



# NATIONAL UNITED CHURCH USHERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, INC.

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE

February 2010

**"The first step toward change is awareness. The second step is acceptance."**

*The National Board of Directors jointly with our National President is on a mission and we need your support! We are committed to finding ways to increase membership at our 2010 convention and that begins with identifying ways to improve our convention – figuring out ways to make our convention more attractive so that we can go back to the days of 2000 plus registered Ushers. Your thoughts and ideas are important. Please share them with us.*

### *Share your thoughts* **On-line Survey**

*In the very near future, you will be asked to complete an on-line survey. The purpose of the survey is to provide our members with an opportunity to anonymously share their thoughts about our national conventions. By completing the survey, you will help the Board and our President better understand what you believe is good about the convention and what you believe needs improvement. Our goal is to grow our convention in 2010 and in the coming years but we need your help to make sure we are addressing the needs of our members. Results of the survey will be consolidated and shared with the membership. We are pleased to announce that we had the support of our Young Adult department, specifically, Sis. LaTasha Pettis in putting the survey together. Thanks LaTasha! Board Member Vice Chairman, Joe Prelow is the lead on this project.*

### *Corporate Sponsorship* **Laptops for our Youth**

*The Board of Directors has moved full-force ahead with its goal to acquire laptops for this year's Education Department Spelling Bee contestants. More than fifty letters were sent to the top Fortune 500 companies with hopes of receiving corporate sponsorship for this effort and to increase our name recognition in the corporate community. Thank you to Dr. Linda Smallwood and Past President Willie J. Minnifield for assisting with the writing of the sponsorship letter. It has been approved by our attorney and is posted on our website.*

**Once again, we need your support.** Please share this letter with those in the corporate world that you may know to help further the cause. The letter is on our national website – [www.nationalchurchushers.org](http://www.nationalchurchushers.org). All donations are tax-deductable. Board Member David Fuller is the lead on this project.

### *Pastors Reception* **Getting to Know You**

*On Friday evening (Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>) of the Board of Director's mid-winter meeting in St. Louis, the Board will host a Get Acquainted Dinner for the Pastors and ministry Presidents of the St. Louis area. Along with dinner which will be catered by our very own Sis. Onetha Holt at her home church, Pleasant Green Baptist Church, we will have a short welcome program to include a Power Point presentation/overview of the National. It is our*

goal to let the St. Louis area Pastors know who we are and what we are about, with the hope that they will encourage their usher ministries to become involved at the state, region levels and hopefully attend our national convention. We believe this will benefit not only the state but also the region and that a get acquainted dinner or reception such as this should be continued each year in the state where our convention will be held.

## Payment Options **NUCUAA to Accept Credit Cards**

If you had a choice, would you choose to pay for items such as national pins, rental of scooters or the purchase of breakfast, luncheon, banquet or other convention event tickets using your debit or credit card? The Board of Directors is looking into on-line payments systems as well as a credit card acceptance machine for on-site purchases for your convenience.

## Price Decrease **2010 Vendors**

The Board has reduced the price for vendor space. The cost is now \$250 per table. If you know of vendors who would like to participate at our National Convention, please direct them to our website for a copy of the National Vendor Application.



### **St. Louis, Missouri**

## **Convention 2010**

**July 26 – 30, 2010**

\$129 plus tax – currently 15.491%

Room Reservations – 1-800-233-1234 or 314-655-1234

Hotel POC for State rooming lists **ONLY** – Amy Hogg at

[Amey.Hogg@hyatt.com](mailto:Amey.Hogg@hyatt.com) 314.342.4613

**NEW DEADLINE FOR PRE-REGISTRATION & STATE FEES**

**JUNE 15, 2010**

**EXTENDED and FINAL DEADLINE FOR PRE-REGISTRATION**

**PURCHASE OF TICKETS JUNE 30, 2010**

## **National Souvenir Journal**

FULL PAGE (ONE PHOTO) \$150.00

½ PAGE (ONE PHOTO) \$110.00

¼ PAGE \$100.00

NATIONAL OFFICERS \$ 25.00 (Seniors & Young Adults, Past & Present)

NATIONAL OFFICERS \$ 15.00 (Junior & Young People, Past & Present)

ADDITIONAL PHOTO \$ 10.00

Please make checks payable to: NUCUAA, Inc. and submit along with ad and picture **by June 4, 2010**. Please notice the difference in prices from last year. All ads have been reduced by \$10.00

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