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District of Columbia Baptist Convention Announces the 147th Annual Gathering of Churches with the Theme "STREAMS of Justice"

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The District of Columbia Baptist Convention (DCBC) is delighted to announce its highly anticipated 147th Annual Gathering of Churches, scheduled to take place on October 27-28, 2023. This year's gathering will be hosted by Fort Washington Baptist Church in Fort Washington, Maryland.

Themed "STREAMS of Justice," the 147th Annual Gathering of Churches aims to bring together Baptist churches from across the DMV to explore the transformative power of justice and its multiple streams, echoing the powerful words of Amos 5:24, "But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

The "STREAMS of Justice" theme uses the acronym STREAMS, which stands for Spirituality and Justice, Transformative Justice, Restorative Justice, Environmental Justice, Adjudicated Justice, Mental Health and Justice, and Social Justice. The event will delve into the STREAMS through an engaging panel discussion, thought-provoking Master Classes, and interactive experiences all led by a distinguished lineup of speakers, experts, and practitioners that will offer their invaluable insights. Attendees can look forward to gaining fresh insights, building valuable connections, and leaving inspired to make a positive impact within their communities and congregations.

In addition to the educational and inspirational components, the Annual Gathering of Churches will include uplifting worship services, featuring dynamic music and messages of hope.

"We are thrilled to invite everyone to join us for the 147th Annual Gathering of Churches," said Rev. Dr. Trisha Miller Manarin, Executive Director/Minister of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention. "In these challenging times, it is crucial for us to explore the many streams of justice and discover how we can be catalysts for change in our society. Together, we can make a significant impact and build a more just and equitable world."

Registration for the 147th Annual Gathering of Churches is now open, and interested individuals and church representatives are encouraged to visit the DCBC Annual Gathering of Churches website at www.dcbaptist.org/annual-gathering-2023 for more information and to secure their spots.

Stay connected and follow our social media channels for updates and announcements regarding this highly anticipated event.

About the District of Columbia Baptist Convention:

Organized in 1877, the District of Columbia Baptist Convention (DCBC) consists of more than 160 diverse churches in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia working to have a bold, Christ-centered and spiritually transformational impact on the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. Our churches vary in size, worship styles and ministry activities but each one is committed to building God's kingdom in our community, nation and world.

DCBC is committed to strengthening our member churches to advance God's kingdom. We strive to support our member churches by providing ministry resources and opportunities for networking, fellowship, corporate worship and training, as well as by undergirding their programs and activities.

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