

**AMERICAN BAPTIST HAITIAN CAUCUS
ANNUAL REPORT
YEAR 2019**

Prepared By: Rev. Dr Edgard Nicolas, President

My report consists of the following:

1. Annual Gathering
2. Field Visits
3. Special Events
4. Conflict Resolution
5. Food Distribution

THE ANNUAL GATHERING

Our Annual National Convention gathering was held on Saturday, November 23rd, 2019 at Bethel Haitian Baptist Church located at 320 Springdale Avenue, East Orange, NJ 07017. Our host Interim Pastor was Rev. Dr. Edgard Nicolas. We were pleased to have Rev. Miriam Méndez the Executive Minister and Senior Regional Pastor of the American Baptist Churches of NJ to lead us in Bible Study. Additionally, we had two missionaries from The Board of International Ministries in attendance: Erb Rogers previous Missionary from Haiti and Linette Bryan the Current Missionary from Haiti. Our theme was “Let us Walk Together” and the reference text was Phillipians 3:16. The Keynote Speaker was Rev. Edwill Etinne, Assistant pastor at First French Speaking Baptist Church of Asbury Park, NJ. The following topics were introduced:

- The Power of Unity - Rev. Miriam Méndez the Executive Minister and Senior Regional Pastor of the American Baptist Churches of NJ
- Conflict Resolution in the Midst of Christian Family - Reverend Dr. Ricardo Bonachy, who has a Sole Practitioner Law office.

In term of participation we had more attendees compared to the previous year. We had delegates from New Jersey, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Connecticut, Philadelphia, Rhode Island and Florida.

SPECIAL EVENTS

On June 2019, we attended the 2019 Biennial Mission Summit Convention at Virginia Beach. The Haitian Caucus held two French Speaking Bible Studies on June 22nd, 2019, presented by Rev. Dr. Older Azard, Assistant Pastor at Haitian Baptist Church at the Crossroads and Rev. Dr. Edgard Nicolas, Senior Pastor of Haitian Baptist Church at the Crossroads. The topic was centered around “Courir vers la mer: Le Pelerinage Phrophetic de Jonas” translated “Running to the Sea: The Prophetic Journey of Jonas.” We also had the American Baptist Haitian Caucus Dinner with two upcoming guest missionaries from The Board of International Ministries.

- We attended The Haitian Women Ministry Alliance Convention June 8th, 2019 Boston, MA.
- We attended The Haitian Men Ministry Conference held at Haitian Baptist Church at the Crossroads in August 2019.
- On September 2019, we attended The Annual Session and had a Haitian Caucus Exhibit.

FIELD VISITS

On October 7TH 2019, approximately thirteen Pastors and Church Leaders from the Haitian Caucus visited and had a special conversation with the Executive Director of the Home Missions Society, Dr. Jeffrey Haggray and other Staff members. Dr. Haggray gave us a tour of their new building for Home Missions Society. We also visited International Ministries, met with the Staff and was given a tour of their building. They explained to us the wonderful work their missionaries are doing in Haiti and how they want to make sure they are well secured due to the ongoing conflict in Haiti.

Conflict Resolution

Previously, I mentioned three churches that were deeply affected by “Power Struggle among their leadership. All but one was resolved as we were waiting on the Court’s decision. I can finally say that in regards to The Haitian Bethel Baptist Church conflict it ended peacefully in favor of the Congregation. The church was liberated on July 23rd, 2019 after three years of “Power Struggle.”

Thank God the church is functioning back to normal and actively part of the Region of the American Baptist Churches of NJ.

Food Distribution

One of our regions, The Haitian Baptist Church at the Crossroads engages in food distribution. We have many churches within the Haitian Caucus who participate in that distribution. We’ve partnered with both the Community Food Bank and Table to Table to feed approximately 400 people/month. This ministry has been very beneficial because it allows us an opportunity to serve and minister to those experiencing financial hardship.

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2019 FINANCIAL REPORT
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INCOME

Previous Balance.....	\$ 3,264.00	
ABC/USA.....	<u>7,200.00</u>	
Total Income.....	\$ 10,464.00	\$ 10,464.00

EXPENSES

Travel/Transportation.....	\$ 2,127.00	
Lodging.....	1,380.00	
Meals.....	1,930.00	
Exhibit Supplies.....	850.00	
Honorarium.....	1,200.00	
Miscellaneous.....	<u>120.00</u>	
Total Expenses.....	\$ 7,220.00	<u>\$ 7,607.00</u>

Income Balance.....		<u>\$ 2,857.00</u>
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2021 PROPOSED BUDGET
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INCOME

Proposed Fundraising.....	\$ 1,000.00	
ABC/USA.....	<u>6,480.00</u>	
Total Income.....	\$ 7,480.00	\$ 7,480.00

EXPENSES

Travel/Transportation.....	\$ 2,200.00	
Lodging.....	1,200.00	
Meals.....	1,000.00	
Scholarship.....	1,100.00	
Exhibit Supplies.....	920.00	
Honorarium.....	1,000.00	
Miscellaneous.....	<u>60.00</u>	
Total Expenses.....	\$ 7,240.00	<u>\$ 7,480.00</u>

Total Balance.....	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
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