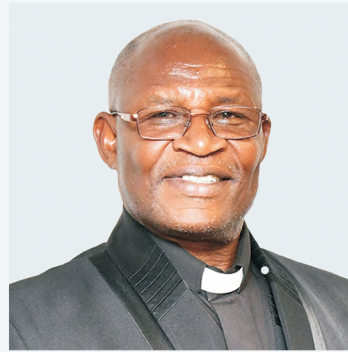
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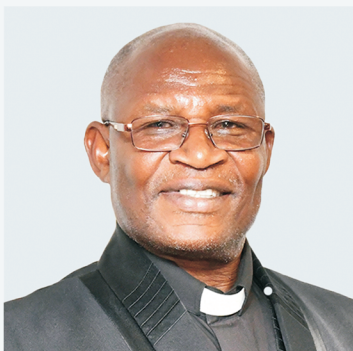
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Rev. Samuel Nana Opoku
Ministers Fellowship President



Rev. Kwaku Wiafe Akenteng
Men's Ministry President



Pastor Patience Asomaning
WMU President

ORDER OF SERVICE

DAY ONE: FRIDAY JULY 26TH, 2024

- 1:00pm. - 5:00pm. Arrival and check-in at hotel - NABA Treasurers and Local Organizing Committee
Church Groups and Family Pictures - Local Organizing Committee
- 5:00pm. - 6:30pm. Dinner - Local Organizing Committee
- 7:00pm. - 9:00pm. Opening and Prayer Service - Local Church /Prayer Team
MC: Deacon Thomas Gyamfi (A-Life Baptist)

DAY TWO: SATURDAY JULY 27TH, 2024

- 7:00am. - 7:30am. Personal Devotion
- 7:30am. - 8:00am. Kids Breakfast - Local Organizing Committee

OPENING SESSION: 8:00AM - 12:00PM

- 8:00am – 9:00am. Prayer Session – Rev. Eric Aidoo/Rev. Philip Oheneba Amofah
- 9:00am - 9:05am Call to Worship – Rev. Matthew Amissah
- 9:15am. – 9:20am. Convention Hymn (Revive Us Again)
- 9:20am. – 9:40am. Worship and Praises – Joint NABA Worship Team
- 9:40am. – 9:50am. Welcome and Introduction of Churches and Guests – NABA Secretary
- 9:50am. – 10:05am. Welcome Address – Rev. John Bio Asante (NABA President)
- 10:05am. – 10:10am. Special Music – Breath of Life (A-Life Baptist)
- 10:10am. – 10:25am. Fraternal Greetings – MC
- 10:25am. – 10:35am. Guest of Honor's Address (Mr. Harold Agyeman, Ghana's Ambassador to the United Nations)
- 10:35a.m. – 10:55am. Recognition of Ministers – Rev. John Bio Asante / Rev Samuel Nana Opoku
- 10:55am - 11:05am Offering – MC
- 11:05am. – 11:15am. Special Music – NABA Mass Choir
- 11:15am. - 11:20am. Introduction of Keynote Speaker – Rev. John Bio Asante
- 11:20am. - 11:55am. Keynote Address – Rev. Enoch Nii Narh Thompson
- 11:55am. – 12:00p.m. Closing Hymn (Bind Us Together)
- 12.00pm Closing Prayer/Benediction- Rev. Enoch Nii Narh Thompson

MC: Rev. Isaac Arthur

30 MINUTES BREAK – 12:00PM – 12:30PM

AFTERNOON SESSION - 12:30 PM. – 5:00 PM.

- 12:30pm. – 12:35pm. Opening prayer – Rev Seth Opoku
- 12:35pm. – 12:45pm. Praises – Joint NABA Worship Team
- 12:45pm. – 2:15 pm. Breakout session (4 groups)
- 2:15pm. – 2:30pm. Worship - Joint NABA Worship Team
- 2:30pm. – 3:30pm. Social Networking: Women, Men's, Youth and Ministers- Separate Meetings
- 3:30pm - 3:35pm Closing Prayer: - MC
- 3.35pm-4.00pm Medical Mission

MC – Rev. Dr Charles Owusu

- 6:00pm. – 6:45pm. Dinner

EVENING SESSION – 7:00PM – 10:00PM

- 7:00pm. – 9:00p.m. Prayer Session - Rev. Collins Agyemang/
Rev Isaac Arthur/ Rev Wilberforce Adu-Gyamfi/ Rev. Eric Aidoo
- 9:00pm - 10:00pm Business Meeting

MC – Rev. Paxman Boadu

ORDER OF SERVICE

DAY THREE – Sunday July 28th, 2024

7:00a.m. – 7:30a.m.	Personal Devotion
8:00a.m. – 8:30a.m.	Kids breakfast

ORDER OF SERVICE 8:30am – 9:30am

8:30am – 9:30am	Sunday School (Oneness)
9:30am – 9:45am	Organ Prelude
9:45a.m. – 9:50a.m.	Call to Worship – Rev Patrick Amo Amoah
9:50a.m. – 9:55a.m.	Convention Hymn – Revive Us Again
9:55a.m. – 10:25a.m.	Adoration - NABA Praise Team
10:25a.m. – 10:30a.m.	Pastoral Prayer – Rev. Dr Nii Amoo Darku
10:30a.m. – 10:35a.m.	Welcome and Greetings - MC
10:35a.m. – 10:50a.m.	Praises & Offertory - NABA Praise Team
10:50a.m. – 10:55a.m.	Scripture Reading (Romans 14:19-23) – Rev. Kofi Boateng / Ohemaa Kodua
10:55a.m. – 11:00a.m.	Special Song - NABA Mass Choir
11:00a.m. – 11:35a.m.	Sermon – Rev Nii Narh Thompson
11:35a.m. – 12:15p.m.	APPEAL FOR FUNDS - Rev John Bio Asante
12:15pm – 12:35pm	Praises
12:35pm – 12:45pm	Presentation & Recognition of New Nabaya EC- Rev John Bio Asante
12:45pm – 12:55pm	Induction of New NABA EC- Rev Enoch Nii Narh Thompson
12:55pm – 1:10pm	Reading of Convention Resolution & Announcements
1:10p.m. – 1:15p.m.	Closing Hymn (Bind Us Together)
1:15p.m. – 1:20p.m.	Closing Prayer – Rev. Dr Agyei Mensah
1:20pm – 1:25pm	Benediction Rev Nii Narh Thompson

