

Baptist Herald

The Virtual 122nd Annual Session and Congress of Christian Faith Formation

June 27—30, 2021 via Zoom

Theme: We are BGC...
Bringing People Together,
Growing Churches, and
Changing Communities!

Act 1:8, Matthew 9:35-38, Mark 10:13-16



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President James E. Victor, Jr.,
Pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist
Church, Arlington, VA
TUESDAY EVENING
WORSHIP
PRESIDENT'S NIGHT



Dr. Tyrone McKinley Freeman,
Author of Madam C. J.
Walker's Gospel of Giving:
Black Women's Philanthropy
During Jim Crow
LECTURE SERIES
MONDAY, TUESDAY &
WEDNESDAY



Dr. Alison Gise-Johnson,
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May 17, 2021

Dear BGCVA Church Family:

We have exciting news to share with you. We have arranged with Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Company, to be part of their ministry partner program. Brotherhood Mutual provides high-quality insurance protection and risk management services and works exclusively with churches and related ministries.

When churches practice good risk management, they provide a safer place for their members to worship, resulting in few losses. When that happens, Brotherhood Mutual gives our denominational office a Safe Ministry Reward payment. The ministry partner program does not affect insurance premiums, but it does help our denomination when member churches and ministries manage their risks well.

You can find more information about Brotherhood Mutual and the many risk management services that the company offers at www.brotherhoodmutual.com, or you can contact our agency Sanford Insurance Agency, P. O. Box 1690, Midlothian, VA 23113. The agent of our preferred carrier is Mr. David Rogers. He can be reached at (800)359-5091 office or (804)334-4953 cell. If we can answer any questions about our experience with Brotherhood Mutual, just let us know.

Call us here at the Convention Office or call David Rogers directly if you wish to receive a free, no obligation proposal. We think you would be glad that you did.

Blessings,

Leo Whitaker
Group Executive

James E. Victor, Jr.
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President Victor's Focus for 2020-2022

The following is a statement of objectives which I feel we need to prioritize going forward considering the current social, political, and spiritual climate. They are merely listed but not in any ascending or descending order of importance. I imagine that some of these ideas are already in the works or are long-standing ministry efforts of the Convention; however, the contemporary contexts mandates emphasis.

- ♦ A voting education, registration, and GOTV campaign emphasizing early voting for all elections.
- ♦ As the Census results come in, we need to have a push for BGC churches to emphasize participation and registration and follow the benefits that the Census produces.

- ♦ Mental Health Wellness Webinars
- ♦ History/Oral History Project to update the convention's illustrious history
- ♦ Committee on Inclusion to ensure and augment both gender and age inclusion
- ♦ On-line Tutoring developed across the state for students who must now learn in virtual classrooms
- ♦ Seminars/Webinars for developing an On-line presence for churches, especially in rural precincts
- ♦ Round-Table talks or even TED style talks from subject matter experts from the School of Theology and other places about what Church will look like in the future after the seismic shifts brought on by the pandemic

- ♦ Some effort to address food insecurity by pairing Black farmers with Black Churches to develop a distribution network
- ♦ Have discussion about developing a long-range strategic plan that is not personality/presidentially driven to ensure the future direction of the Convention. With the tenure of the president being reduced to a two-year term, coupled with the quick shifts in context in the Commonwealth, we need direction for the Convention that outlast the presidency of any elected leader in order to maintain the Convention's relevance.

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122nd Annual Session and Congress of Christian Faith Formation Lecture Series Book

The iconic
businesswoman's
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and inspiration

