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# The PROGRESSIVE

Progressive Missionary and Educational Baptist State Convention of Florida, Inc.



## *From the President*

challenge to host our 2016 Winter Board Session. We are appreciative of all the labor of preparation done by all of the Pastors and churches of Equal Rights Association. I am certainly aware of the work that goes into hosting any part of our great convention therefore am grateful for your efforts to ensure the success of this session.

As we head to the end of this year I am excited about what God will do for Progressive in 2017! Our theme says; "Transformation, Renewal, and Service." Therefore, as we move forward into a new year, it is my prayer that we will have renewed transformed minds in order to be able to do more for the causes for which have been chosen, to serve this present age.

Let me thank all pastors who have begun participating in our **Power 100** effort to liquidate the mortgage on our property. Those pastors who have not joined us, I pray that you will help us in this effort. We pledged to give \$100.00 each of

the three conventional settings this year. If there are ministry leaders or lay members who would like to contribute it would be greatly appreciated as well. I am confident that if we work together we will achieve our objective.

Please enjoy your stay in Pensacola, have a safe trip back to your various homes where I pray you will find all is well.

*Reverend Dr. Bartholomew Banks,  
President*

**G**reetings; in the matchless, and marvelous, name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

I pray that each of you had a blessed and enjoyable Thanksgiving Holiday with your families and friends. God has once again shown Himself faithful to His promises and has allowed us to almost complete another calendar year. Welcome to each of you who have come to share in the annual planning session of our convention.

Special thanks to the Englewood Missionary Baptist Church of Pensacola, Fl, and Reverend Dr. Larry Watson, Sr., Pastor and Moderator of The Equal Rights Association, for taking the

### 2016 Winter Board Session

**THEME:**  
**"TRANSFORMATION,  
RENEWAL AND SERVICE"**

Romans 12:1-2



## Greetings From Lady Banks

**W**e do praise God from whom all blessings flow. Thanks for all of your support and your prayers, your cards, and your many contributions and all of your thoughtfulness during the bereavement of my mother, Directress Elizabeth Rosier. I will ever be grateful to you. I am also grateful to you for your kindness, sentiments shown to me, prayers and thoughtfulness shown to me during the passing of my best friend, Sis. Katrise Black. With that being said, all praises go to God.

As we look forward to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, God has been good to us all. Thanks for all of your kindness shown to our President and the love of my life, Rev. Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr., as we celebrated 25 years at St. John Progressive Missionary Baptist Church. You really showered us with love at St. John, throughout the state of Florida and the nation.

Hats off to you all, and to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is people like you that makes life worth living. I am grateful to God, that you allowed us to continue to serve you. Who would have ever thought that God would have allowed me to start out as President of the Children and Youth and allowed me to one day grow up and become the First Lady of the Convention. Only God could have manifested this, and I am grateful to you for allowing my husband and I to serve you.

How can I say thanks? Only to God be the glory.

*Lady Vanessa Banks*





## A Word From President Davis

**G**reetings to each of you in the Name Of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

We praise, glorify and honor our awesome God for allowing us to come together in unity and love on this 2016 Winter Board Session of the Progressive Missionary and Educational Baptist State Convention of Florida, Incorporated in Pensacola, Florida. We are most grateful to those that have joined our Ministry for fellowshiping and completion of our agenda for our annual Session in March 2017. For those unable to attend, we solicit your prayers and support for a blessed session.

As we reflect on the grace, mercy and blessings that God has bestowed upon us over the past year, we are most grateful. We offer gratitude to Holy God for all that He has done, those things that He is doing at this very moment, and for that which is to come”!

We take this opportunity to remind us, as Missionaries, of the importance of our remaining genuinely focused and committed in carrying out the Kingdom’s agenda and the tasks that are set before us. In implementing this commitment, we must remain submissive, dedicated, and devoted to the Lord with a steadfast unswerving faith. A favorite hymn of mine, “I Surrender All” reminds us of our commitment.....

*All to Jesus I surrender, All to Him I freely give; I will ever love and trust Him, In His presence daily live.*

*All to Jesus I surrender, Humbly at His feet I bow; Worldly pleasures all forsaken; Take me Jesus, take me now.*

*All to Jesus I surrender, Make me Savior wholly thine; Let me feel the Holy Spirit; Truly know that Thou art mine.*

*All to Jesus I surrender, Lord I give myself to Thee; Fill me with Thy love and power, Let Thy blessings fall on Me.*

*I surrender all, I surrender all; All to Thee my blessed Savior, I surrender all!*

As we surrender, we praise God for our Senior Women Ministry’s vision and all that He has allowed us to do as we continue to carry out our responsibilities as servants in mission, at home and abroad; education, both spiritually and academically; evangelism, as well as, an overall positive move in Kingdom Work as He wills for us.

