

Farewell Banquet for Dr. Haggray: RSVP by TODAY

There will be a Farewell Banquet to pay tribute to Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Haggray for his eight years of service to the D.C. Baptist Convention and to wish him well as the new Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church of the City of Washington on **Tuesday, Dec. 15 at 6:30 p.m., Hilton Washington, DC/Silver Spring, 8727 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, MD 20910**. The cost is \$45/person and includes dinner and a contribution toward the gift for Dr. Haggray. If you would like to attend, you may rsvp online or send your payment (checks made payable to D.C. Baptist Convention) to DCBC, 1628 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20009 by **Monday, December 7**.

Book of Tributes

We are preparing a "Book of Tributes" for Dr. Haggray and would love for you to submit your words of encouragement or favorite memories for inclusion. Please submit **Letters of Tribute** on an 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of paper to: Rev. Leslie Copeland-Tune, DCBC, 1628 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20009 by **Wednesday, December 9** (the deadline has been extended). You may also email it to Leslie.copeland-tune@dcbaptist.org. For more information about the "Book of Tributes," please contact Leslie Copeland-Tune or Lashanor Doolittle at 202.265.1526.

DCBC Celebrates the Life of Vernetta Perry

DCBC staff and member churches celebrated the life of Ms. Vernetta Perry with her family and friends on November 20 at The Temple of Praise in Southeast Washington. Perry, a longtime employee of DCBC who worked at the Johanning Center for more than 12 years, was a beloved part of the staff and will be missed for her unwavering faith and her loyal service to the churches and ministry of the D.C. Baptist Convention.

Teague Named DCBC Foundation Executive Director

The District of Columbia Baptist Convention Foundation has selected as its third Executive Director Ellen Sims Teague, a former staff member and Board chairman of the Foundation. Mrs. Teague, who has for more than fifteen years been a key staff person for the Baptist World Alliance, will begin work Jan. 1, 2010, succeeding Dr. Joseph M. Smith, who is retiring. Click [here](#) to read full announcement.

UBC Children Collect Pennies to help Poor People

Children at University Baptist Church in College Park, Md. are collecting pennies for the poor as part of National Ministries of the American Baptist Churches USA's Penny Project. So far they've collected more than 84,500 (\$845) in pennies and other change. The Gazette newspaper recently ran an article about their efforts. Click [here](#) to read this encouraging and heartwarming story.

Please Support NCAMO

The D.C. Baptist Convention is continuing its National Capital Area Missions Offering (NCAMO) campaign, "The Face of Possibility." This offering goes to maintain the numerous ministry efforts supported by DCBC—efforts made possible through the gifts of DCBC member churches. If you have already contributed, thank you so much for your gifts. If not, there is still time to give by December 31. Please prayerfully consider giving a sacrificial offering to the important ministry work of DCBC. It takes all of us working together to "strengthen our network and build God's kingdom." To find out more about NCAMO, watch a short video or to give online, go to www.dcbaptist.org/ncamo or click the link.

Baptist State Conventions Feel Effects of Economy

Associated Baptist Press is reporting that several Baptist state conventions, feeling the effects of the economy, have voted to reduce their budgets for the coming year. [Read the story](#).

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

The DCBC Office will be closed from Thursday, December 24 through Friday, January 1, 2010. The office will re-open on Monday, January 4. Wishing you God's blessings during the holiday season!

Annual DCBC Committee/Team Orientation

The Annual Committee/Team Orientation will be held on **Thursday, January 14** at 6:30 p.m. at First

Baptist Church of the City of Washington, D.C. All committee and team members are asked to attend. More details are forthcoming but please save this date on your calendar.

Religious Educators To Meet

There will be a Religious Educators Support Group meeting for laypersons or ministers who are leading their churches in Christian Education on **Tuesday, January 12** from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Baptist Building, 1628 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. For more information or to RSVP, call 202.265.1526.

Immigration Work Group Meeting

The Immigration Work Group will meet at 10 a.m. on **Thursday, January 14** at the Baptist Building, 1628 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. The work group is preparing a curriculum for youth whose parents are immigrants and planning a youth conference for immigrant youth. Pastors and other leaders of immigrant congregations are especially encouraged to attend.

Ministers Fellowship To Discuss Trauma

On **Tuesday, January 26**, the Ministers Fellowship will host a discussion on "Faith and Mass Trauma" with the Rev. Dr. Sherrill McMillan, president of Garment's Hem, Inc. The gathering will be held at the Baptist Building, 1628 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. from noon to 1:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided. The cost is \$8.

Spiritual Gifts Workshop

DCBC will host a workshop on Spiritual Gifts on **Saturday, January 23** at 9:30 a.m. at the Johnenning Baptist Community Center, 4025 Ninth Street, SE, Washington, D.C. This workshop will help laypersons discover and use their spiritual gifts. Robert Cochran will be the facilitator. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend or let a friend know about this opportunity to learn more about spiritual gifts.

Employment Opportunities

Interim Regional Minister. The District of Columbia Baptist Convention is seeking an Interim Regional Minister. This is a part-time (20 hours per week to include office presence) position with no medical or retirement benefits.

Applicants must have a degree from an accredited seminary, be an effective pastor to pastors with listening and coaching skills, have proven administrative skills, and knows how to bring creative persons together for ministry and program building. For a more comprehensive list of the position qualifications and responsibilities, click [here](#).

Inquiries and letters of application, including resumes and two (2) professional references attesting to your qualifications for this position should be sent to:

Dr. Ella Redfield
Search Committee, Chair
DC Baptist Convention
1628 16th Street NW
Washington DC 20009
202.265.1526

Applications can be faxed to 202.667.8258 or emailed to dcbc@dcbaptist.org. Please indicate "Interim Regional Minister Applicant" in the subject line.

Baptist Campus Minister (Part-Time). DCBC is looking for a part-time Campus Minister for American University. The Campus Minister is responsible for organizing and maintaining weekly Baptist student fellowships at the university, including such key elements as Bible study, discipleship, personal evangelism, mission service, and fellowship among students. For a complete job description, click [here](#).

Associate Pastor. McLean Baptist Church in McLean, Va. is looking for an Associate Pastor. McLean Baptist Church is seeking an individual to minister to the congregation, to serve God and the world. The

Associate Pastor will use his/her gifts to encourage, strengthen and support youth and their parents in their journey of faith. This position will also include oversight and assistance in the continuing spiritual development of all age groups within the congregation. This includes Sunday morning education experiences as well as other small group studies. Particular attention is directed to Children's Ministry. He/she will help new and old participants within the congregation to be better assimilated into the fellowship, assisting church participants in discovering ways their lives intersect and connect. The Associate Pastor will be involved in worship planning and will regularly participate in worship. In part, the position will be shaped by the gifts, skills, and calling of the individual. This is a full-time position with commensurate salary and benefits. Please send resumes to:

McLean Baptist Church
Attn: Associate Pastor Search Committee
1367 Chain Bridge Road
McLean, Virginia 22101
Phone: 703.356.8080

Custodian. Hillandale Baptist Church in Adelphi, Md. is looking for a custodian who will be responsible for cleaning and maintenance and for locking and unlocking doors before and after activities. For information and to submit resumes, please email the church office at hbc1952@aol.com.