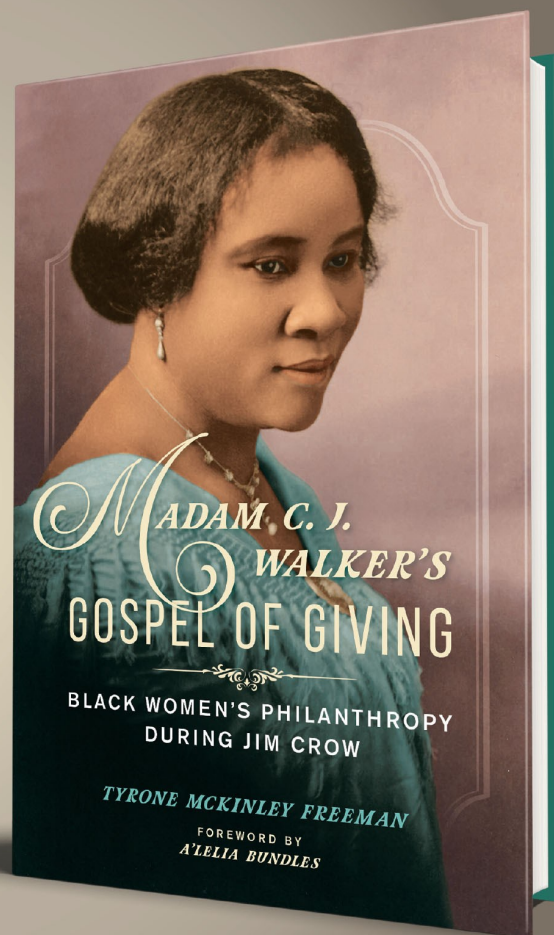
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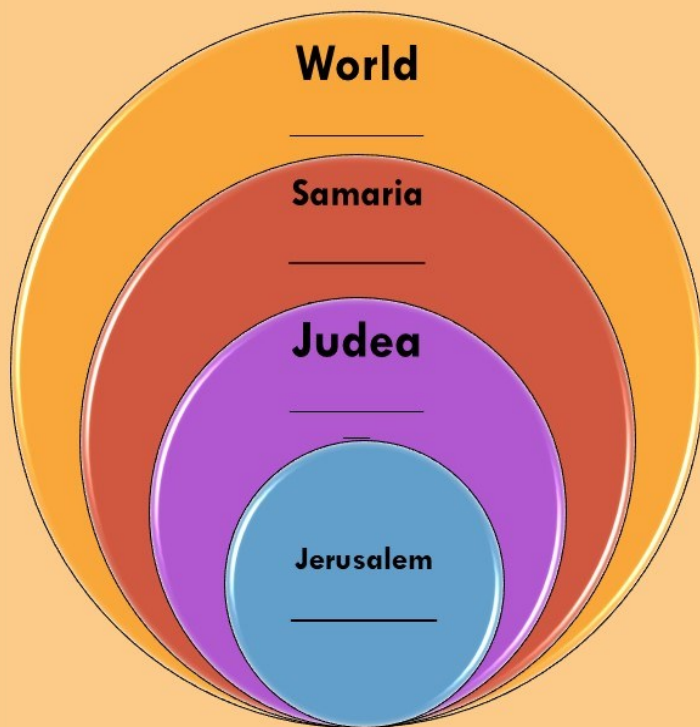
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BGCVA Thematic Focus for the Virtual 122nd Annual Session



Acts 1:8 NRSV ⁸“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Matthew 9:35-38 NRSV The Harvest Is Great, the Laborers Few³⁵ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Mark 10:13-16 NRSV

¹³People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

We Are BGC...

Bringing People Together, **G**rowing Churches, and **C**hanging Communities!

BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER,

“Let us make humankind in our image,” (Gen 1:26, NRSV) is both an initiative of the HOLY and an invitation for humanity to become Holy. The SPIRIT of the TRINITY requires believers to come together for the cause of CHRIST so the KINGDOM of GOD can be united. The CHURCH is not only the visible presence of GOD’S KINGDOM, it is also the living holy organism called the BODY of CHRIST. Acts 1:8 records the SAVIOUR’S Commission that we be witnesses in all the earth. Therefore, we should use every human effort to BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER into the Body of Christ. Bringing People Together is the mission of the church.

GROWING CHURCHES, and

Prayer to GOD, faith in JESUS, and the aid of the HOLY SPIRIT is how we GROW. Children need our nurturing care to guide them in life and to GROW in FAITH as reflected in Mark 10:13-16. Children and Youth are wrestling with issues and challenges that the church can creatively address without judgment or critique. The church is absent in many of the developmental years of young adults. Adults seek spiritual guidance in life but often as a last resort. Middle adults and seniors are the majority members of our churches, associations, and convention. However, the membership of each will continue to decrease if we are not engaged in Bringing People Together and GROWING CHURCHES.

