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The PROGRESSIVE

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

From the President



Greetings, Progressive Constituency, Visitors, and Friends!

It is my distinct pleasure to welcome and greet you to 110th Annual Session of the Progressive Missionary and Educational Baptist State Convention of Florida, Inc.

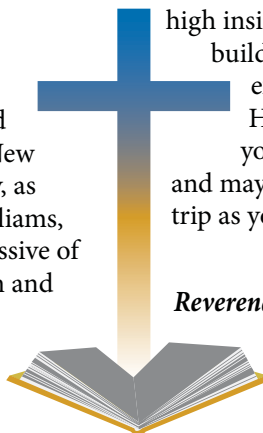
We have gathered in the city of Crestview, known as the “Emerald Coast” of our state, and in a location where it has been declared by our members who reside in this area that “The Best Is In The West! We have come from across the state to celebrate another year that God has favored Progressive Convention and allowed us to assemble one more time.

Words are inadequate to express my profound appreciation to Reverend Sanford Hayes and the New Life M. B. Church family, as well as Dr. Delwynn Williams, Moderator of the Progressive of West Florida Association and the Pastors and member churches for their diligent planning and preparations to ensure our comfort and session this week would be a 5-Star memorable week for us.

I pray that each of you have come this week with great anticipation of having a glorious, Spirit-filled session in Crestview! Most importantly we want to leave Crestview having made a difference in the lives of the citizens who may not have yet accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior. Let’s lift His name

high inside and outside of the buildings, as we go tell and exemplify His character. Have a great session in your various ministries and may each of you have a safe trip as you travel back home.

*Reverend Dr. Bartholomew Banks,
President*



**2024
ANNUAL
SESSION**
March 18th - 21st

THEME:
**“The Church:
Planted,
Present,
Powerful, And
Perpetual!”**



Greetings From Lady Banks

I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We do thank and praise God for our President, Rev. Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr., the love of my life for more than 48 years. We thank New Life Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. Sanford H. Hayes, Pastor/Founder, and the Progressive Missionary Baptist District Association of West Florida, Rev. Dr. Delwynn G. Williams, Moderator, for hosting this 110th Annual Session of the Progressive M & E Baptist State Convention of Florida. It is with Jesus joy that I bring you these few words of greeting. I thank you for your kindness, prayers, and all of your sharing that you have done for me and my family down through the years. I do not take this for granted.

Truly the Lord has blessed and smiled on President Banks and Progressive M and E. When I think of the goodness of Jesus and all He has done for me, my soul cries out Hallelujah Praise God for saving me. It is with heart-felt gratitude that I express to you today and say thank you. Thank you to my St. John family, my immediate family, and to you, Progressive M & E, for all that you share and for letting us know that you truly care. We look forward to continue to serve you because you are a blessing and you have always been there.

To God be the glory for all the things He has done.

Lady Vanessa Banks



Greetings From the Convention Host



Greetings President Banks and State Convention:

My wife, Lady Tonsiaweda Y. Hayes, and I, the New Life Missionary Baptist Church, and the Progressive Missionary Baptist District Association of West Florida, under the leadership of Moderator Delwynn G. Williams take this time to welcome you to Crestview, Florida to celebrate in our 110th Annual State Convention.

The members of the Planning Committee along with others have gone beyond measure to ensure that your stay is enriching, fulfilling, and prospering. We are here as humble servants to serve at the pleasure of our President, Reverend Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr.

At any time during your stay in Crestview, please contact me for any assistance that I may assist you with. Once again, we thank you Progressive for giving us the opportunity to host you.

Forever In Christ,

Sanford H. Hayes
Convention Host



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"A Church with A Big Heart Turning Dreams/ Visions Into Reality"



Senior Women's Ministry

My dear brothers and sisters,

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. The Senior Women Ministry is excited anticipating our meeting together in Crestview FL on March 18-21 with the Progressive of West FL District Missionary Baptist Association, Dr. Delwynn Williams, Moderator and Rev. Sanford Hayes, Host.