MC: Rev Samuel Nana Opoku

1:30p.m. – 2:30p.m.	Church and Family Pictures
2:30pm – 3:00pm	Lunch

Free Time

6:00pm – 7:00pm	Dinner/ Sandwich
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EVENING SESSION (7:00pm - 10:00pm) MUSICAL CONCERT

7:00pm – 7:30pm	Opening Prayer
7:30pm – 9:30pm	Worship and Praises (Musical Extravaganza)- Worship Team/Guest Artist
9:40pm – 9:50pm	President's Closing Remarks
9:50pm – 9:55pm	Vote of Thanks – Pastor Patience Asomaning
9:55pm – 10:00pm	Closing Prayer & Benediction-Rev Samuel Nana Opoku

MC: Deacon Frank Boamah

REVIVE US AGAIN

1. We praise Thee, O God!
For the Son of Thy love,
For Jesus Who died,
And is now gone above.

Refrain:

Hallelujah! Thine the glory.
Hallelujah! Amen.
Hallelujah! Thine the glory.
Revive us again.

2. We praise Thee, O God!
For Thy Spirit of light,
Who hath shown us our Savior,
And scattered our night.

3. All glory and praise
To the Lamb that was slain,
Who hath borne all our sins,
And hath cleansed every stain.

4. All glory and praise
To the God of all grace,
Who hast brought us, and sought us,
And guided our ways.

5. Revive us again;
Fill each heart with Thy love;
May each soul be rekindled
With fire from above.

BIND US TOGETHER

Bind us together, Lord
Bind us together
With cords that cannot be broken
Bind us together, Lord
Bind us together, Lord
Bind us together in Love

1. There is only one God,
There is only one King
There is only one Body,
That is why we can sing.

Bind us together, Lord
Bind us together
With cords that cannot be broken
Bind us together, Lord
Bind us together, Lord
Bind us together in Love

2. Fit for the glory of God,
Purchased by His precious Son
Born with the right to be free
For Jesus the victory has won.

Bind us together, Lord
Bind us together
With cords that cannot be broken
Bind us together, Lord
Bind us together, Lord
Bind us together in Love

3. are the family of God
We are the promise divine
We are God's chosen desire
We are the glorious new wine.

Bind us together, Lord
Bind us together
With cords that cannot be broken
Bind us together, Lord
Bind us together, Lord
Bind us together in Love

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NABA MINISTERS FELLOWSHIP

ANNUAL REPORT

This year, the Ministers Fellowship embarked on a program of action to equip ourselves to provide excellent leadership to our churches and NABA. Our goal is to become more effective in caring for the flocks under our care through building a deeper relationship with God as well as caring for our physical, social and psychological well-being.

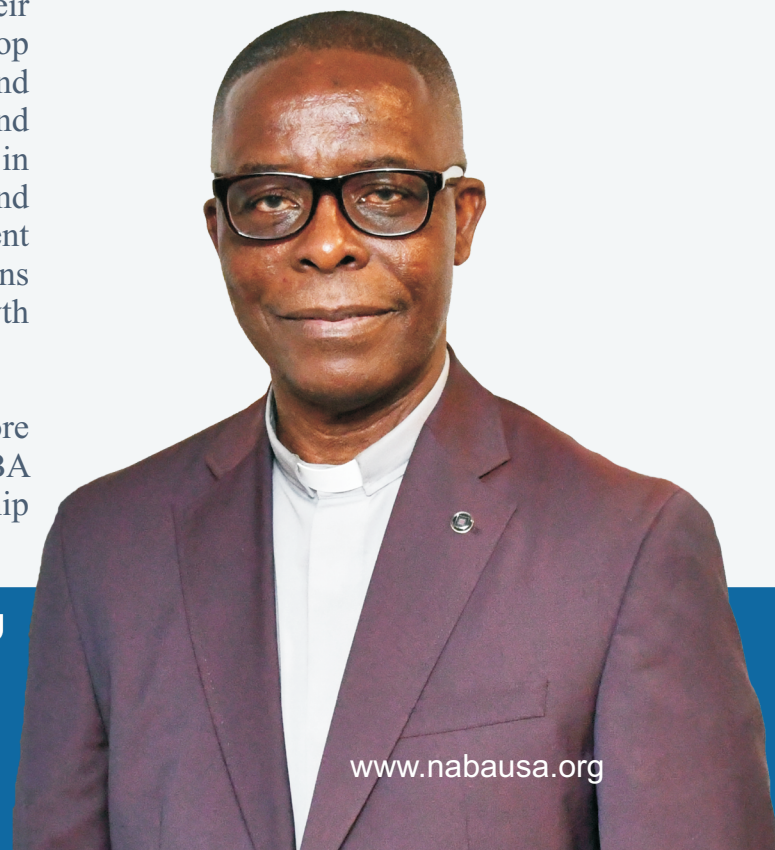
To this end, ministers resolved to develop a closer relationship with God and a deeper dependence on Him, and build synergy by supporting each other to build our churches and God's Kingdom. Ministers also resolved to: make progress in our lives and ministry through developing God-honoring character, competence, and content that would be evident to everyone, especially those we lead; endeavor to develop physical fitness as part of presenting our bodies as living sacrifices to God through whom He would bless His people; build God-honoring marriages and families as our primary mission field, build excellent relationships with members of our congregations based on the spirit of love, empathy, and seeking the good of our congregants, and making every effort to develop warm and mutually beneficial relationships with fellow ministers; and develop excellent mental and emotional health, through prayer and the Word of God, the relentless pursuit of wisdom, knowledge, understanding, and skills that will empower us to be successful in our calling.