Additionally, we pray God’s richest blessings upon each of you during this season of celebrating the Birth of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. What an Awesome Unforgettable Gift! We do recognize that “Jesus Is The Reason For The Season!”

“Wishing You A Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!”

Much Love,

**Dorothy P. Davis**  
*Senior Women’s Ministry President*

## FMU Donation Day - 2016

Florida Memorial University

All honor and praise to Almighty God for His unmerited favor!

The Senior Women's Ministry takes this opportunity to give thanks to our Convention President, Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr. and Lady Banks; District Associations; and Sister Jerri McAllister, President of the Deaconess Ministry of the Progressive Missionary and Educational Baptist State Convention as well as Alumni of FMU for your loyalty, support and contributions to Florida Memorial University.

On November 22, 2016, we gathered in fellowship and praise with Rev. Dr. and Lady James Sampson as well as our brothers and sisters of Florida General Baptist Convention, Incorporated for the 60th Donation Day. We were most elated to see the progress and growth of Florida Memorial University under the Presidency of Dr. Roslyn Clark Artis. We are certain that they are providing positive educational opportunities for our students. We are most proud of your achievements and success!

Our 2016 financial report shown below:

<b>Special Donor</b>			
Progressive M. & E.	Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr., <i>Convention President</i>		\$500.00
<b>District Association</b>	<b>Moderator</b>	<b>District President</b>	<b>Donation</b>
East Florida and Bethany	Rev. Clifton Johnson	Sister Carolyn Burney	\$5325.00
Equal Rights	Rev. Larry Watson	Sister Lela Grooms	\$408.00
First South Florida	Rev. Rayford Harper	Sister Regina Lawrence	\$16,327.00
Greater South Florida	Elder Charlie Reese	Sister Verdell Bolden	\$16,812.00
Gulf Coast	Rev. Thomas Reed	Sister Henrietta Glover	\$20.00
Kissimmee Valley	Rev. James White	TBA	\$2,790.00
Middle FL and Clay County	Rev. Alvin Britt	Sister Constance Butler	\$1,182.00
Mt. Pilgrim	Dr. W. Haynes	Sister Ola Johnson	\$7,676.00
New Central	Rev. Otis Haines	Sister Joy L. Leonard	\$1,420.00
New Gulf Coast	Rev. A.L. Young	Sis. Gloria D. Beamon	\$2,765.00
Progressive of West FL	Rev. Delwyn Williams	Sis. Linda Lewis	\$4,694.00
Second West	Rev. Riley Henderson	Sis. Dorothy P. Davis	\$3,490.00
South FL Progressive	Rev. Brian K. Brown	Sis. Ann Gordon	\$5,000.00
Union Baptist	Rev. John Gardner	Sister Marilyn Johnson	\$1,238.00
Union Foreign	Dr. Frank O'Harrell	Sis. Marsha Tarver	\$5403.50
FMU Alumni of N. FL			\$645.00
PMEC Deaconess		Sis. J. McAllister	\$1,000.00
		<b>Progressive Total</b>	<b>\$76,695.50</b>
		<b>Florida General Total</b>	<b>\$73,000.00</b>
		<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$149,695.50</b>



*“So then just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.” (Col. 2:6-7)*

**G**reetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior,

We are grateful to our Lord and Savior for the privilege of gathering again in another Winter Board Session for the purpose of planning our March 2017 Annual Session. We are thankful to Moderator Larry Watson and the Equal Rights District Association and the Englewood Missionary Baptist Church of Pensacola, Florida and, Vice-Moderator Gary Bryant, Pastor of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church for serving as host. Special thanks to Deaconess Aserdean Soles and Deaconess Lila Groom for their assistance in planning for this session as well.

This is the time that we gather for our Annual Holiday Harvest effort. We pray that God will again bless us as He has done so in past times. Finances gathered during this time, allows the Deaconess Council to bless families in need with holiday meals at Christmas time. When I think about giving and receiving, I am reminded that as long as we live we must give. One of the great joys of living is our

giving. Giving not only make us happy but it also endears us closer to God,”for He does love a cheerful giver” (II Corinthians 9:7).

Let me at this time offer my special thanks to the Deaconesses who made their way to Florida Memorial University for the 60th Annual Donation Day on November 22, 1016. What a spirit-filled and blessed time we had! Deaconesses from the Jacksonville, Orlando and the St. Petersburg areas were in attendance. Again, God blessed us to donate \$1,000.00 to the school and a smaller donation to the Ambassador Chorale choir.

We offer our sincere praises to God for all He has blessed us with this past year!

