

## NATIONAL BLACK PRESBYTERIAN CAUCUS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

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## 2021 NBPC MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN:

"The Black Family, Congregation, and Community in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.): Navigating Identity, Equity, and Economics"

Dear NBPC Members, Mission Partners, and Friends:

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ! This announcement is for the **2021 National Black Presbyterian Caucus (NBPC) Membership Campaign**, November 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021.

You may now register at our website, <u>www.nationalnbpc.org</u> to pay your 2021 dues and update your profile electronically, or complete the enclosed application and mail it with your dues to the address at the bottom of the form.

As you know, the events of the year have been tremendously challenging.

Living and dying with the coronavirus pandemic, in quarantine quarters:

Dying alone in hospitals and at home.

Standing in food lines unabashed.

Loss of employment, income and closing of businesses.

Loss of communal worship and fellowship.

Disregarding of justice by law enforcement:

The "I can't breathe" and "say their name" movements. Protesting in the street by multi culture and multiethnic groups.

Matthew 25 has taught us that we live to help others. It is during these difficult times we can live out the true meaning of God's Word.

"Stoney the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod, felt in the days when hope unborn had died. Yet, with a steady beat, have not our weary feet come to the place for which our parents sighed. We have come over a way that with tears has been watered; we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered, out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last where the white gleam of bright star is cast" <sup>1</sup>.

We need your witness and gifts to realize our mission, which commits to advocacy, and social and racial justice. Your continued efforts are necessary to affect changes at all levels of the government in the Presbyterian church, if we expect to help our churches and communities.

Thomas K. Priest Gr.

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<sup>1</sup> "Lift Every Voice and Sing", by James Weldon Johnson