Due to the importance of the Ministers Fellowship in building the capacity of pastors to effectively serve their churches, all churches are required to sponsor the participation of their pastors in the activities of the Fellowship. Such sponsorship should cover annual dues, airfare, hotel accommodation, and pocket money for attending the yearly ministers' retreats.

In March, the Pastoral Remuneration Implementation Committee constituted by NABA organized a capacity-building seminar to explain a new policy document on Pastoral Staff Compensation and Benefits. Deacons and members of Finance and Personnel Committees from our churches attended the seminar to equip themselves to develop strategies and implement the policy. All churches should dedicate themselves to the immediate implementation of the policy.

Again, members resolved to lead our churches to pay their yearly contributions to NABA; set up a Committee to develop a comprehensive end-of-term policy to guide our pastors and churches on pastoral retirement, leadership development, and succession plans; involve Ghana Baptist students studying in the US and Canada in the activities of the Association; and work with the NABA EC to set up a Partnership Development Board to source funding from various Christian organizations to support NABA's church planting efforts and other growth and development activities.

The Ministers are committed to playing a greater and more impacting role in fulfilling the vision of Building NABA Bigger through pursuing unity and oneness in our Fellowship and in all our churches.



REV. SAMUEL NANA OPOKU
PRESIDENT, NABAM

NABA WOMENS FELLOWSHIP (WMU)

ANNUAL REPORT

Scriptural basis for the union

For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building -1 Corinthians 3:9

Mission Statement

The NABA Women's Missionary Union's ministries (WMU) helps equip the leadership of the various WMU member churches to learn about missions and to impact missionary habits into the local assemblies/organizations.

The mission's work is done by way of prayer, material, and physical support in fulfillment of taking an active part in the Great Commission.

Objectives

Pray for missions, people in missions work and people that need to know and accept Jesus into their lives

Engage in missions and witnessing the gospel in word and deed through our actions, that Christ must be seen in us

Learn about missions so we can be co-laborers in the great commission.

Support missions through prayers, material things and other resources that can enhance/ lighten the burden of those on the field of missions.

Develop spiritually toward a mission' lifestyle by studying the word and living by it.

Participate in the work of the local church to fulfill its mission' mandate.

Executives

President – Patience Asomaning

Vice President – Grace Afful

Secretary – Rosina Adongo

Advisor – Adelaide Okrah

Membership

Membership is made up of the various WMU's of the churches within the North American Baptist Convention.

Three (3) persons represent each member church, comprising the president, vice-president, and secretary.

Meeting times

Meetings are held once every month on the second Sunday from 8pm – 9pm EST.

The meeting is open to all WMU members across North America.

Dues

Each local church pays \$20.00 each month.

In November, during the World Day of Prayer, a \$5.00 payment is supposed to be made by all ladies at the local church level which is collected and paid into the NABA WMU account.

Activities

Prayers.

Discussions on ways to fulfill our mandate as co-laborers.

Other social topics that are peculiar to women.

Long Term Plan

From careful deliberations, it was agreed that the WMU should also hold conventions to provide an opportunity for all women to meet, pray and fraternize.

It is anticipated that delegations will be sent from time to time on visitation assignment to various local assemblies to supervise activities and to encourage local members.

Income:

It is being anticipated that the Association would be able to raise at least \$5000 per year from dues and the World Day of Prayer contributions from the local assemblies.

Expenditure:

We would present \$2000 from our coffers to the Ghana Baptist Convention to support the Shelter for worship initiative project.



PASTOR PATIENCE ASOMANING
PRESIDENT, NABA WMU

NABA NABA MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

ANNUAL REPORT

Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend. Proverbs 27:17

EXECUTIVES

.President: Rev Kwaku Wiafi Akenteng
Secretary: Bro Stephen Aidoo

MISSION STATEMENT

The NABA men's fellowship mission is to help train and empower men of the various local churches, through the power of the Holy spirit to be discipline discipleships in their communities, and to become Christ like in characters.

To inspire men of NABA churches with a vision to impart our community for Jesus Christ and to help build strong families'

OBJECTIVES

- '1. Prayers for all men and evangelism for men to accept Jesus into their lives
- .2. Study the word of God and leave with it as man and participate in the work of the local churches.
3. We will encourage various local churches to have their monthly meetings and report to the leadership as needed
- .4. Provide strategic opportunities that will grow men in our local church and share Christ-like love in a tangible's ways in our churches in the community.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is made up of all men in various NABA churches.

MEETING TIMES

Meetings are held once every third Sunday of the month. From 8pm -9pm EST for all men in the various local churches on the NABA zoom line. Our meeting this year has be a challenge because of the lack of leadership.

SHORT TERM PLANS

The Leadership is currently looking for more leaders to enable the ministry to function more effectively.

LONG TERM PLANS

It is anticipated that delegations will be sent from time to time on a visitation duty to various local churches to supervise activities and to encourage local members. To have national NABA MEN'S FELLOWSHIP DAY where all men from all local churches will meet and wait on the lord in fasting and prayers.

