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# WHO WE ARE

The Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., (PNBC) is a vital Baptist denomination with an estimated membership of 2.5 million people. PNBC was formed to give full voice, sterling leadership and active support to the American and world fight for human freedom. The convention was the convention and denominational home and platform for the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who addressed every annual session of the Convention until his death in 1968. New generations of Progressive Baptists are continuing the struggle for full voter registration, education and participation in society, economic empowerment and development, and the realization of universal human rights and total human liberation for all people.

# OUR VISION

Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc. is the premier prophetic Christian body that proclaims the gospel's social justice message, and equips church leaders to meet the needs of the voiceless across the globe.

# OUR MISSION

The mission of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc. is equipping pastors and churches to be effective in ministry; lifting our voice on behalf of the voiceless.

# OUR HISTORY

The PNBC was formed in 1961 to become the spiritual home of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and other Baptist pastors who were intricately involved in the Civil Rights Movement. As a result of this involvement from members of the Civil Rights Movement, the centerpiece of the PNBC witness became one of social justice and human liberation as a mandate of the Gospel. In essence, the PNBC became a living African American Christian organism, vibrant with energy and committed to the social gospel for the transformation of U.S. society. The PNBC has grown from 33 members at its founding meeting to over 2.5 million members, (1.5 million in the United States and over one million around the globe). The PNBC is now organized into five regions. The regions include the Southern Region, the Southwest Region, the Eastern Region, the Midwest Region and the International Region. These regions meet once a year to carry out the programs of the Progressive National Baptist Convention.

The PNBC has a full operational headquarters with full-time staff in Northeast Washington, D.C.

# THE WORKER

The WORKER is a missionary and educational magazine published quarterly by PNBC. It has been in publication since 1934 and was founded by Dr. Nannie Helen Burroughs. It is a powerful learning tool that provides excellent resource material for all ages. The prophetic writers provide in depth knowledge that can be used to apply God's word in facing the social issues in our world today.



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# CIVIL RIGHTS ADVOCACY AND ACTIVISM

In no area is the stewardship of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., more radiant than in the struggle for civil rights and human rights

New generations of Progressive Baptists are continuing the struggle for full voter registration, education and participation, affirmative action against all forms of racism and bigotry, Black economic empowerment and development, equal educational opportunity, freedom of religion by the restraint of all Governmental authority and dictation in matters of faith, conscience and the church, the realization of universal human rights and total human liberation. At all annual and adjourned sessions there is scheduled a huge and impressive civil rights celebration, featuring a National civil rights leader to inform the constituents of the Convention of current issues and challenges, inspire them to continue and increase their participation in the struggle and garner fresh human and financial resources to advance the cause of full and total human rights.



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# ASSISTING THE LOCAL AND GLOBAL COMMUNITY

PNBC churches and faith leaders contribute positively to the common good of the community through various worthwhile efforts including addressing poverty and assisting the poor and disabled by distributing food and clothing. PNBC churches also serve youth, families and the elderly and seek to bring unity to the community. Our churches assist those in recovery by providing counseling, support groups and other forms of guidance and assistance to help lives get back on track. In addition, our churches provide financial assistance for college, and provide workshops on a myriad of self help topics from finance to relationships.

The PNBC has provided assistance in any number of disaster relief efforts including Hurricane Katrina, the 2010 Haiti earthquake, the 2013 Philippines typhoon and most recently the 2014 Ebola Crisis in Africa.

Amongst other worthwhile projects, PNBC has provided annual financial support to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital since 2011.



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