CHANGING COMMUNITIES!

Whenever the church works in UNITY and SERVICE, communities are impacted. The CHANGE of the community is directly linked to the changes that are overdue and necessary in the church. In the ministry of JESUS, the marginalized are included in the faith and the religious are instructed to serve all in Spirit and in Truth. In Matthew 9:35-38, JESUS goes to the needy and ministers. We can be the CHANGE that we seek in our neighborhoods, communities, counties, cities, states, nations, and world. Our commission is world-wide, and we must see ourselves in changing the world.

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How are we
"Bringing People
Together"?

- Who is involved in the ministry?
- Who is missing that we should reach out to?

How are we
"Growing
Churches"?

- What are the different ways we can think about spiritual growth?

How are we
"Changing
Communities"?

- What change do we hope to see in the world?
- How will people's lives be changed?

Please take the time and give us your ideas, suggestions and events that we can employ for our Thematic Focus.

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Dear Board Members, Past Presidents & Officers, Associations & Moderators, Churches & Pastors, and BGCVA Family:

The Baptist General Convention of Virginia (BGCVA) Virtual 122nd Annual Session and Congress of Christian Faith Formation will convene June 27th – June 30th. Plans are being made to insure that this session will be meaningful and memorable. Dr. Tyrone Freeman, who introduced his book entitled, “Madam C. J. Walker’s Gospel of Giving” as the impetus for his enlightening and thought provoking presentation at the Midwinter Ministries session will return during the Annual Session. He informed the participants that Madam C. J. Walker, a noted philanthropist, left a legacy of giving of her gifts and talents and her wealth for her people. Her motto was: “Give as We Grow!”

The BGCVA has continued to serve the Children’s Home of Virginia Baptist, Virginia Union University, the Lott Carey and other missions. Unfortunately, because of the COVID-19 Virus and the Pandemic that has continued for over a year, the funds of this vibrant association have been drastically affected.

As we continue to plan for the Annual Session, we are fervently asking that you participate in a fundraising efforts. Therefore, we are requesting that you make a pledge to support the BGCVA. We are requesting that each Board Member, Past President & Officer, Association & Moderator, Church & Pastor, and BGCVA Family Member give an amount for the year 2021 (\$20.21, \$202.10, \$2,021.00 or any amount) to support the general expenses of the BGCVA. Donate through either the Thrivent/BGCVA link: <https://service.thrivent.com/apps/ThriventChoiceMemberWeb/public/orgDetails/100759489715> or via: CashApp (\$BGCVA).

The categories for the listing will be in accordance with the amount submitted. Please, consider making a minimum donation of \$20.21 as soon as possible. As in relationship to all of the BGCVA activities, your contributions can be submitted by several modalities listed above.

BGCVA thanks you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

Dr. Griselda Amy Bayton, Third Vice President
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2021

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122nd Annual Session and Congress of Christian Faith Formation Week At A Glance

Saturday, June 26th

11:30 AM—12:30 PM “Down by the Riverside”
Memorial Prayer Service @ Point Comfort—Dr. Colita
Fairfax & Dr. Todd Davidson—First Baptist Church
Hampton (1619—The 402nd Anniversary)

Sunday, June 27th

CHILDREN-YOUTH-YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES DAY

5:00 PM Youth Explosion

Featuring: Praise, Prayers, Scriptures, Songs, Mime,
Dance, Spoken Word, & Instrumental Offerings by
Children & Youth Ministries.

YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

7:00 PM Evening Worship

Preacher: *Rev. Barbara Florvil*

Monday, June 28th

CLERGY MINISTRY & COMMUNITY DAY

7:00 AM BGCVA PRAYER CALL
Facilitated by Clergy Ministry

9:00—10:30 AM CONGRESS OF CHRISTIAN
FAITH FORMATION CLASSES & SEMINARS
Select one (1)

11:00 AM MINISTRY SPECIAL PRESENTATION
Select one (1)

YOUTH MINISTRY: BGCVA & Tidewater YMAT

CLERGY MINISTRY: Dr. Gregory Beechaum, Sr.