To organize zonal leaders all over North America Baptist Convention to help build the ministry and to fulfill it require missions.2/2

OUTLINE OF PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR

1. Prayer meetings
2. Bible studies/discussions
3. Talk on men's health, exercises/fitness
4. Talk on Christian home/marriage
5. Importance of secondary's income

DUES

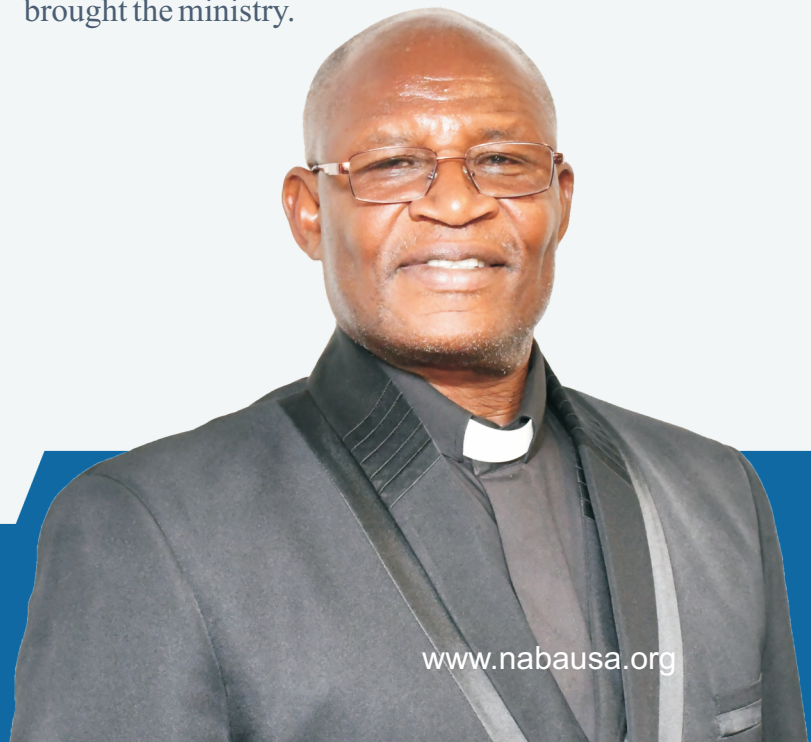
1. Currently the ministry does not have any income coming, still looking for leaders to help with financial plans.2. Looking for means to raising funds by asking members to pay monthly dues.

BUDGET

As of now we do not have any income or expenditure, however the event that money is required for anything, it would be on a contingency basis.

CONCLUSION

The leadership are grateful to God for how far he has brought the ministry.



PASTOR WIAFI AKENTENG
PRESIDENT, NABA MEN

NABA EVANGELISM, MISSIONS & CHURCH PLANTING COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORT

The Evangelism, Missions and Church Planting Committee was set up to spearhead the fulfillment of the main mission of the North American Baptist Association (NABA), to start new churches, nurture them to grow, and lead them to contribute to the expansion of the ministry of NABA.

The committee has deliberated on the strategies for fulfilling its purpose and wishes to bring the following plans to the attention of the EC and NABA churches for implementation:

New Church Plants

The main thrust of our church planting activity has been new church plants in Toronto, Canada, spearheaded by Rev. Daniel Addai Smith, Lead Pastor of Baptist International Worship Center (BIWC). The first new plant started meeting on April 7, 2024 in North York, under the leadership of Pastor Mcpherson Al-Hassan. Twenty-six people, mainly from Sierra Leone, Kenya, and Ghana attended the first meeting, and the new church is set to grow as they continue to focus on evangelism and discipleship. A second church plant has been started by Rev. Addai Smith in the city of Barrie. The church started in May 2024 with 11 members who are currently engaged in Bible studies, prayer and fellowship. They are also engaging the community through evangelism.

There are plans to start two other churches in the metro Toronto area by the end of 2024.

Factors that have facilitated these new plants in Canada have been a strategic plan to plant 10 churches in the metro area, as well as the availability of leadership. As leaders become available, Rev. Addai Smith will mobilize them to go through the process of praying, engaging the community and starting church services.

Currently, the Committee has identified the following cities for new NABA church plants in the USA.

1. Nashville, TN
2. Charlotte, NC
3. Minneapolis, MN
4. Dallas, TX
5. Los Angeles, CA

Preliminary contacts have been made with the Baptist Associations and some Ghanaian families in the above cities. The Committee will make further follow-ups to start the church planting process in the near future.

Members of the Committee have been able, through direct personal engagement, to bring back International Baptist Ministries of Phoenix, AZ to rejoin the NABA fold. Youth from the church participated in this year's NABAYA convention in Virginia. The church was able to participate in the Zonal Easter Convention, and the pastor, Rev. Yaw Poku participated in this year's ministers fellowship retreat in Denver, CO. We look forward to seeing them again at the Annual Renewal Convention in New Jersey.

The Committee in collaboration with Abundant Life Baptist Church and New Creation Baptist Church is in the process of replanting the church in Connecticut under the leadership of Pastor Joshua Boamah.

NABA EVANGELISM, MISSIONS & CHURCH PLANTING COMMITTEE

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Leadership Development

As a first step in identifying leaders for these new church plants, the Committee has started discussions with about ten Ghana Baptist Convention pastors who are studying at seminaries in the US and Canada to ascertain their availability to lead these new church plants upon graduation. Those who are available will be taken through further training and assessment at the North American Mission Board (NAMB).

Pastors of existing NABA churches have also been tasked to identify potential planters and team members from their churches for assessment and further training in the church planting process, after which they will be deployed to the field.

The Ghana Baptist Convention can also help to bring pastors from Ghana to lead the new churches by facilitating their immigration processes. This support will supplement the identification and training of pastors locally through the NABA Commission on Ordained Ministry.

Once the church plants in the aforementioned cities have taken off, the committee will target the following potential cities for the next phase of NABA church planting:

1. Austin, TX
2. Seattle, WA
3. Philadelphia, PA
4. Richmond, VA
5. Oklahoma City, OK

Appointment of Church Planting Catalyst

In view of the urgent need to hire a church planting catalyst, the committee has recommended that NABA establish a Partnership Development Board to solicit support from identified Christian organizations. Funds received through these partnerships can be used in paying the salaries of the church planting catalyst as well as pastor/planters of the new church. These funds will supplement existing resources of NABA.