We are coming to sing, praise God, pray, listen to the preached Word and tear Satan's kingdom down. We live in perilous times, but the saints of God know that God is still in control. We need to remember to hold to God's unchanging hand.

Join the Senior Women Ministry as we worship our God beginning on Tuesday (19th) afternoon. The following ministers will be preaching the word of God:

- Tuesday, (19th) 3:30 P.M. - The Rev. Lionel Campbell, Moderator of Greater South Florida
- Wednesday (20th) 11:00 A.M. - Dr. Rev. Rayford Harper, Moderator of First Florida

We can make a difference in this world . Let us put our War clothes on and lift our Savior high. He said if I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men unto me. So let us lift Him!

Be blessed and remember that God is in control.

Because of Calvary,

Dorothy P. Davis

President





"Greetings to the Most Amazing Saints of God"

Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended, but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, reaching forth unto those things which are before. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:12-13 KJV

It is with deep gratitude that I greet you during this glorious time. I sincerely hope you are looking forward to an awesome time in the Name of the Lord here at the PM&E Baptist State Convention of Florida, Incorporated in the wonderful City of Crestview. I am so humbled, excited, and encouraged to see all of the willing workers coming together to stir up the lost and endeavor to tear Satan's kingdom down. You are asked to pray without ceasing that God will heal the spiritually wounded and uplift those in need of a closer walk with Him. Saints, you are an amazing and awesome body of prayer warriors and we believe God will answer your prayers. So, let us continue to be about our Father's business.

The Deaconess Council was very Blessed during the Installation of Minister Keith Haygood as President of the Brotherhood and Deaconess Clara Cobb as President of the Deaconess Council on August 25, 2023. During the Marlvyn Phillips Brotherhood Unity Day and Deaconess Council Summit held in Tampa at New Mt. Zion on August 26, 2023, we were Blessed to have 17 First Time Attendees. The Deaconess Council provided 15 families with a sacrificial Love Offering during the Holiday Season. The Council also prepared 100 care packages for the Homeless in Crestview with any excess going to Battered Women Shelters across the State which was spearheaded by Deaconess Carolyn Pinckney. The Council continues to be a beacon of light thereby being Blessed to have 14 New Members to connect with the Council during 2023 of which 3 connected at the Annual Winter Board Session in Okeechobee. This effort is chaired by our very capable Deaconess Gloria Terry. Lastly, Deaconess Ruth Johnson, our Workshop Directress, continues to keep us abreast of very pertinent information pertaining to Deaconesses and Deaconess duties.

I wish all of your future days be filled with strength, power, love, and encouragement. Grace and peace be with you eternally.

Blessings Always,

Deaconess Clara Cobb

*President, Deaconess Council
Progressive M&E Baptist State Convention of Florida, Inc.*





USHERS MINISTRY

Special greetings to our Progressive family, the Ushers Ministry, Visitors and Friends! The Lord, God has indeed brought us from a mighty, mighty long way, and with his continued guidance he will direct our paths even further in 2024! We will continue witnessing his wondrous works through us and within the ministry as Ushers. We are challenged each day to continue in FAITHFULNESS and sincere LOVE to our fellow man. Continue to look unto the hills from whence cometh our help, knowing that all our help and strength is given freely by our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. Come join us as we embark upon this great journey the Lord has prepared for us in 2024. Moderator Camel has prepared a workshop especially designed for the Ushers Ministry.

Come let us worship and study together. I commend the officers and the many Districts officers throughout the State of Florida for their humbleness and their committed hearts to the building of God's kingdom through witnessing, teaching, and reaching others. As we prepare for this Seventy First Annual session, let us enjoy another week in the spirit of our Father. A special dedication to our beloved Secretary Sis. Georga Smith and Assistant Financial Secretary Sis. Brenda Jacks... Rest in Peace.