MEN'S MINISTRY: Mr. Larry Pinchback

WOMEN'S MINISTRY: Mrs. Polly Jones Mason

2:00—4:00 PM Social Justice: Candidates Forum

6:00 PM Lecture Series
The Gospel of Giving—Dr. Tyrone McKinley Freeman

7:00 PM Evening Worship

Preacher: *Bishop John E. Guns*

Tuesday, June 29th

PRESIDENT'S DAY & MEN'S MINISTRY DAY

7:00 AM BGCVA PRAYER CALL
Facilitated by Men's Ministry

9:00—10:30 AM CONGRESS OF CHRISTIAN
FAITH FORMATION CLASSES & SEMINARS
Select one (1)

11:00 AM MINISTRY SPECIAL PRESENTATION
Select one (1)

YOUTH MINISTRY: BGCVA & Tidewater YMAT

CLERGY MINISTRY: Dr. Gregory Beechaum, Sr.

MEN'S MINISTRY: Mr. Larry Pinchback

WOMEN'S MINISTRY: Mrs. Polly Jones Mason

2:00—4:00 PM Intergenerational Ministry

4:00 PM The Business Meeting

6:00 PM Lecture Series
The Gospel of Giving—Dr. Tyrone McKinley Freeman

PRESIDENT'S NIGHT

7:00 PM Evening Worship
Preacher: *Dr. James E. Victor, Jr., President*

Wednesday, June 30th

WOMEN'S MINISTRY DAY

7:00 AM BGCVA PRAYER CALL
Facilitated by Women's Ministry

9:00—10:30 AM CONGRESS OF CHRISTIAN
FAITH FORMATION CLASSES & SEMINARS
Select one (1)

11:00 AM MINISTRY SPECIAL PRESENTATION
Select one (1)

YOUTH MINISTRY: BGCVA & Tidewater YMAT

CLERGY MINISTRY: Dr. Gregory Beechaum, Sr.

MEN'S MINISTRY: Mr. Larry Pinchback

WOMEN'S MINISTRY: Mrs. Polly Jones Mason

2:00—4:00 PM Women's Ministry Award Ceremony

6:00 PM Lecture Series
The Gospel of Giving—Dr. Tyrone McKinley Freeman

7:00 PM Evening Worship

- Gala Celebration & Recognition of Givers
- Memorial Tributes
- Ministry Announcements
- Religious, Civil, & Business Greetings

