The time is swiftly counting down when we will converge on the city of Philadelphia, PA, for the 57th Annual Session of the Progressive National Baptist Convention.

Once the capitol of this great nation, Philadelphia is also the city where the Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776, where the Constitution was written and signed in 1787, and it is home to the iconic Liberty Bell, a symbol of freedom for all.

It seems providential that we gather in this historic city at this time in our nation’s history. This is a time when it seems that our nation is falling apart. This is a time when the founding principles embedded in the constitution are under attack. This is a time when the rights for which our fore-fathers and fore-mothers gave their lives are being eliminated.

Last month, PNBC gathered for ADVOCACY DAY on Capitol Hill. Specifically, we were visiting with Congress persons to express our opposition to the Farm Bill that is proposed and will soon be voted on by the House of Representatives. In addition to other cold-hearted components, this bill intends to again cut food stamps (SNAP – Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) to needy families and subsidize large agri-companies. This amounts to taking food out of the mouths of babies, children, the elderly and people who need assistance to feed themselves in order to help the wealthy grow richer. The whole economic strategy of this administration is to take from the poor and give to the rich. This is Robin Hood in reverse.

This is just one of the cruel policies proposed and perpetuated by this administration. Others include the elimination of health care, the dismantling of the public education system, HUD raising the rent of families in public housing, and attacking the crown jewel of the Civil Rights Movement, the Voting Rights Act. I could go on about this administration and its threat to democracy and humanity. They are attacking the very under-pinnings upon which our nation was founded.

The theme for this Annual Session is “Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community?” You will recognize this theme as the title of Dr. King’s last book. It is an important question to be raised at this critical time. Dr. King envisioned a “beloved community,” where racism, classism, militarism and poverty would no longer exist. But at this time, all these serpentine monsters have resurfaced and chaos has erupted.

During our gathering in Philadelphia, we will be focusing on these issues and how we can all become involved in changing this situation.

This 57th Annual Session will be one of the most important gatherings in our history.

Don’t miss it! Go to the website www.pnbcas.com and register today!

We thank Dr. James Hall and the Triumph Baptist Church for serving as our Host Pastor and Host Church. We thank all of the pastors and churches of Philadelphia for preparing for us and rolling out the red carpet while receiving us with open arms.
Advocacy Day 2018
Boots on the Ground - Fighting For You!
PROGRESSIVE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION

Philly 2018 At A Glance

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5TH:
If possible, you should try to be in Philadelphia for Sunday, August 5th. President Perkins will be preaching at 11:00 a.m. at the Triumph Baptist Church, our Host Church. Dr. James S. Hall is Senior Pastor and Host Pastor for this annual session. First Vice President, Dr. Timothy Stewart, will be preaching at the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church where Dr. Donald Moore is Senior Pastor.

Other PNBC pastors will be preaching in various churches in Philadelphia. A schedule will be provided for you upon arrival at the hotel.

Be there on Sunday to support our president and PNBC pastors and to launch our week into spiritual orbit.

MONDAY, AUGUST 6TH:
9:00 A.M. – THE ANGELA PROJECT
Usually, we start our convention on Monday night. This year, however, we begin at 9:00 a.m. Monday morning. Dr. Kevin Cosby, of Louisville, KY, along with representatives from the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, the National Baptist Convention of America, and others will provide information about The Angela Project and how we can participate in it.

ANGELA was the name of the first slave sold at the auction block in America. Slavery was an economic institution. We made this nation rich. We worked 400 years and didn't get paid. That economic injustice still burdens us today. 2019 will be the 400th anniversary of slavery.

We must lift our voice to address the issue of economic injustice. Be there for this informative presentation.

1:00 p.m. – PNBC Press Conference at the People’s Plaza near the Liberty Bell.

We will let Philadelphia know that PNBC is in town, why we are there, and what we will accomplish while there.

Transportation will be available at the Marriott for those who want to attend.