I hope that each of us will be enriched by what we hear and see, and that we will be refreshed, refueled, and ready to do more for the cause of Christ! My prayer is that each ministry has a spirit-filled session.

To God Be the Glory

Deacon Curtis A. Wilson



WOMEN'S INTERMEDIATE AUXILIARY



A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

John 13:34 KJV

I greet each of you in the name of our Savior & Lord. I'm truly grateful for what God is doing in the lives of our sisterhood. During the 2023 PME State Convention, I was nominated and voted in as the Women's Intermediate Auxiliary State President, after which, Kingdom work continued. The Women Intermediate Auxiliary was represented across the State of Florida and beyond.

We were in the house for the 2023 National Baptist Convention of America, held in Dallas, Texas and was honored to be appointed as Asst. Recording Secretary by the WIA National President Deidre Anderson during her Address.

The ministry supported District President's by attending programs, workshops, and President's Hour. We also supported the State Home Mission Projects, other PME State ministries and a joint Mission Encounter weekend in the Panhandle. We were grateful to be able to assist with inspiring other women as I served as guest speaker for the New Central Florida Association and First South Florida Association Programs. We also coordinated Bi-Monthly Prayer Calls, Monthly E-Board and State Leadership Zoom meetings with the assistance of the WIA Vice Presidents.

Moving forward in 2024, we will continue to seek guidance from the Almighty because we don't know about tomorrow, but we do know who holds our hands. So, as we continue to maneuver through uncharted waters, we solicit your unwavering prayers so that we can be steadfast and unmovable in the works of the Lord. May each of you have continued blessings is our prayer.

Love & Blessings,

Sister Sharla M. Cooley



Health Awareness Team



"For I know the thoughts that I think towards you, declares the Lord, thoughts of peace and not evil, to give you a future and hope."

Jeremiah 29:11

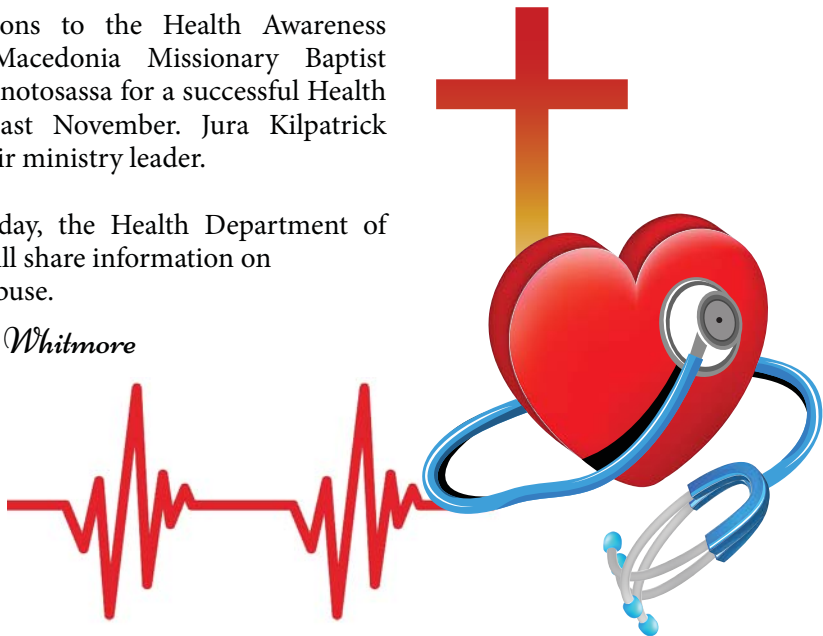
Greeting in His Name,

We are looking forward to the 110th Annual Session of Progressive Missionary and Educational Baptist State Convention of Florida, Inc. Thank you Reverend Sanford Hayes and all involved in hosting us in Crestview. This will be the 55th Annual Session for the Health Awareness Team (formerly the Nurses Corp/Nurses Guild). The convention will be held March 18-22, 2024.