Budget

In view of the above activities, we propose a budget of \$36,000 for the coming year. This amount will take care of travels, accommodation and meals, as well other costs in starting nucleus groups in the identified cities.

REV. PHILIP OHENEBA AMOFAH
CHAIRMAN



NABAYA 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

— ANNUAL REPORT —

Preamble:

We, the Youth of the North American Baptist Association of Ghana Baptist Convention inspired by the life and ministries of Jesus Christ, seek to build a dynamic and democratic youth organization with a deep spiritual experience and fellowship with Him, that will fulfill His mission for all young people, for the Church, for the Nation, and for all humanity.

Mission Statement & Vision:

The mission of the NABAYA is to promote fellowship and sharing of ideas for the evangelization, social engagement, growth, and development of member churches and beyond. To see that Christ is first, revealed and glorified in the lives of every young person and secondly, to see that Christ is revealed across every strata/system of society. NABAYA hopes to provide opportunities for mission and evangelism, strengthen the individual churches and institutions through training and education, act as an extension of the churches' mission, seeking to encourage, coordinate, and initiate ministry to the community and the world, foster fellowship among the churches and institutions, promote support for and participation in the work of NABA and Ghana Baptist Convention.

NABAYA Convention '24

- Theme: “Back to the Future”
- Text: Revelation 1:1-3
- attendance was motivating and extremely encouraging since last year
- climaxed the convention with a formal dinner as a way to celebrate the 10th anniversary
- looking forward to another in-person convection for 2025

Meetings:

The NABAYA Planning Committee began monthly meetings from December to February, which were held to remind people of some of the old youth conventions, specifically the 2023 one after the return from quarantine. From March to April, the committee held bi-weekly meetings. From April to May, the committee held weekly meetings. By this point, the committee was still planning towards the convention because of attendance delays and some members asking questions that somewhat sent the committee back during the planning process. The meetings were led by Edna Afoakwah (Calvary International Baptist Ministries) and Augustina B (Peace Baptist Church). Minutes were recorded by Mame Koduah (New Creation Baptist Church) and meetings were moderated by Stampley Asamoah-Ampofo (Liaison/Coordinator).

Planning:

The NABAYA Planning Committee discussed activities at the meetings and created the program lineup, with the assistance of the moderators. The Planning Committee had some difficulties with members not showing up for meetings until the last couple of weeks. Meetings were held for one hour but turned out to be ineffectively short towards the latter part of planning as people then decided to become more active in their participation. Overall, the efforts of the planning committee were well received at the convention

NABAYA 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

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The Conference:

Accomplishments:

We are proud to report that the conference was successful by the Grace of God. Very notably, members of NABAYA found that the spiritual aspect of this convention was one of the strongest since before the COVID hiatus. Attendees were moved by the sermons taught at the convention, with much appreciation to Rev. Patrick Amoah. His teachings include:

- This revelation is meant to prepare us for the future by unveiling the truth about what is to come directly from Jesus Christ himself. We need spiritual eyes and wisdom to discern its meaning.
- Like John, we are called to be faithful witnesses testifying to the truth revealed in Scripture about Jesus Christ and His coming kingdom, with our whole lives.
- As we read, hear and keep this revelation about the future, we are blessed with hope, purification and joyful expectation for Christ soon return. This should change how we live.

The future is bright and secure for all who put their trust in Jesus Christ. We can have confidence knowing He has overcome and will make all things new. Our call is to remain faithful witnesses until that glorious day, pointing all people “Back to the Future” that Awaits Them in Christ!

To climax, a 10th Anniversary dinner was held to commemorate the milestones NABAYA has reached, and it was very memorable to recognize and appreciate all that the Almighty God has done for us, as Youth. Finally, I am proud to report that, 2024 NABAYA Youth Convention had the best media production in years, and we will look back at the images and be grateful we all made it to the convention.

Challenges:

Leaders noticed a distinct lack of unity in the relationships of youth members in their local churches and in further evaluation found that local leaders need to do a better job at communicating information to their members and must do better to work and provide resources at the convention site.

Long Term Goals/Plans:

NABAYA aims to continue to hold powerful and annual youth conventions in efforts to give opportunities for all youth and young adults to encounter God, be transformed, empowered, to pray, and join in the fellowship of one another in order to carry out the Great Commission. We share this same interest in hosting monthly events on our zoom platforms.

Newly Elected Officials:

