

**American Baptist National Black Caucus
2021-2022
UPDATE**

The Black Caucus has continued under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Trinette McCray as President, and Mrs. E. Clem Winbush, of Evergreen Baptist Association (Retired), as Treasurer. We currently have two vacant leadership positions: Vice President and Secretary. We plan to address our leadership positions at the upcoming Mission Summit in Puerto Rico.

We have continued to add regional Black Caucuses which has historically been a part of the National Black Caucus' structure. There are currently four regional Black Caucuses: Niagara/Buffalo New York, New Jersey, Evergreen Association and forming in Michigan. We are beginning the inquiry process in ABC of Wisconsin.

The Black Caucus is the oldest Caucus in the ABCUSA. It was founded in 1970 by the named, "Black Churchmen" who challenged the, then, General Council regarding the exclusion and lack of Black leadership and mission priorities in the denomination. They presented their "demands" and walked out of the General Council meeting. Among the demands were: the call for Black presidential leadership, the hiring/appointment of Black executives, mission priorities and strategies that were important to urban and Black communities. From that move, came the establishment of the Black Caucus from which other Caucuses followed years after. The William T. McKee Consultation was established as Black executives grew and saw the need for support given the challenges they were experiencing. William T. McKee was the first Black executive in the ABC.

With that history, the Caucus in collaboration with the McKee Consultation, Moderator is Dr. Charles Jones, International Ministries, plan to hold a Future Search Process. This process will guide our determination of the future direction for the Caucus and McKee. We hope to have the process completed by the Mission Summit/Biennial.