**May you be blessed with a wonderful Holiday Season!**

*Sister Gerri McCallister*

*State Deaconess Council President  
December 2016*





# WOMEN'S INTERMEDIATE AUXILIARY



**G**reetings In The Name of Our Lord and Savior,

God is worthy to be praised. God has continued to bless the Women's Intermediate Auxiliary of the Progressive M & E State Convention of Florida, Inc. I remain amazed at your heart for service. We are thankful for your support of this ministry. Our time together continues to be blessed and grand encounters.

I would like to thank each you that traveled to share with us in our Mission Encounter in August in Jacksonville host by the, Sister Legretta Anderson and the East Florida & Bethany District Association. We were able to knock on doors and visit homes in the area of the host church, Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. Aloysius Denard, pastor, and surrounding community to share the Word of God. We also collected items for the Virtue Arts & Science Academy for Girls, a local charter school for girls. Thank you for making a difference. While in Jacksonville we were also able to fellowship with the Senior Women's mission in their Women in White Service. What an awesome time of fellowship and worship.

I would also like to thank those that traveled to Cincinnati, OH for the annual session of the National Baptist Convention of America International, Inc.(NBCA). Thanks to each of you that supported our efforts in the fund raiser NBCA Queen Contest. To God be the glory as our own Sister Gogie Allison, New Central Association, was crowned queen. Florida has brought home the crown 5 times we could not have done it without your hard work. Thank you.

I look forward to sharing with each of you in Panama City Beach, FL for our 2017 Annual State Convention. Until then let's continue to pray for each other, this ministry, and our state convention. Praying that each of you will have a blessed, and safe Christmas and New Year Holiday

Yours in Christ,

*Sis. Kathy Jackson*

President



Moderator Rev. Otis C. Raines,  
Sis. Gogie Allison and her pastor,  
Rev. Charles E. Williams, Jr.



# HEALTH AWARENESS TEAM

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*“Thou hast made Him to have dominion over the works of thy hands;  
thou hast put all things under His feet.”*

**G**reetings and Praises to His Name Progressive Missionary Baptist State Convention of Florida! We look forward to convening with you in Pensacola, Florida for our annual Mid-Winter Board Planning session.

Promoting Health and Wellness in our church and community is one of the primary goals for the Health Awareness Team. We recognize that Diabetes affects our community (African Americans) more than the general population. Nearly 13.2 percent or 3.8 million of all African Americans age 18 years or older have diabetes.

We have partnered with Health Services Advisory Group, the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization for Florida, to offer Everyone with Diabetes Counts education program to your area church. Over the last three months, seventy-five (75) church members have completed Diabetes classes. Class participants were from the following churches: St. John Progressive, Tampa, The New Mt. Zion, Tampa, First Baptist of Progress Village, Tampa, New Jerusalem, St. Petersburg.

Our planned classes for January 2017 include the following churches and/or communities, First Providence, Bartow, St. Mary, Bradenton, Bethel, Orlando, and Greater Hope, Tampa.

Blessings to You!

In His Service,  
Dr. Cosette Whitmore, RN



# BROTHERHOOD MINISTRY



**G**reetings,  
in the matchless  
name of our  
Lord and Savior  
Jesus Christ.

It is an honor and pleasure to welcome you on behalf of the Brotherhood Ministry to this the 2016 Mid-Winter Board Meeting. It is our prayer that God has granted traveling mercies to those of you who have traveled far and near. The Brotherhood Ministry has made great strides in 2016 and we continue to look toward the hills from which all of our help and strength comes from and are looking for greater rewards in 2017. All roads lead to the Sheraton Bay Point and Resort, March 20-24, 2017 as we gather together in the 103rd Annual Session of the Progressive M & E Baptist State Convention of Florida. God has allowed us to put together a spirit filled program that we are exited to watch and God will allow it too manifest itself. We are looking forward to be in fellowship with the New Gulf Coast Association and their Churches as they play host to our coming.

On behalf of Regena and I, it is our prayer that God's riches blessing be upon you during this Holiday Season. Lastly, I wish to extend my appreciation to the Brotherhood Ministry for a job well done and remember "let us not grow weary in well doing."

**Wayne Herring**  
Ministry President

# 2016 Winter Board Session

**December 7th – 9th**

Theme:

## **“TRANSFORMATION, RENEWAL AND SERVICE”**

Romans 12:1-2

### **SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR HOST:**

Englewood Missionary Baptist Church  
1100 West Scott Street  
Pensacola, Florida 32501  
Reverend Dr. Larry Watson, Sr., Pastor

And  
Equal Rights Association  
Reverend Dr. Larry Watson, Sr., Moderator



# 2016 Winter Board Session

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*Wednesday, December 7*

**7:00 - 8:00 P.M.**  
**WELCOME PROGRAM”**

Presented By:  
Englewood Missionary Baptist Church

And  
Equal Rights District Association  
Reverend Dr. Larry Watson, Sr., Moderator