President - Davd Owusu, Word of Life Baptist Church

Vice President - Edna Afoakwah, Calvary International Baptist Ministries

Secretary - Mame Koduah, New Creation Baptist Church

Organizing Secretary 1 - Harriet Amofah, Amazing Grace Baptist Church

Organizing Secretary 2- Hannah Henris, Abundant Life Baptist Church

Stampley Asamoah-Ampofo

National Liaison and Coordinator



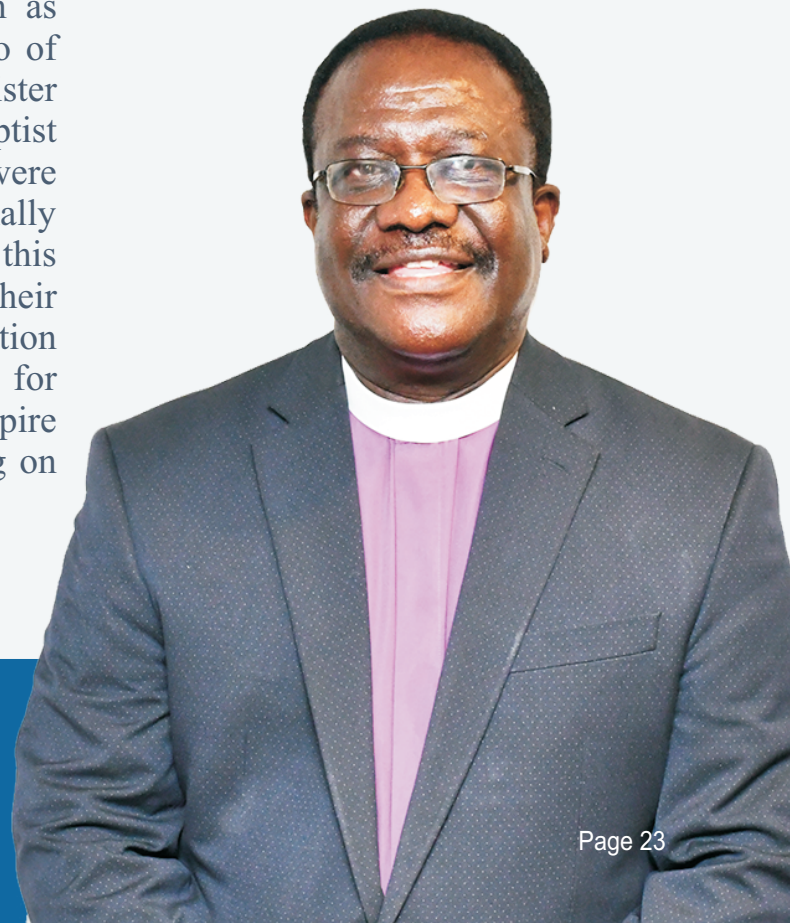
COMMISSION ON ORDAINED MINISTRY

ANNUAL REPORT

The NABA Commission on Ordained Ministries has been established to develop standards and procedures for the recruitment, training, recognition and ordination of ministers to serve in NABA churches. The Commission is also mandated to develop and promote appropriate standards and continuing education for ministerial effectiveness and discipline. The Commission is made up of two committees, namely, Ministerial Standing and Ministerial Preparation, and members serve on one of the two committees. The Committee on Ministerial Preparation (recruitment, training, capacity building, etc) is made up of Rev. Dr. Robert Setor, Rev. Patrick Amoah, Rev. Daniel Addai Smith, and Rev. Theophilus Arthur. Members of the Committee on Ministerial Standing (recognition, ordination, ministerial ethics and standards, etc) are Rev. John Bio Asante (NABA President), Rev. Samuel Nana Opoku (Ministers Fellowship President), Rev. Seth Opoku, and Rev. Dr. Charles Owusu, who also serves as the coordinator for the two committees of the Commission.

The Commission started its work with the compilation of names and contact information of those who made decisions at various gatherings of NABA and NABAYA to serve in various ministry capacities. The next step will involve setting up capacity-building seminars on Zoom to educate these brethren who have responded to God's call into ministry to help them understand the call and requirements for effectiveness in ministry. The Commission will then give specific assignments to the candidates to serve under the supervision of their pastors as part of the denominational track. The pastors will submit periodic evaluations of their ministry to the Commission. For those who would like to pursue an academic track at Baptist colleges and seminaries, the Commission will also provide guidance and facilitate their enrollment in these institutions.

This year, two candidates were interviewed by the Committee on Ministerial Standing for recognition as pastors. The candidates were Minister Alfred Saforo of Lifeway Baptist Church in Leominster, MA, and Minister Kwabena Nuako-Frimpong of Word of Life Baptist Church in Lithia Springs, GA. The candidates were successful at the interviews and will be formally recognized as pastors and presented with certificates at this convention. They will continue to serve under their respective pastors and participate in continuing education until they are recommended by their churches for ordination. Our hope is that their recognition will inspire other brethren to discover and develop God's calling on their lives.



REV. DR. CHARLES OWUSU
COORDINATOR, COOM

NABA FINANCE COMMITTEE

BUDGET REPORT

PROJECTED INCOME FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT	\$10,000.00
FIELD OPERATIONS	\$3,000.00
WOMENS MINISTRY	\$2,000.00
MENS MINISTRY	\$1,000.00
YOUTH MINISTRY	\$5,000.00
MINISTERS MINISTRY	\$3,000.00
MISSIONS	\$10,000.00
TRAVELLING/ETC	\$5,000.00
NABA EC EXPENSES	\$5,000.00
BENEVOLENT	\$3,000.00
ANNUAL CONVENTION	\$100,000.00
ADVERTISEMENT	\$2,000.00
STATIONERY/SUPPLIES	\$1,000.00
TOTAL	<u>\$150,000.00</u>

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR AUGUST 2023 THROUGH JULY 2024

I want to report that NABA is still depending on the allotment, the 4% contribution to NABA and the 3% contribution to the Ghana Baptist Convention in running the organizations day to day activities. Since I became a member of this committee it seems that few of the churches that the organization is depending on, the organization is still struggling in getting some of the churches to actively engage in contributing their part in any way shape or form in terms of their allotments, 4% or the 3%. We are still pleading to encourage and pray that these churches that are not contributing to come and help so the burden will not fall only on few churches as it has always been spoken about at our delegate meeting and renewal conventions by our leaders.

This year I had a chance to be part of the NABAYA 10th annual convention in Sterling, VA and to make long story short God was good these young adult were move with the things of God and doing the work of God, but in all these it seems like given is not thought as part of God work about two hundred and fifty (250) young adult worshipers they were not able to raise two thousand dollars as an offertory and fundraising and they are the future of this organization. We need to encourage these young adults give so they will be blessed.

