



**NATIONAL UNITED CHURCH USHERS
ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, INC.**

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NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE

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Hello NUCUAA Family!

We pray this update find you and your families well.

We ask that you join us as we continue in prayer for healing, hope, comfort and safety as we face this season of pandemic and bereavement, as we continue to endure the up rise of social injustices, political unrest and; adjust to a new norm of everyday living. God is ultimately in control of these situations yet, there simply is no such thing as too much prayer.

Like everyone and so many other organizations, the National is attempting to manage and move forward through uncharted territory. We have learned that we must address the areas where our bylaws are silent such as what we experienced this year with not being able to meet and conduct an election of offices.

With that said, the National Board of Directors has established a team to look at the feasibility of conducting virtual meetings and elections. You will hear from us very soon on the outcome. Nevertheless, even though we did not have our 101st National Convention, we missed you and would like to sincerely thank you for your continued support.

While the pandemic continues to linger with uncertainties about how we will move forward in the immediate future, the Board must prepare and take necessary actions in the best interest of the Association and our Delegates. The Board prepared and sent out through the State Presidents, a short survey regarding next year's convention in Phoenix, AZ. The survey asks, "If social distancing and safety precautions are still required next year, would delegates be interested in attending the convention?"

The survey closed on August 31st and we will share the results through the State Presidents. Thank you to those who took the time to respond. We believe the survey will help us make the appropriate decisions regarding our upcoming convention. In the

meantime, we are working with our Attorney to make sure our future contracts address these types of situations.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Director Ferrolin Winston from the state of Minnesota to the Board of Directors, to fill the vacancy of the late Director Ozie Roddy. His term expires July 2021.

FINANCES

Please send all dues, fees, vouchers, and any requests pertaining to National finances to the National Financial Secretary.

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MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

We are considering hosting a virtual meeting instead of an in-person meeting for the Board's 2021 Mid -Winter Conference.

SCHOOL OF USHERING

A new updated version of our School of Ushering Manual will be available October 1, 2020 for a cost of \$10.00.

HISTORICAL PICTORIAL BOOK – We encourage our members to support the IT/Marketing Team's great project. The Historical Pictorial Memory Book contains many beautiful photos from last year's Centennial Convention from Sunday through Friday. The Cost of the book is \$25.00. Visit our National Website to place your order at nationlchurchushers.org

BACKGROUND CHECK REMINDER - Background checks are handled by the firm Trusted Employees. Background clearance is valid for two years only. If you need to renew your clearance, contact Chairman Wilkins at melinda.wilkins3@verizon.net.

AUDIT OF FINANCIAL RECORDS – Fiscal Years 2017, 2018 & 2019 Financial Records have been sent to the Auditor for review.

2021 CONVENTION

The 102nd National Convention is scheduled to be held in Phoenix, Arizona.

Date: July 26-July 30, 2021

Sheraton Phoenix Downtown Hotel

340 N 3rd Street

Phoenix, Arizona 85004

Hotel Rate \$129.00 Per Night Across the Board

Total Tax 12.27%

Total for One Night with Taxes \$144.82

Reservations: Call 1-866-837-4213 or

Via our website at www.nationalchurchushers.org

Click on Convention/Conference

Select 102nd National Convention

Click on NUCUAA for online Reservations

The hotel will require a one night's room Deposit and tax to be paid at the time of your reservation. Reservation Refundable Deadline - June 1, 2021

Hotel Reservation Deadline - July 2, 2021

During this time, we are in contact with the NUCUAA Attorney and Convention Planner, respectively, to stay abreast of any changes that may affect our plans for the 102nd Convention to be held in Phoenix, Arizona July 27-August 2021. We will keep the membership apprised.

HOUSING

Questions or problems, please contact Director Sadie Boles, Housing Chairman at 773-480-6616 spbolesaa04@gmail.com or if you cannot reach her, please contact Chairman Wilkins at 301-385-0709.

FUTURE CONVENTIONS

2022 – Chicago, Illinois - July 21 – July 31, 2022

Hyatt Regency O'Hare - Room Rate \$149.00 Plus Tax 4.00%

On November 25, 2019, we received an email from the Millennium Hotel in Cincinnati informing us that they were closing their doors on December 31, 2019. At that point, the Board moved forward with contacting other area hotels.

The Hyatt & Hilton in Cincinnati did not meet our criteria because they each had a Music Festival scheduled during the same week of our convention. The Conference Planner checked on several other Hotels both in and outside of Cincinnati, St. Louis, Kansas City, Cleveland, Downtown Chicago, Minneapolis, and other locations in Ohio. Those Hotels either did not have enough rooms available or did not have the dates available that we requested.

The Board voted to go to Chicago and a contract was signed on June 26, 2020.

2023 - Washington, DC - July 27 - August 5, 2023

**Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill - Room Rate \$149.00 Plus Tax 14.95%
Contract was signed on March 29, 2019.**

2024 - New Orleans, Louisiana - July 17 - July 28, 2024

**Sheraton New Orleans Hotel - Room Rate \$139.00 Plus Tax 15.75%
Contract was signed March 15, 2019.**

2025 - OPEN - No Contract

**2026 - Orlando, Florida - July 22 - August 1, 2026 (rescheduled from 2020 to 2026) Rosen Hotel - Room Rate \$139.00 Plus Tax.
Contract was signed June 27, 2020.**

Again, the Board of Directors would like to extend our appreciation and Thanks to the Delegates and Members for their outstanding support during this year. We pray that all will be well, and we look forward to seeing each of you in 2021 in Phoenix, Arizona.

Board Report Submitted By:

Melinda H. Wilkins, Chairman, Board of Directors

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