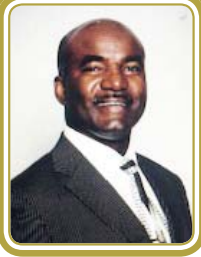
Congratulations to the Health Awareness Team of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, Thonotosassa for a successful Health Fair, this past November. Jura Kilpatrick serves as their ministry leader.

On Wednesday, the Health Department of Crestview will share information on Substance Abuse.

Dr. Cosette Whitmore



Brotherhood Ministry



From the Pen of the President

“Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel is,
that they might be saved.”

Romans 10:1

First giving honor to the One who said if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me. President Banks, and your staff, it gives me great joy to submit this letter on behalf of the Brotherhood Ministry. We are so thankful for the opportunity you have given me to be the ministry leader of such a God-seeking ministry.

We are looking forward to fellowshipping and establishing relationships with all of the members and friends of the Progressive M & E Missionary State Convention. God said where two or three will gather in my name I will be in their midst. We are looking to have a spiritual session.

The Brotherhood Ministry is planning to visit a Rehabilitation Facility and distribute some blankets and skull caps. We will also be doing some street ministry and handing out some gift cards to the least fortunate. We are working hard to do the work God has commanded us to do.

Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Progressive is, that they might be saved. May God bless you and keep you is our prayer.

Reverend Dr. H. K. Haygood, Sr.

President

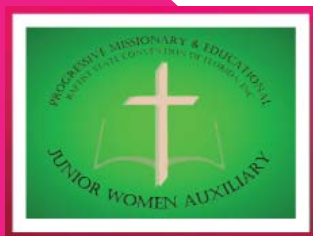


JUNIOR WOMEN'S MINISTRY



Welcome to the
110th Annual Session
of the
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Educational Baptist
State Convention of
Florida, Inc.

YOURS IN CHRIST,
SONJA HANKS CAMEL
PRESIDENT



The 110th *Annual Session*

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March 18-21, 2024

Theme:

**"THE CHURCH: PLANTED,
PRESENT, POWERFUL, AND
PERPETUAL!"**

Isaiah 60:21; Matthew 16:18; Ephesians 2:20-22,
I Peter 2:6-8; Acts 2:41-47; I Corinthians 12:12-27;
Ephesians 2:17-22; Ephesians 1:15-23;
Revelation 3: 7-13; Matthew 28:18-20; Revelation 21:1-4

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR HOSTS:

**Progressive Missionary Baptist District
Association of West Florida, Inc.**

and

New Life Missionary Baptist Church

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Host Moderator: Rev. Dr. Delwynn G. Williams

Host Pastor: Reverend Sanford Hayes

Host Church: New Life Missionary Baptist Church

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Monday, March 18

1:30 P.M.

OPENING SESSION

Vice President At Large Aldredge L. Young,
Presiding

Inspirational Singing..... The Music Department
Reverend Dr. Delwynn G. Williams

Devotional Period

Theme Speaker.....Reverend Dr. Sterling George,
Pastor, Rockyville M. B. Church, Bristol, FL

Presentation of the President.....First Vice President
Dr. H. D. Rucker

Call to OrderPresident
Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr.

Health Care Presentation Dr. Cosette Whitmore

Partner Presentations..... Various Partners
(3 minutes please)

Memorial Moments

Directions for Enrollment Rev. Larry Roundtree

Offertory Appeal (First Offering)

Ministry Updates - TBD
(3 minutes please)

Presentation of the 2023 Convention Hosted By
Mount Pilgrim M. B. Association, Inc.
Reverend Dr. W. J. Haynes, Moderator

The Music Department..... Rev. Dr. Delwynn G.
Williams

Introductory Sermon Rev. Dr. Ned S. Sanders
*Pastor, Greater St. Paul
Institutional Missionary Baptist Church
Lakeland, FL*

Alternate Reverend Dr. W. J. Haynes
*Moderator, Mount Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Association
Pastor, Greater Hope M. B. Church, Tampa, FL*

Offertory Appeal..... Reverend Dr. W. J. Haynes

Convention Meetings Overview

President's Observation President Banks, Sr.