Overall, our income this year was down by 50%; Our Allotment contribution went down by 90%, our 4% contributions went down by 60% and our 3% contribution to the Ghana Baptist convention also went down by 60%. We would like to give a shout out to Abundant Life Baptist, New Creation Baptist, Solid Rock Baptist church,

All Nations Baptist church for their continuous massive support to the NABA organization as they contributed about 80% of the total annual revenues of NABA, and the same was reported at our 2023 convention despite all their challenges and to take this opportunity also to encourage the less contributors to try and raise their bar.

Again, we want to announce that, NABA was able to send about \$10,000.00 worth of hospital equipment with shipment to Ghana Baptist Convention from the NABA contributions.

Also, we are still recommending to all the NABA churches and the Leaders, various auxiliary groups to adopt the ways of paying and sending dues and allotment and contributions through various ways of money transfers. E.g., Zelle Cashapp, it will serve tremendously well to the convention.

CATEGORY (A) CHURCHES ALLOTMENT PLEDGE OF \$5,000.00

1. Abundant Life Baptist Church, Bronx, NY
2. All Nations Baptist Church, Columbus, OH
3. New Creation Baptist Church, Millbury, MA
4. Solid Rock Baptist Church, Aurora, CO
5. Revival Int. Baptist Ministry, Alexandria, VA

CATEGORY (B) CHURCHES ALLOTMENT PLEDGE OF \$3,000.00

1. United Faith Baptist Church, Worcester, MA
2. Amazing Grace Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA
3. Word & Spirit Baptist Church, Alexandria, VA
4. Word Of Life Baptist Church, Lithia Spring, GA

CATEGORY (C) CHURCHES ALLOTMENT PLEDGE OF \$1,000.00

1. Lifeway Baptist Church, Leominster, MA
2. Calvary Int. Baptist Ministry, Bolingbrook, IL
3. Praise Community Baptist Church, Houston, TX
4. Baptist Int. Worship Center, Brampton, Ontario-Canada
5. Peace Baptist Church, Baltimore, MD
6. International Baptist ministries, Arizona
7. Joy Baptist church, VA
8. Royal Missionary, VA
9. Believers Baptist church, VA
10. Manasseh Baptist VA

Let us all prayerfully consider this as we look forward after this renewal convention, for our churches are sowing a bigger into our bigger ministry that is feeding us all.

CHALLENGES AND OBSERVATIONS

1. Quoting or repeating from our last year's report, our pastors and church leaders will continue to be a very important substructure of this plan. We will continue to ask them to continue with the good work and more, in order to reach the set achievable, with regard to the allotments and their church contributions.

2. Equally important is the need to encourage their church members who pledged to do well to redeem their pledges in a timely manner

3. The treasury will continue to send the list of members who pledge during the convention to their respective church treasurers and remind them of the timely payments whenever possible

4. We would like to present a budget for the year 2024-2025 as \$150,000.00 same as last year and trust the Lord this time for a miracle.

We are optimistic with God's help and with hope to be able to get-together this year celebrate our great convention with a strong financial edge.

Thank you and God bless us all.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kwadwo Yeboah, (Treasurer)
Deacon Eric Odoi Ansah (Asst, Treasure)
Dr Victor Owusu Nantwi (Co-opt)
NABA Finance Committee

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

PERIOD: AUGUST 2023 THROUGH JULY 2024

Update: 06/10/2024

NAME OF CHURCH	N.A.B.A 4%	2023-2024 ALLOTMENT	GBCIMB 3%	FUNERAL	2023-2024 PLEDGES	TOTAL
BALANCE B/F	\$63,682.97		\$15,877.68			\$79,560.65
All Nations, OH	\$7,827.96		\$5,218.64	\$2,000.00		\$15,046.60
Amazing Grace, GA						
Baptist Int. Canada	\$300.00		\$200.00			\$500.00
New Creation, MA	\$4,938.00	\$5,000.00	\$3,292.00	\$1,000.00		\$14,230.00
Lifeway Baptist, MA	\$480.00		\$320.00			\$800.00
Abundant Life, NY	\$12,600.00		\$8,400.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$24,200.00
Solid Rock, Den, CO	\$5,473.80		\$3,649.20	\$1,500.00		\$10,623.00
Word & Spirit Bapt. VA	\$600.00		\$400.00			\$1,000.00
Word of Life Bapt. GA	\$720.00		\$480.00	\$300.00		\$1,500.00
Calvary Int. Baptist. IL						
United Faith Baptist. MA		\$2,000.00		\$1,000.00		\$3,000.00
Revival Baptist. VA	\$1,200.00		\$800.00	\$1,000.00		\$3,000.00
Praise Comm. Bapt. TX	\$300.00		\$200.00			\$500.00
Peace Baptist. MD	\$128.40		\$85.60	\$500.00		\$714.00
Royal Missionary. VA						\$-00
Believers Baptist. GA						\$-00

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

Joy Baptist, VA						
Inter. Baptist	\$300.00		\$200.00			\$500.00
E' ZONAL NORTHEAST	\$4,426.00					\$4,426.00
E'ZONAL NORTHWEST	\$-00					
E'ZONAL CENTRAL	\$2,500.00					\$2,500.00
E' ZONAL SOUTHWES	\$836.00					\$836.00
E' ZONAL SOUTHEAST	\$2,068.00					\$2,068.00
Women's Fellowship	\$7,467.02					\$7,467.02
Ministers Fellowship	\$1,749.04					\$1,749.04
Ministers Wives	\$954.00					\$954.00
N.A.B.A.Y.A	\$2,006.00					\$2,006.00
TOTALS	\$120,557.19		\$39,123.12	\$9,300.00	\$1,200.00	\$177,180.31
GBCIMB / EXPENSES			\$(10,899.00)			\$(10,899.00)
MINISTERS FELLOSHIP	\$(1,000.00)					\$(1,000.00)
MINISTERS WIVES	\$(300.00)					\$(300.00)
NABA EXPENSES						
NABAYA						
TOTALS	\$119,257.19	\$7,000.00	\$67,347.24			\$164,981.31

