



# EBONY ALERT

MAY 2008

## NATIONAL BLACK NAZARENE CONFERENCE

### ORLANDO



A MESSAGE FROM  
DR. LARRY LOTT  
BLACK MINISTRIES  
CHAIRMAN

This year's National Black Nazarene Conference "**Reclaiming and Empowering the Black Family for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**" promises to be powerful for our families, informationally beneficial, and socially adventurous. You will want to plan, save and sacrifice to attend this Conference. The speakers are some of the best in the country. The workshops will be packed with information you can use to build and edify your family. The music will be of the highest caliber designed to lead us in the worship of our Father.

Would you join me and other leaders as we spare no effort to make **Orlando 2008** the most memorable of all of our Conferences?

A MESSAGE FROM  
DR. ROGER BOWMAN  
CONFERENCE TREASURER AND BLACK SRT MEMBER



#### Dear Pastors & Church Leaders:

Our upcoming National Black Nazarene Conference is just four months away. We are at a critical time for getting everyone registered, either online or through me by mail. We have contracted with the hotel believing that you and many others really plan to attend.

I am praying that God will bless us with the best national gathering we have ever had and I trust you are doing the same. Every church and individual will benefit from the keynote speakers, workshops, and fellowship.

To avoid the possibility of having to cancel this unique opportunity we need every local church to make a contribution toward the conference. We have received only one such contribution toward the conference. The contribution from each local church, registrations and service offerings are the main source of conference revenue. Let's not wait until the last day to send in our contribution and registration.

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#### Who should attend?

- District Superintendents
- Pastors
- Laity
- Students

#### Why should you attend?

The National Black Nazarene Conference is a gathering of Nazarenes from churches and districts who celebrate the missional move of God among a people who have found a home in the Church of the Nazarene.

In spite of the historic Black denominations that have been the anchor of the Black community, Nazarene congregations have attracted more than 17,000 Black members in the US and Canada.

We have witnessed change in our country and communities. We have stood within the view of the joys and sorrows of our members. In other words, we have seen situations and things in their true relations or relative importance. We have been urged to maintain our present view and see our present tasks in a larger framework and future. We call this Vision. We have our spiritual eyes on the present situation within the body of Christ, yet we have a clear mental picture of a desirable future with a proper understanding of our personal and institutional limits linked inextricably to our understanding of God. Vision is seeing the invisible. God through His grace has allowed us to see the invisible.

**Orlando 2008** is the vision of our Strategic Readiness Team. Plans have been made according to the collective vision of the team. Our director **Dr. Elmer Gillett** has spared no effort to insure that the Conference attendees are rewarded spiritually and socially. He is asking that all of us do whatever we can to increase our overall attendance. I fully agree and believe that there is no reason that we could not have above **2000 in Conference** attendance. Some of our attendees are combining their family vacations to the Conference.

Universal Orlando, Islands of Adventure, Sea World, and Walt Disney World are just a few of the recreational sites.

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**“An invitation to you to join me in reaching members of the Orlando community at their point of need”**

**Rev. Althea C. Taylor**

**Coordinator, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, USA/Canada**

Dear Friend:

I greet you in the name of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I pray that you and your family are experiencing exciting times in the Lord and are being blessed as you strive to be a blessing to others.

Compassion is the essence of Christ-likeness. Christ was deliberate in meeting the needs of the vulnerable at their expressed point of need. In so doing, he demonstrated his love in a tangible way as neighbor and Lord. We are compelled to show forth the love of Christ in similar fashion, —as neighbors who are compelled to love as Christ did because we acknowledge him as Lord.

I am extending an invitation to you to join me in reaching members of the Orlando community at their point of need. On Wednesday, July 23, 2008, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, USA/Canada in partnership with One Heart Many Hands will gather Nazarenes from across the denomination to join shoulder to shoulder to demonstrate Christ's love tangibly to those in need. I invite you to come and join the compassionate ministries work and witness project that will precede the start of the National Black Nazarene Conference in Orlando.

On Wednesday morning we will gather in groups and spread out across the community to meet the needs of others. This promises to be a time of great reward as we show forth the love of Christ in a tangible way by serving the needs of others. Nazarenes from the local area have already responded to the call to arrive the day before the start of the National Black Nazarene Conference so that we may be a blessing to others. Groups or individuals from your congregation may register to be a part of this exciting time of service in the community. Details for registering are enclosed with this invitation.

I also extend an invitation to you to stay for the events of the National Black Nazarene Conference in Orlando Florida, July 24-27, 2008. The National Black Nazarene Conference is a gathering of Nazarenes from churches and

districts who celebrate the missional move of God among a people who have found a home in the Church of the Nazarene. This time promises to be a rich celebration in acknowledging the goodness of our Lord and his continued faithfulness. We will celebrate the vast contributions of Black Nazarenes representing the diversity of the African Diaspora to the denomination and the body of Christ. This conference will help every local church to strengthen, reclaim, and empower the Black family for the 21st century.

I look forward to the rich fellowship that awaits us in Orlando as we gather to express our gratitude to God in worship and demonstrate our love for Christ through service to others



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**Announcing New Job Board  
for Associate Minister and  
Staff Positions**



"Rev Charles Tillman Nazarene Black Recruiter is seeking the names of Black ministers who are looking to serve in the Church of the Nazarene. If you are willing to serve as an Associate Minister in a Black or Anglo congregation or willing to plant a new church, we need your information. Go to the clergy development site and sign up at [www.jobs.nazarene.org](http://www.jobs.nazarene.org) and under the positions clarifications choose Black Ministries. Your information will be sent to Rev Tillman and he will contact you regarding opportunities that are available to you."