2:00 P.M. – 5:00 p.m. – EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

7:00 P.M. – MISSIONS & EVANGELISM WORSHIP SERVICE

Hear and learn about these great vibrant departments of PNBC. An ecumenical group of Philadelphia pastors will be present to demonstrate our unity in the Kingdom of God.

Dr. Ralph Douglas West, pastor, Church Without Walls, Houston, TX will preach.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7TH:
6:00 A.M. – 7:00 A.M. – MORNING MANNA – THE CONVENTION AT PRAYER
Start the day out seeking the face of God! Let us gather to pray for a mighty move of God. We want the Holy Spirit to fall on Philadelphia while we are there.

7:00 A.M. – CONGRESS IN SESSION – Study! Learn! Grow!

10:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. – PASTORS & MINISTERS DIVISION

10:00 A.M. – OPENING SESSION – OFFICIAL SOUNDING OF THE GAVEL - Business Reports

5:00 P.M. – YOUTH EXPLOSION
This night we showcase the talents of our youth. Their concert will feature special Guest Artist, Malcolm Williams ("The Blood Still Works"), Chicago, IL.

Our youth will celebrate in gospel rap, the Spoken Word, and contemporary gospel music.

All week our youth will experience “Philadelphia L.U.V.” (Leadership • Unity • Volunteerism) through youth mixers, mime teams, recreation, recognition, witnessing, dance teams, volunteer opportunities and a youth business venture. Our youth need our support. Bring the youth of your church to be a part of this exciting week. They will mix and mingle with other youth from across the country. They will have their faith fortified and will be given instruction to help them make good choices in life.

7:00 P.M. – FAITH AND EDUCATION WORSHIP SERVICE

This night we focus on PNBC’s mission in education. We hear greetings from seminaries we partner with, our support of Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and the progress we’re making to re-open the Nannie Helen Burroughs School.

ALL PASTORS AND DELEGATES ARE ASKED TO BRING A SPECIAL OFFERING FOR THE NANNIE HELEN BURROUGHS SCHOOL TO ASSIST THEIR BOARD’S EFFORTS IN RE-ESTABLISHING THE SCHOOL.

It is going to be an exciting evening filled with information, special music and powerful preaching.

Dr. Albert Campbell of Philadelphia, PA will be our guest preacher.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8TH:
6:00 A.M. – 7:00 A.M. – MORNING MANNA – THE CONVENTION AT PRAYER

7:00 A.M. – CONGRESS IN SESSION

DEPARTMENTAL MEETINGS

10:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. – PASTORS & MINISTERS DIVISION

10:00 A.M. – PLENARY SESSION – SOCIAL JUSTICE

In this session, we highlight the work of our Social Justice Commission.

Bishop William Barber will inform us about participating in the upcoming Poor People’s Campaign.

Heather Taylor of Faith In Public Life will share information regarding the 2020 census.

Chairman, Raphael Warnock and his team will share further information about our PNBC Social Justice Agenda.

12:00 NOON – THE GARDNER C. TAYLOR HOUR

Guest Preacher, Dr. William J. Shaw, Former President, National Baptist Convention, USA

1:00 P.M. – WOMEN’S LUNCHEON

3:00 P.M. – SOCIAL JUSTICE WORKSHOP

5:00 P.M. – FAMILY NIGHT

- Enjoy planned activities and other sites and sounds of Philadelphia.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9TH:
6:00 A.M. – 7:00 A.M. – MORNING MANNA – THE CONVENTION AT PRAYER

10:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. PASTORS AND MINISTERS DIVISION

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This is the final year of Dr. Perkins’ tenure as our president. Let us be present to thank God for all He used President Perkins to do to move Progressive forward.

CONCLUSION:
These are just a few highlights for our week together. It is by no means exhaustive. There is much, much more that you have to look forward to.

Remember now, this is one of the most important sessions in our 57 year history. Don’t miss it! Register today @ pnbcas.com. See you in Philadelphia!

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