DINNER BREAK

7:00 P.M.

PRE-CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

Musical and Welcome Program

Presented by:
New Life Missionary Baptist Church
Reverend Sanford Hayes, Pastor

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8:00 P.M. **SOCIAL JUSTICE HOUR** *(Supplementary Program Provided)*

Dr. G. B. Robinson
Chairman of Social Justice Commission
Rev. Ron Shipp, Vice Chairman
Dr. Kenneth Holley, Chairman Emeritus

LATE NIGHT SERVICE *Reverend Alonzo McKenzie, Chairman*

Sermon..... Reverend Hugh Strafford, Pastor
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
Dundee, Florida

Tuesday, March 19

10:00 A.M. **MISSION EMPHASIS** *4th Vice President, Gary McNealy Presiding*

Inspirational Singing..... The Music Department
Reverend Dr. Delwynn G. Williams

Devotional Period Deacons of Zion Hill

Music..... Zion Hill M. B. Church Choir

Sermon..... Reverend Charles E. Williams, Jr.
Pastor, Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church
Orlando, Florida

Alternate Reverend Alonzo McKenzie
Pastor, New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church
LaBelle, Florida

Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Alonzo McKenzie

Enrollment/Offerory Appeal Deacons of
Zion Hill

Presidential Observations Reverend Dr.
Bartholomew Banks, Sr.

LUNCH BREAK

1:30 - 3:50 P.M. **ORTHODOXY HOUR**

Dr. Rollie Murray, Jr., Chairman
Dr. Andrew L. Davis, Vice Chairman

Pastor Leon Williams
St. John First MB Church, Ft. Myers, FL
“The Doctrine of God” (Theology)

Pastor Willie C. Barnes
Macedonia MB Church, Eatonville, FL
“The Doctrine of the Church” (Ecclesiology)

Pastor Gary McNealy
Greater Friendship Baptist Church, Clewiston, FL
“The Doctrine of Sin” (Hamartiology)

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Pastor Rollie Murray, Jr.

Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Orlando, FL

“The Doctrine of Christ.” (Christology)

Order of Service

Inspirational Singing..... The Music Department
Dr. Delwynn Williams

Devotional Period Chairman Murray

1:45 P.M. Orthodoxy Speakers

3:55 P.M.

Sermon..... Reverend Rawls Leslie, Pastor
*Second Mount Moriah M. B. Church,
Panama City, Florida*

Offertory Appeal..... Dr. Rollie Murray, Jr.

Remarks and Benediction Chairman Dr. Rollie
Murray, Jr.

DINNER BREAK

7:00 P.M.

EDUCATIONAL EMPHASIS NIGHT

*3rd Vice President Brian Brown, Presiding
Reverend Dr. Rayford Harper, Chairman*

Selection.... First South Florida District Praise Team

Invocation Reverend Dr. Gary McNealy

Welcome Reverend Deldrick Leonard

Greetings..... Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr.
*President, Progressive M& E Baptist State
Convention of FL*

Mr. Jaffus Hardrick
President, Florida Memorial University

Dr. Frank O’Harroll
Florida Theological Seminary & Bible College Inc.

Dr. G. I. Bradley
*President, Berean Theological Seminary
and Bible College*

Selection..... Union Baptist Association Choir

Offertory Appeal..... Reverend Dr. Rayford Harper
*Moderator, First South Florida
District Association*

(Offering Instructions-
Reverend Larry Roundtree, II)

Introduction of Messenger/
Alternate Reverend Dwight Cockerham, Pastor
*Mount Tabor Missionary Baptist Church,
Marianna, FL*

Selections..... Union Baptist Association Choir

The Gospel Message Rev. Nathaniel Trumpet, Jr.,
*Pastor, Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, Quincy
Moderator, Union Baptist District Association*

Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Huge Strafford

Words of Appreciation..... Rev. Dr. Rayford Harper

Closing Remarks..... President Banks, Sr.