Preacher: *Dr. Alison Gise Johnson*



122nd Annual Session and Congress of Christian Faith Formation Classes

9:00AM – 11:30AM Congress of Christian Faith Formation Classes

(1) The Post-Pandemic Church: Governance for the In-Person & Virtual Body of Christ	Come learn how to develop a ministry that embraces virtual membership! What is a virtual member? What rights does a virtual member have within your church? Can members hold dual memberships in more than one church? How do you evangelize/increase your virtual congregation? Most church constitutions do not address the need for pandemic era, virtual meetings. Come learn essential church bylaw revisions necessary for the governance and management of the post pandemic church. Come learn hybrid ministry options that enable you to create a strategy for reaching virtual church members while maintaining strong commitments to your in-person congregation.
(2) Somebody's Calling My Name: Knowing Our Ancestors & Remembering Sacred Spaces	This session will provide training for new and current Church Historians, History Committee members and others. The attendees will learn the basics of genealogy (your family history); how to research; document and archive all data related to developing church history and archives. Learn more about the Dominion Energy sponsored Sacred Places: Church History, Cemeteries and Lands Project.
(3) Preparing to Re-Gather: Re-opening Guidelines and Best Practices for Churches	Many churches/houses of worship really desire to gather as a congregation in their worship facility as soon as possible. What are the risks? How do we safely minimize the risks? Well, ask the expert! Brotherhood Mutual, our BGCVA Ministry Insurance Partner will answer all of your detailed questions for re-opening your church safely.
(4) Stewardship, Finances, and Giving: The Effects of a Corona-virus Age and Beyond	The world has changed and IS changing! What does this mean for the operation of the church? What does this mean for “being a good steward”? What does this mean for church finances and operations? How does the church remain faithful to its stewardship mandate? While truth does not change, and God does not change — our methods of ministry must change if we are to remain effective in reaching our communities with the hope of Jesus Christ. This class will explore answers to these questions and more!
(5) AARP Healthy Living Series	This series will cover new brain health information, chair exercises, cooking demonstration, and segments on Caring for Caregivers that feature AARP video testimonials and demonstrations.
(6) Social Justice with Virginia Interfaith Power & Light	As caretakers of God’s Creation, learn more about how caring for the earth guarantees our right to breathe clean air, have access to water, move freely upon this sacred earth, to access and eat healthy foods and, own and care for the land. During these sessions participants will dive into what it means to care for Creation while exploring the intersections of race and environment. Please register for this session to gain a deeper understanding of how our faith is enhance through creation and calls us to take action to protect our earthly home.
(7) Empowering Healthy Families	Healthy Children, Healthy Families (HCHF) sessions will provide the specifics of this 9-week program that supports families in making changes leading to healthier eating and activity patterns, one step at a time. Through dialogue and collaborative action, we help families create healthier environments where children live, learn, and play.
(8) Planning and Executing an Exceptional Virtual VBS	Participants in this class will gain valuable knowledge on how to organize and implement a virtual VBS. Using the “hot off the press” BGCVA Virtual VBS materials, written by persons across Virginia, participants will explore ways in which their church or association can offer a creative and engaging virtual VBS.
(9) Medicare Matters!	10,000 baby boomers are turning 65 every day! If you are already on Medicare or if you need to re-view your current Medicare plans to make changes - Join us! Are you turning 65 soon? Are you retiring now, or will you continue to work? Are you currently receiving social security benefits? Will you need to help to enroll in Medicare A and Part B? These questions and more will be addressed.
(10) Zoom Me In! Virtual Rules of Engagement on Zoom	Did you know that etiquette involves more than just table manners? Whether in person or on the phone, or virtual etiquette involves the way we act when we interact with or in the presence of others. Using practical rules for engagement, this class offers manners that allow all persons to engage in more meaningful ways with others virtually.
(11) Children & Youth (Ages 7-17 only)	Children and youth will explore sacred spaces and examine ways to preserve oral and written histories. They will have encounters with personalities, places, and objects that teach about sacred spaces. The youth will experience various models of ministry that will develop faith formation. All youth classes will take place Monday-Wednesday from 9am -12:30pm.

122nd Annual Session and Congress of Christian Faith Formation Registrations Form

121st Annual Session Individual Registration Form

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY

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Full Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Your Telephone Numbers : Home (_____) _____

Mobile (_____) _____

Your Mailing Address: _____

City, ST Zip: _____

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	A	Package—Electronic	\$50.00	\$60.00
	B	Youth Package—Electronic	\$20.00	\$30.00
	C	DVDs Package	\$30.00	

Total Registration Fee Enclosed: \$ _____

Day	Time	CLASS SELECTIONS Titles (Options—Descriptions on P. 6—8) PLEASE TYPE or PRINT LEGIBLY
MTW	9:00 AM	

Day	Time	MINISTRY SESSION SELECTIONS Circle (1) One
MTW	11:00 AM	CHILDREN/YOUTH CLERGY MEN WOMEN

VBS Time is Almost HERE! Introducing BGCVA's FIRST VBS Curriculum!!!

Newly Released!

Sacred Spaces: Generations Together – Preserving the Gift of Our Heritage

(A Curriculum inspired by the BGCVA Sacred Spaces grant. Written and produced by – BGCVA Churches ACROSS Virginia– Spring, 2021)

Objective To produce a core VBS curriculum for all ages that addresses the importance of the Historic Preservation of African American Sacred Spaces (family cemeteries/courthouse records/etc. for ancestral research, across Virginia and beyond. Thus, enabling all ages to gain a better understanding of, and preserving, who we are as African American Christians who are Baptist.

Curriculum Given the objective, the curriculum will introduce students of all ages to the need for Historic Preservation of African American Sacred Spaces, i.e.: Church cemeteries, Family graveyards, etc.

Students will have the opportunity to explore their family heritage and church history as a springboard for understanding

who they are and the lasting contributions of their ancestors to their family today; and, hope for tomorrow.