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

CASH AT BANK AS AT 06/12/2024

SAVINGS(NABA-10)	\$30,014.56
CHECKING _____	\$161,680.40
TOTAL _____	\$191,694.96

1	NABA CONTRIBUTIONS TOTALS	\$105,661.13
2	GHANA BAPTIST CONVENTION TOTALS	\$39,223.12
3	MINISTERS DUES TOTALS	\$1,700.00
4	MINISTERS WIVES DUES TOTALS	\$954.00
5	WOMENS MINISTRY	\$7,467.02
6	NABAYA YOUTH MINISTRY	\$2,006.00
7	EASTER CONVENTION	\$9,830.00
8	NABA FUNERAL CON.	\$9,000.00
TOTALS		\$175,841.27

INCOME BREAKDOWN

BALANCE B/F	\$79,560.00
2023 CONVENTION PLEDGE PAYMENT	\$1,200.00
2024 ZONAL EASTER CONCENTION	\$9,830.00
NABA FUNERAL CONTRIBUTION	\$9,300.00
MINISTERS DUES	\$1,700.00
MINISTERS WIVES	\$954.00
WOMENS FELLOWSHIP	\$7,467.02
NABAYA YOUTH MINISTRY	\$2,006.00

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

ALL NATIONS BAPTIST CHURCH, OH	\$13,230.00
AMAZING GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH	
BAPTIST INT CANADA	\$500.00
NEW CREATION	\$13,046.60
LIFEWAY	\$800.00
ABUNDANT LIFE	\$21,000.00
SOLID ROCK	\$9,123.00
WORD & SPIRIT	\$1,000.00
UNITED FAITH BAPTIST, MA	\$2,000.00
REVIVAL INTERNATIONAL, VA	\$2,000.00
PRAISE COMMUNITY	\$500.00
PEACE BAPTIST CHURCH	\$214.00
CALVARY INTERNATIONAL, IL	
ROYAL MISSIONARY	
WORD OF LIFE, GA	\$1,200.00
BELIEVERS BAPTIST GA, MENASSEH	
JOY	
INTERNATIONAL BAPTIST AR.	\$500.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$177,130.62
EXPENSES	
GHANA BAPTIST CONVENTION	
GHANA BAPTIST CONVENTION 60TH ANUERSARY DONATION	\$1,800.00
E.C., TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT & PER-DIEMS	\$5,332.37
GHANA BAPTIST CONVENTION DONATION	\$10,899.00
2024 NABAYA CONVENTION	\$59,596.50
MINISTERS F'SHIP CONVENTION	\$2,500.00
NABA WEBSITE DOMAIN RENEWAL	\$4,231.74
PETTY CASH FOR MAILING/BANKING FEES	\$351.99
NABA CONVENTION 2024 HOTEL DEPOSIT	\$36,500.00
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2023 NABA CONVENTION CONCLUDES WITH RENEWED VISION

The Christian Journal , Fairfield, NJ

The North American Baptist Association’s (NABA) Annual Renewal Convention ended successfully on Sunday, July 31, 2023 at the Double Tree by Hilton in Fairfield New Jersey.

The convention, which was under the theme: “Righteousness and Holiness, the Challenge of our time” and hosted by the church’s branch in New York – Abundant Life Baptist Church located in the Bronx, brought together, sixteen branches of the church in North America.

In his sermon on Sunday, the guest speaker for the convention, Rev. Dr. Nii Amoo Darku, said the theme for the occasion was prayerfully chosen to draw attention to the perversion, immorality and injustice confronting our world today. He admonished the redeemed to walk on the path of righteousness, which is the hallmark of every true Christian.

Dwelling on Isaiah 35:8-10, Dr. Amoo Darko cautioned pretenders to re-examine their lives and change for the better or risk making it to paradise – the intermediate resting place of believers who depart before the second coming of our Savior and Master Jesus Christ. He stressed that Salvation can be found only in Christ and those who reject Him will suffer the wrath of God on the day of reckoning.

In his welcome address, the President of the association, Reverend John Bio Asante said in line with the vision of his administration to “Make NABA Bigger, he would focus on improving the dynamics of change, intimating, “it was imperative that we innovate and venture into newer ways of doing ministry, ensuring that we accelerate growth by a firm resolve to maximize our own resources, prioritize our goals, and work assiduously towards our set goals. A goal without a plan

they say is a dream.”

Reverend Asante said the church has lots of talents in her youth as evidenced in the convention of the North American Baptist Association of Youth and Young Adults (NABAYA) held in Atlanta, Georgia and urged NABA to endeavor to put in every effort to tap, nurture and build these young men and women to reach their highest potential. “There is the need to grow and nurture the youth into responsible adults, mentoring and coaching them, to facilitate their involvement in ministry,” he said.

Touching on accountability, Reverend Asante intimated that the association cannot thrive without a strong and efficient Ministers Fellowship and entreated church leaders to hold their pastors accountable and provide the necessary resources to enable them to participate efficiently in the fellowship.

“Our present situation should challenge our churches to make a firm commitment to the vision to “Make NABA Bigger” for the benefit of all. Synergy, cooperation and unity, will wake us up, but arguments and divisions will polarize us to the point where we will miss our dreams, and render ourselves open to the enemy who is duty bound to divide us,” he advised.

Reverend Asante prayed for the direction and guidance of the Holy Spirit to be able to implement the vision of the fellowship. He said the sad reality of the church is that many Ministers and their congregations feel disillusioned, wounded, and exhausted and this is the time to wake up. “There is a horizon of hope for NABA if we keep our focus, tackle our challenges, innovate, reorient, re-order, and relocate our priorities in the years ahead. Our ministry must be holistic, relevant and effective,” he opined.



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