

AMERICAN BAPTIST HAITIAN CAUCUS

Annual Report 2015 - 2016

Rev. Dr. Edgard Nicolas, President

The followings items are activities held from the previous year by the Haitian Caucus.

1. ANNUAL GATHERING (11/28/15)

An estimate of three hundred people gathered at Eglise Baptiste de la Nouvelle Jerusalem in Irvington to celebrate the 31st HAITIAN CAUCUS anniversary. Three members from the Baptist Convention came from Haiti to support the Haitian Caucus ministry here in the United States. The event started with a Bible study led by Rev. Dr. Lee B. Spitzer, ABCNJ Executive Minister. Several workshops were conducted by different instructors such as: Women, Rev. Mireille Daniel from Massachusetts; Men, Rev. Eugene Gedeon from Haiti Pastors, Rev. Dr. Ricardo Bonachy, Thelemaque; Massachusetts Youths, Rev. Dr. Kenslio Ojentis; New Church Development, Rev. Jimenez Oswaldo; Children, Sr Vena Ulysse, Massachusetts. Rev. James Stallings, former Executive Minister from Metro New York, was Keynote Speaker for the PM worship and was recognized and honored by a beautiful plaque presented by the Haitian Caucus board. He also received a very nice handmade art piece with his picture on one side and on the other a picture of the new hospital recently built in Haiti.

2. NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

Eight new Haitian churches from Florida Seeking affiliation with the ABCNJ. Last November at the Haitian Caucus annual Assembly seven Pastors from the same group came and fellowship with us. We were very pleased to have them among us. They promised to come with a much larger group in September here in New Jersey at the ABCNJ ANNUAL SESSION in September 2016.

3. LEADERSHIP RETREAT (March 18, 19, 20, 2016) The Leadership retreat was organized at Camp LIEBENZELL, New Jersey with a participation of 43 people.

The theme was: "THE TRUE CHURCH" Text: Mat. 16:18 Different topics were taught through workshops. Our instructors included:

- a) Rev. Renauld Dumond.....Subject: The "CHARACTERISTIC OF THE TRUE CHURCH -Text: 1 Pie 2:9."
- b) Rev. Jseph Lys: " The FOUNDATION OF A TRUE CHURCH - Text: 2Cor. 3:11-12."
- c). Rev. Jean Maurice - "UNITY. IN DIVERSITY -TEXT: Ephes. 4: 1 - 7."
- d) Rev. Dr. Elmo Familiaran: " The HIDDEN MYSTERY of CHRIST AND. THE CHURCH." Ephes.3:4-5."
- e) Rev. Dieudonne Merinvil: "MAINTAINING THE CHURCH LEGAL DOCUMENTS."
- F) Rev. Dr. Edgard Nicolas. "CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP. 1Cor. 12:27-28. & 1 Cor 14:33."
- g). Rev. Michelet Francois. "DIFFERENT MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH 1Cor. 12:4."

4. PASTOR'S RESIGNATION

Rev. Elie Tilus, Pastor of Salem Temple located at : 82 Clinton Place, NEWARK , NJ was forced to resign from his church pulpit on November 2015 due to his state of illness. He has been relocated in Jacksonville, Florida to be closer to his family. It was indeed a real pleasure to have him ministering together with us here in New Jersey. We will miss Rev. Tilus. Please keep him in your prayer.

5. WELCOME THE NEW PASTORS

Members from Salem Temple were experiencing a mixed feeling. They were very sad and deeply concerned in one part after being informed of their Pastor's medical condition. The other part, they

were rejoicing in the Lord's provision that he had made for them. Nevertheless God did not leave them forsaken. It didn't take long to provide them with another Pastor who can continue the church ministry. It was with great excitement that Rev. Joseph Vil, on January 2016 was installed as the new Pastor at Salem Temple. On behalf of all ABC, ABCNJ, AND HAITIAN MINISTRIES, we wish Rev. Joseph Vil a very warm welcome in CHRIST.

We also congratulate Rev. Elveus Sylvain, Rev. Dr. Kenslio Ojentis, and Rev. Nelson Thermitus for their new promotion in EGLISE BAPTISTE DE LA NOUVELLE JERUSALEM. Last October 2015 the three Pastors were officially installed in the following order, Rev. Sylvain, as the Sr. Pastor and assisted by the Rev. Dr. Kenslio Ojentis and Rev. Nelson Thermitus. We praise the Lord for such a beautiful transition. We also felicitate Rev. Dr. Joseph Etienne and his family for a Job so well done.

Rev. Dr. Anne Laporte who has been a longtime supporter of the HAITIAN CAUCUS, was retired last October. She has served as Pastor's Assistant at Bethel HAITIAN Baptist of East Orange, Haitian Caucus Exhibitor, and Women National Coordinator for over fifteen twenty years. We thank God the ministry gift he has bestowed in her. We also thank Dr. Anne Laporte for her twenty years of dedication and faithful service.

Vena Ulysse who was serving as Regional Coordinator for the past two decades has been promoted to the rank of "WOMEN MINISTRY NATIONAL COORDINATOR." Congratulations to Sister Vena. May the Lord grant her courage to fulfill successfully her ministry tasks.

Joseph Saintilair a long time member at "EBEN EZER BAPTIST CHURCH" of Brooklyn, New York who has been serving as: "MEN CHOIR DIRECTOR" and currently has become the: "NATIONAL COORDINATOR " for Men ministry. "CONGRATULATIONS " to Bro. Saintilair. And "WELCOME TO MEN MINISTRY."

6. SCHOLARSHIP FUND AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES Due to several scholarship financial requests, the Haitian Caucus had to engage in raising some funding from its constituents in order to respond to some demands.

\$2,890.00 was collected and distributed. \$900.00 was given in scholarship grant and \$1990.00 in social ministry.