Kit Includes:

1. Teachers' Guide – (Includes 5 lessons with teaching process & points; creative activities, etc.)
2. Student Book
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The Reverend Serenus Churn, Singer and Musician; Member, BGCVA Commission on Faith Formation; and BGCVA Worship & Arts Commission; Pastor, High Street Baptist Church, Roanoke

The Reverend Steven Hayes; Associate Minister and Musician, High Street Baptist Church, Roanoke

Mrs. Mary Trigg-Hayes; Musician, High Street

Baptist Church, Roanoke

Additional Suggested Resources:

Gould-Champ, Patricia A., PhD. Pamela Goes To Church.

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Reid, Kristi Guillory. Harper Counts Her Blessings. Kristi Guillory Reid, Publisher, 2021.

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Freeman, Tyrone McKinley, PhD. Madam C. J. Walker's Gospel of Giving: Black Women's Philanthropy During Jim Crow. University of Illinois Press, 2020.

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GRIEF MINISTRY

"God is our Refuge and Strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, even though the earth be removed and the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea." Psalm 46:1-2 KJV

EVERY 2nd SATURDAY @ 9 AM


AUGUST 14TH, SEPTEMBER 11TH, OCTOBER 9TH, NOVEMBER 13TH, & DECEMBER 11TH

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YOUTH WILL HEAR FROM >>>


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JUNE 5 >>> 6 PM

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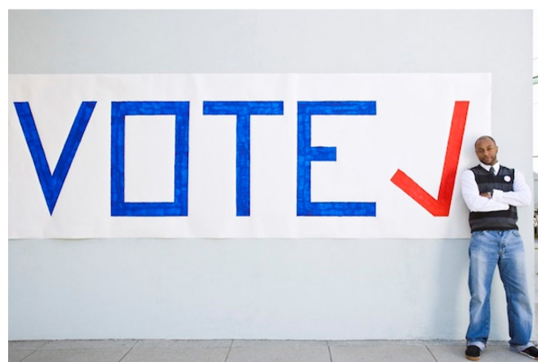


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MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

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123

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American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

From 1999 to 2016,

630,000

people died from
DRUG OVERDOSE.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Nearly **1 in 5** U.S.
adults lives with a
MENTAL ILLNESS.

National Institute of Mental Health via the
National Survey on Drug Use and Health
(NSDUH) and the Substance Abuse and Mental
Health Services Administration

Why Mental Health First Aid?

Mental Health First Aid teaches you **how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders**. This 6-hour training gives you the skills you need to reach out and provide initial support to someone who may be developing a mental health or substance use problem and help connect them to the appropriate care.

WHO SHOULD TAKE IT

- Employers
- Police officers
- Hospital staff
- First responders
- Faith leaders
- Community members
- Caring individuals

WHAT IT COVERS

- Common signs and symptoms of mental illness.
- Common signs and symptoms of substance use.
- How to interact with a person in crisis.
- How to connect the person with help.
- **NEW:** How to administer naloxone in the event of an opioid overdose.

The course will teach you how to apply the ALGEE action plan:

- Assess for risk of suicide or harm
- Listen nonjudgmentally
- Give reassurance and information
- Encourage appropriate professional help
- Encourage self-help and other support strategies

FREE VIRTUAL MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID CERTIFICATION CLASS

Thursday, July 1st - 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Registration Due no later than June 15th

Class limited to 50 persons - Register Early!

Register at

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/virtual-mental-health-first-aid-certification-class-registration-157852542203>

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Homegoing Celebrations

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word. 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

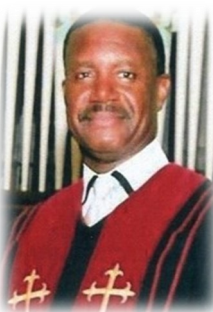


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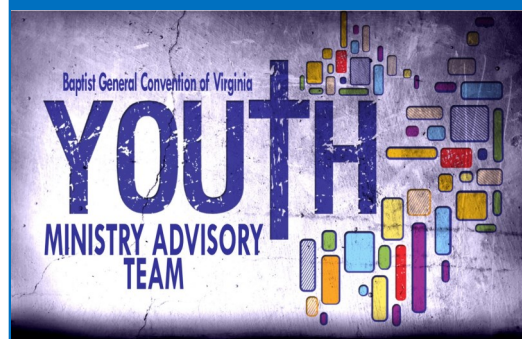
Baptist General Convention, our thoughts and prayers continue to be with the families of the following pastors, who have transitioned into eternal rest in 2020.

