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To: PNBC Executive Board Members, Pastors, Members and Department Leaders

From: Dr. T. DeWitt Smith, Jr., Chairman
60th Anniversary Finance Committee

Subject: Our 60th Anniversary

Dear Pastors, Department Leaders, Members and Friends of PNBC, Inc.,

What a mighty God we serve that we should be brought to this moment of joy so that we can celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc. this coming August 1-5, 2021. In our churches, we celebrate our high holy days with special gifts to the LORD as an act of love and thanksgiving, and in many cases these gifts show special support. This support is a “budget booster” to meet our financial obligations and in some instances clear our debts.

I have been asked to chair the Finance Committee by Dr. Ralph W. Canty, Sr. who was appointed by our illustrious President, Dr. Timothy Stewart, and our Executive Board approval to serve as the Chair of the 60th Anniversary Steering Committee. So, let me get right to the point. We show our love for PNBC, Inc. by giving and in serving. Although, we are separated from physical attendance we can still share financially, serving from afar. We are asking each Pastor along with your church congregation to give a love gift of \$600.00. We are asking each of our PNBC members and your circle of influence to contribute individual gifts of \$60.00.

Even in tough times such as we are experiencing, the Apostle Paul shared with the Corinthian congregations that the Philippian Church contributed in the midst of their poverty (2 Corinthians 8:4) – they begged for the opportunity to participate in giving. By 2 Corinthians 9:6-11, Paul is sharing an advantage and blessing from giving, by using an agricultural example to present a spiritual truth: when we sow seeds (financial) bountifully (out of your hearts) we will receive bountiful blessings from what we sow – it should be given freely. Then he clinches his illustration by saying, *For God loves a Cheerful Giver* (v. 9 – italics and uppercase, mine for emphasis).

Reverend Dr. Timothy Stewart
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Reverend Dr. Ralph W. Canty
STEERING COMMITTEE CHAIR

I am sure you are cheerful givers by your past records of love and generous contributions to PNBC, Inc. for the work of the convention. Join with me, our Finance Committee Co-Chairs Dr. Marion Newton (SC) and Dr. Cleopatrik Lacy (GA), Parent Body Vice Presidents, Regional Vice Presidents, and our former Presidents and share your love gift and seed of commitment (\$60.00 per individual, and \$600.00 per Church) by Cheerfully Giving to our 60th Anniversary by the second week in July 2021. It will bless PNBC, Inc. and we will be praying to God Almighty in Jesus' name to triple your blessings for every dollar given. On the Memo Line of your checks put Our PNBC, Inc. 60th Anniversary Love Gift.

In the King's Service, and with thanks, I am,



Dr. T. DeWitt Smith, Jr., Chairman
60th Anniversary Finance Committee, and
18th President of PNBC, Inc.