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1:30 - 3:30 P.M.

LATE NIGHT SERVICE

Reverend Alonzo McKenzie, Chairman

Sermon.....Elder Brandon L. Mason
*Pastor, Zion Hope Primitive Baptist Church
Pensacola, FL*

Wednesday, March 20

10:00 A.M. - 12 NOON A. H. PARKER MEMORIAL CHURCH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

*Dr. Sam Maxwell, Chairman, Presiding
(Supplementary Program Provided)*

Theme:

**“New Testament Church Development,
according to the Scriptures; Matthew 28:19, 20;”
Acts 2:41-47 ”**

Introduction.....Dr. Sam Maxwell, Sr.
“1st Century Methods for 21st Century Ministries”

Topic One: “The Roman Road toward Right Beliefs”
Director Riley Henderson

LUNCH BREAK

Topic Three: The Colossian’s Curriculum for Christians Growth

St. John First Missionary Baptist Church,
Fort Myers
Pastor Dr. Leon Williams

Topic Four: The Ephesians Example for Edifying Believers

Senior Teaching Pastor Todd Hammond
First Baptist, Church of Progress Village, Tampa

DINNER BREAK

7:00 P.M.

THE MODERATOR’S NIGHT

*Vice President At-Large, Rev. Aldredge Young/Presiding
Moderator Otis Raines, Chairman*

Inspirational Singing..... The Music Department
Reverend Dr. Delwynn Williams

Devotional Period Rev. Dr. Victor Ball, Pastor
*Oakhill Missionary Baptist Church
Tampa, Florida*

Reverend Ricky Townsend
*New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church
Lakeland, Florida*

Annual Address Chairman of Moderators
Reverend Otis Raines

OFFERTORY PLEA

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Offering

MODERATORS' SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Presentation of the
Speaker/Alternate Reverend Brian K. Brown,
*Moderator, South Florida Progressive
M. B. Association
Pastor, Saint Mark Missionary Baptist Church St.
Petersburg, Florida*

Selections Greater New Jerusalem
Baptist Church Music Ministry
Lakeland, Florida

Sermon Reverend Dr. Jimmie L. Downing, Sr.
*Moderator, United Fellowship Missionary
Baptist Association
Pastor, Greater New Jerusalem Baptist Church
Lakeland, Florida*

Invitation to
Christian Discipleship Reverend Brian K. Brown

Presidential Observations Reverend Dr.
Bartholomew Banks, Sr.

LATE NIGHT SERVICE

Reverend Alonzo McKenzie, Chairman

Sermon Reverend Alonso C. McKenzie, Pastor
*New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church
LaBelle, Florida
Moderator, Kissimmee Valley District Association*

Thursday, March 21

10:00 A.M.

PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

*Reverend Dr. Leon Williams in Charge
(See Supplementary Program)*

11:30 A.M.

Sermon Reverend Nelson Wilson
*Pastor, New Liberty Missionary Baptist Church
Baskin, Florida*

LUNCH BREAK

1:30 - 3:50 P.M.

PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

Reverend Dr. Leon Williams In Charge

3:55 P.M.

Sermon Reverend Gary Bryant, Pastor
*Springhill Missionary Baptist Church
Pensacola, Florida*

Remarks and
Benediction Chairman C. E. Dollison

DINNER BREAK

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7:00 P.M.

Annual President's Hour

Honoring
Reverend Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr.

(Supplementary Program Provided)

*All Vice Presidents, Moderators and Pastors are
asked in advance to give a \$300.00 love offering.*

*All convention Ministry Leaders and Staff are
asked to give a \$100.00 love offering.*

**CLOSING OF THE ONE
HUNDRED TENTH
ANNUAL SESSION**



THANK YOU



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