<— The Reverend Dr. Victor L. Davis, Sr.

Brother James E. Coleman, Sr. —>



Attention All Youth Pastors, Youth Directors, and Youth Workers



BGCVA inviting you to join the Baptist General Convention of Virginia's Youth Ministry Advisory Team (YMAT). Together, we will plan, implement, evaluate and elevate BGCVA'S Youth Ministry in conjunction with both our 28 associations and 1079 churches. The YMAT will develop and design strategic plans and programs and other events in your area as well as give leadership to statewide engagements.

The virtual meetings are each Thursday at 7:00 PM and the special virtual training sessions are on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9:00 AM.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82102131267?pwd=N0lDSk93NFJ0ZnRldXBiWGVL3FLZz09>

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For questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Executive Minister Whitaker 804-228-2421 (office) or executiveminister@bgcva.org.

We look forward to working with you!





Baptist General Convention of VA Clergy Ministry Invites You To:



CONVERSATIONS IN CLERGY MINISTRY

EVERY FIRST THURSDAY
@ 12 PM

Topic Conversation
Spiritual Closure: Caring
for Ourselves
While Remembering
Those Who We Have
Lost



Meeting ID: 876 5365 4568

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Baptist General Convention of VA
Ministry Training Track (M. T. T.)



Preparing Leaders for Ministry in the Pandemic and Beyond

EVERY THIRD MONDAY
@ 12 PM

Meeting ID: 889 5297 9107

Passcode: 457526

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88952979107?pwd=eStXTm5XNlR0a1RseER3dFAiYUtgdz09>

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2021 Event Calendar

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January

- 9 Virtual Church Finance and Tax Compliance Conference
- 18-19 MLK Celebration and Day of Ministry Service
- 24 Statewide BGCVA Day

February

- 5 Virtual VUU Founders' Day
- 19-20 Virtual Mid-Winter Ministries Session

March

- 6 Virtual Children, Youth, & and Youth Workers' Conference

April

- 8 Virtual Spring General Board Meeting
- 23-24 Virtual Youth Retreat I
- 24 VUU Church Leadership Conference

May (First Responders Month)

- 1 Virtual VBS Conference
- 15 Virtual Post Pandemic Ministry Conference

June

- 5 Virtual Children & Youth Empowerment - No Judgement Zone!
- 27-30 Virtual 122nd Annual Session and Congress of Christian Faith Formation

Weekly

- Every Thursday @ 7 PM – Youth Ministry Advisory Team: Meeting

July

- 10 BGC Day @ Kings Dominion
- 10 Virtual Children's Home Founders' Day
- 16-17 Virtual Youth Retreat II

August

- 27-28 Virtual Back 2 School Weekend

September (Christian Faith Formation Month)

- 4 Virtual Church School Conference
- 9 Virtual General Board Strategic Planning Meeting

October (Clergy Appreciation Month)

- 10 Clergy Appreciation Day
- 10-16 BGCVA Week of Prayer
- 14 Virtual Fall General Board Meeting

November

- 2 Day of Social Action
- 5-6 Virtual Fall Session

December

- 18 Virtual Youth Ministry Lock-In

Monthly

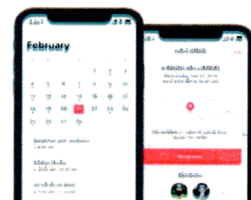
- Every 1st Thursday @ 12PM – Clergy Conversations
- Every 3rd Monday @ 12 PM – Ministry Training Track
- Every 4th Thursday @ 10 AM – Moderators' Meeting
- Every 2nd Saturday @ 9 AM – Youth Ministry Advisory Team: Training

**** Events are Virtual During the Pandemic. ****

*** Dates and Locations are Subject to Change. ***

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