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## Youth

## CHILDREN

## Workshops



The theme is "Guarding Our Fences... Within an Immoral Society"

The main purpose and mission of the

Youth Services are to provide many opportunities for youth to discuss, share, learn, and participate in youth related activities in a youth context and Christian environment. In other words, the Youth Department plans to "Keep It

Real" according to the Bible, so that the young people can relate, have fun, fellowship, be informed, understand, and be ministered to. This time includes roundtable discussions, fun activities and praise and worship by the youth groups represented.



The Youth Program is led by Robin Moore-Chambers and Jan Osler.



### Wind Ball Cricket Tournament

Saturday, July 26

1-4pm at the Lorna Doone Park

Contact- Rev. Zephaniah Mahadeo

Cell- 352-553-7678

newcreation2006@embarqmail.com

*Come and watch or sign up to play!*



The Children's Program under the direction of Shawn Wilkins, Daycare Director of the Woodville Church of the Nazarene will be available for children during the General Session times except Sunday.

#### The Children's Program will include:

- Lessons on Noah and Moses Disobeying God
- Arts and Crafts
- Music and Games
- Snack Time



## EXHIBITOR

Nazarene Publishing House

Nazarene Bible College

Eastern Nazarene College

Pensions and Benefits

Research

Cornerstone

Mission Strategy

Ramj Travel and Cruise

Karen's Gifts

T-Bags

Focus on the Family

Clergy Development

Chaplaincy

New Start

Work and Witness

#### Friday Morning Sessions 10-12pm

Wise Financial Investments—JoeAnn Ballard

How Shall They Hear—Oliver Phillips

PC/COB: A Program for Church Growth and Retention—Charles Tillman

A Fresh and Holistic Approach to Prisoner Re-Entry—Victor Ramsey

Effective Ministry With Step-Families and Blended Families: Not Broken, Just Different—Robin Moore-Chambers and Jan Osler

Cultivating and Sustaining Healthy Relationships for Effective Pastoral Ministry— Joe Warrington

Pursuing Excellence in Ministry—Judy Linton and Oral Walcott

#### Friday Afternoon Session 2-4pm

Reaching Your Community Through Felt Needs—Althea Taylor

Love Without Limits—Victor Price and Robert Benjamin

Marriage: The Myth and The Method—Jean Miller

Leadership 101: Developing Effective Leadership in the Black Family

How to Lead an Effective Senior Adult Ministry—Roger Bowman

Young People and Intentional Career Choices—Warren Rogers, III

Creating and Preserving Your Financial Legacy—Irving Rose



ENC Luncheon for Eastern Region Pastor's and Wives on Friday, July 25 from 12-2 pm in the Lemon Ballroom

RSVP 1-800-394-4751

For more information about becoming an exhibitor call Susan at 1-800-738-7167

You're invited

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**Wednesday, July 23, 2008**

8:00 AM—4:00 PM—One Heart Many Hands Community Service Project (Palms Foyer)

**Thursday, July 24, 2008**

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM - One Heart Many Hands Community Service Project

12:00 PM - Registration Begins

2:00 PM - Exhibits Open

6:30 PM - Pre-Service

6:45 PM - General Session # 1

- Speaker: Martha Simmons, *African American Pulpit Journal*
- Featuring: Brooklyn Beulah and Blue Hills Choirs
- Children Program During General Session
- Youth Program During General Session



**Friday, July 25, 2008**

8:00 AM—Exhibits Open

8:30 AM - Pre-Service Praise

8:45 AM - General Session #2

- Speaker: Samuel Vassel, senior pastor, Bronx Bethany Church of the Nazarene
- Featuring Bronx Bethany Choir
- Children Program During General Session
- Youth Program During General Session



10:00 - 12:00 PM - Discovery Session I

12:00—2:00 PM—ENC Luncheon for Eastern Region Pastors and Wives

2:00—4:00 PM—Discovery Session II

6:30 PM - Pre-Service Praise

6:45 PM General Session #3

Speaker: Sidney Mitchell, senior pastor, New Iberia Church of the Nazarene

- Featuring CWC Youth Choir and Meridian
- Children's Program During General Session



**Saturday, July 26, 2008**

8:00 AM—Exhibits Open

8:30 AM - Pre-Service Praise

8:45 AM - General Session #2

Speaker: Jerry Porter, general superintendent, Church of the Nazarene

- Featuring Brooklyn Beulah Choir
- Children's Program During General Session
- Youth Program During General Session



12:00—5:00 PM—Exhibits Closed

5:00 PM—Exhibits Reopen

1:00—4:00 PM—Cricket Tournament

6:30 PM - Pre-Service Praise

6:45 PM - Gospel Music & Talent Extravaganza

- Open to all choirs and musicians to participate



**Sunday, July 27, 2008**

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM - Exhibits Open

8:15 AM - Pre-Service Praise

8:30 AM - General Session #5

- Speaker: Cleophus LaRue, Princeton Theological Seminary
- Featuring Ft. Lauderdale Manor Choir and CWC
- No Children or Youth Programs during this service



*For more information about the conference call 1-800-738-7167 or the NBNC website at [www.missionstrategy.org](http://www.missionstrategy.org).*

*Dress for the conference is COOL, COMFORTABLE and CASUAL!*