Held at  
Englewood Missionary Baptist Church  
1100 West Scott Street  
Pensacola, Florida 32501

**8:00 P.M.**  
**WELCOME PROGRAM”**

*Vice President J. J. Pierce, Presiding*  
Equal Rights District Association in Charge

Sermon  
Reverend Dr. Larry Watson, Sr., *Moderator*  
*Equal Rights District Association*



**LATE NIGHT SERVICE**

Reverend Dr. Kendrix J. Gardner, Chairman

Sermon  
Reverend Dwight Cockerham, Sr., Pastor  
Mt. Tabor Baptist Church, Marianna

*Thursday, December 8*

**10:00 A.M.**  
**INTRODUCTORY WORSHIP**  
**SERVICE**

*Vice President Kelly Brown Jr., Presiding*

**Devotion**  
Association Deacons

**Morning Message**  
Reverend W. F. Leonard  
*Greater St. Paul MB Institutional Church, Lakeland*

**Meeting Purpose and Agenda**  
President Bartholomew Banks, Sr.

**Adoption of Agenda**

**Directions for Enrollment**  
Reverend Riley Henderson,  
*St. Luke MB Church, Marianna*

**Strategic Plan Presentation**  
President Banks, Sr.

**Invitation to Christian Discipleship**  
**Offertory Appeal**

# 2016 Winter Board Session

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## Announcements

### Remarks & Benediction

President Bartholomew Banks, Sr.

**12:00 NOON**

## **PRESIDENTIAL LUNCHEON**

**1:30 P.M.**

### **BREAKOUT SESSION FOR**

### **MINISTRIES, MODERATORS, VICE PRESIDENTS, PASTORS/CHURCH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

**7:00 P.M.**

*Vice President Rufus L. Wood, Jr., Presiding*

### **New Life Missionary Baptist Church**

Reverend Sanford H. Hayes, Pastor

And

### **Progressive District Association of West Florida**

Reverend Dr. Delwynn G. Williams, Moderator

### **Devotion**

Deacons of Progressive West Florida Association

### **Selections**

Progressive West Florida Association Choir

### **Introduction of Preacher**

Reverend Dwight D. Baggett, *Macedonia, Crestview*

### **Sermon**

Reverend Sanford H. Hayes, Pastor

*New Life M.B. Church, Crestview*

## Invitation to Christian Discipleship

### Offertory Appeal

Moderator Delwynn G. Williams, Pastor,  
*St. John, Panama City*

### Remarks & Benediction

President Bartholomew Banks, Sr.

## **LATE NIGHT SERVICE**

*Reverend Dr. Kendrix J. Gardner, Chairman*

### Sermon

Reverend Paul Buster

*New Macedonia MB Church, Tampa*

*Friday, December 9*

**9:00 A.M.**

*Vice President H. T. Rucker, Presiding*

## **Winter Board Meeting 2016**

### Devotion

Moderator Riley Henderson

*Pastor, St. Luke, Marianna*

Moderator Aldredge L. Young

*Pastor, First Mt. Moriah, Panama*

### Congregational Singing

### Introduction of President

Reverend Dr. Kelly Brown, Jr.

*Greater Mt. Vernon, Jacksonville*

# 2016 Winter Board Session

**Hymn of Preparation**  
Reverend Dr. Rufus L. Wood, Jr.,  
*Love Center, Panama City*

**Sermon**  
President Bartholomew Banks, Sr.  
*Progressive M&E Baptist State Convention of  
Florida, Inc.*  
Pastor, *St. John M.B. Church, Tampa*

**Invitation to Christian Discipleship**  
Reverend Dr. J. J. Pierce Sr.,  
*First Institutional, Lake Wales*

**Offertory Appeal**  
Reverend W. D. Sims, *St. Matthew, Tampa*

**Presentation of the 2017 Annual Session Program**  
Reverend Dr. W. J. Haynes, *Greater Hope, Tampa*

**Business Session and 2017 Annual Program  
Development**

**Announcements and Dismissal**

**CLOSING OF THE WINTER BOARD SESSION**



# Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year



REV. DR. BARTHOLOMEW BANKS, SR. & LADY VANESSA BANKS

St. John Progressive M. B. Church and Friends of Lady Vanessa  
*present*

# Lady Vanessa Banks

*Live in*



# A Joyful Christmas



SUNDAY,  
DECEMBER 18, 2016

ST. JOHN PROGRESSIVE  
M. B. CHURCH  
2504 Chipco Street  
Tampa, FL 33605

6:00 P.M.

*Proceeds to benefit foreign mission, home mission and lifting the least.*

THANK YOU  
for attending the 2016 Winter Board Session.