



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE NO. 4

May 1, 2023

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. (Romans 8:28)

Greetings Officers and Members,

The 104th National Convention in Washington, DC, is quickly approaching. We hope that you are making plans to attend the National Convention. Your support and presence at the Convention are vital to the Board of Directors.

104th NATIONAL CONVENTION

The host hotel is the Hyatt Regency Washington On Capitol Hill, 400 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20001. The Convention dates are July 31-August 4, 2023. The room rate is \$149.00/night. Effective April 1, 2023, the tax rate was increased by 1%, from 14.95% to 15.95%, an increase of \$1.49 per night (**\$172.76 total/night**) for single and double rooms.

Reminder for those who have not made your lodging reservations: The Board of Directors reduced the room block by 10% to ensure that the organization does not fall into a financial bind for rooms not picked up by the delegates. We have been advised by the hotel that once we meet our room block of 1,890 room nights, the hotel will not add rooms to the block because of their peak season. Therefore, delegates making lodging reservations after we meet the room block will have to pay the standard rate of \$234.00 per night plus tax.

The check-in time is 4:00 PM, and the check-out time is 11:00 AM. Please be aware that there may be a charge for early check-in and late check-out.

The hotel will provide a storage area for those arriving before check-in time.

Charles J. Brown
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Reservation Link: <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/WASRW/G-UCUA>

Central Reservation Number: 1-800-233-1234

Hyatt Hotel Washington main number: 1-202-737-1234

Conference Name: NUCUAA or Group Code: G-UCUA

Reservation Guarantee: To guarantee a reservation, the hotel will charge a deposit of one night's room rate of \$149.00 plus tax of 15.95% (\$172.76 total) for each room reserved. The charge will be deducted from the total bill upon checkout.

Hotel Parking: Parking at the host hotel for the 104th National Convention is \$62.00 per day. The discounted rate is 15% (discount of \$9.30). The total parking rate per day is \$52.70. **Valet Parking Only** – you cannot park your vehicle yourself in the hotel garage.

Masks Requirements: The hotel has no mask restrictions because the District of Columbia has lifted all mask mandates. However, the Board of Directors encourages the Convention delegates to wear masks, especially those with health issues.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS FUNDRAISER: Please support the Board of Directors Fundraiser project to help raise funds for the organization. See the attached NUCUAA Order Form. The deadline to place orders is **June 15, 2023**, for delivery at the 104th National Convention.

Preferred Airport: The preferred airport to fly into and out of for the 104th National Convention is the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, located in Arlington County, Virginia. The airport is about 5.8 miles from the hotel.

Shuttle Service from and to the Airport: The host hotel does not provide shuttle service from the Airport to the hotel or from the hotel to the Airport.

Amtrak Train: The destination in Washington, DC, is "Union Station." Union Station is about a half mile from the host hotel.

Uber or Lyft Options: Transportation options using the Uber or Lyft application on mobile phones from and to the Airport and Union Station are available. The cost will vary depending on the time of day.

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES: Southwest Airlines is proud to partner with NUCUAA. Attendees of the 104th NUCUAA Convention can take advantage of discounted fares traveling to/from Washington, DC. Attendees will receive a 3% discount and a 25% bonus Rapid Rewards points by booking via **SWABIZ** with Company ID ***99626310**. Reservations are accepted through July 10, 2023.

UNITED AIRLINES: United Airlines is pleased to partner with NUCUAA. To make flight reservations online, click on discount code **ZN4G419008** or call United Meetings Reservation Desk, Monday – Friday at (800) 426-1122, for booking assistance. Booking fees are waived for

Meetings reservations. Mileage Plus members earn valuable miles for their travel when using the Meetings discount code. Baggage fees: First bag \$35.00, second bag \$40.00.

DELTA AIRLINES: Delta Airlines is proud to partner with NUCUAA. Call Delta Meeting Network at 1(800)328-1111, Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM – 6:30 PM (EST); refer to Meeting Event Code: **NM2FF**. Baggage fees: First bag \$25.00, second bag \$35.00.

CONVENTION PROGRAMS, PLAQUES, AND TROPHIES: Departments and Committee Chairpersons, your Convention Programs are due by **May 15, 2023**. Email copies of programs to your Board of Directors Liaison, Donna A. Hines Information Technology & Marketing Strategies, (jprophet301@comcast.net), and Board Chairman, Pansy Bradley-Cooper (pansyart@aol.com). All orders for Plaques and Trophies are due by **June 1, 2023**. Submit requests to your Board of Directors Liaison, Brother Kensey Lewis (mac11530@yahoo.com), and Board Chairman, Pansy Bradley-Cooper (pansyart@aol.com).

Souvenir Journal: Please refer to the Website at www.nationalchurchushers.org for information regarding the Souvenir Journal. The submission deadline is **June 1, 2023**.

Patron's List: Please refer to the Website at www.nationalchurchushers.org for information regarding the Patrons List. The submission deadline is **June 1, 2023**.

MONETARY DONATIONS: Listed on NUCUAA's website are the following Donation Tabs:

1. Tornado/Hurricane Relief for those impacted in the entire town of Rolling Fork, Mississippi, on March 23, 2023. The deadline to make your donation is **May 1, 2023**. However, we will gladly accept your donations until **May 15, 2023**.
2. Assistance to help defray the expenses of the 104th National Convention.

Background Checks: Junior Supervisors, Parents, and anyone working with or interacting with our Juniors and attending the Junior and Young People's Department meetings and outings will need a current background check before the National Convention. Background Checks are good for two (2) years. Requests for Background Checks or to confirm if you need to update your Background Check, please contact Vice Chairman Rev. Dr. Travis Harden at 870-717-7908 or revdrtravisharden@gmail.com. **The deadline is June 1, 2023.**

Vendor Opportunities: **Vending opportunities are no longer available.** We have met the maximum number of vendors we can accommodate based on the space allocated for the vendors.

104th National Convention Pre-Registration: March 1, 2023, Pre-registration for all Departments was posted on NUCUAA's website. Pre-registration fees: Seniors and Young Adults - \$50.00; Juniors - \$45.00; and Visitors \$50.00. **The deadline for Pre-registration is June 15, 2023.**

On-site Registration, effective June 16, 2023: Seniors and Young Adults - \$60.00; Juniors - \$55.00; and Visitors - \$60.00.

Head Tax, State Fees, and Membership Roster Submission: The Membership approved the following Head Tax at the 103rd National Convention to be effective starting for the calendar year 2023-2024. Seniors and Young Adults - \$5.00; Juniors - \$2.00. **The deadline for all payments and Membership Rosters is June 15, 2023.** The Membership Rosters should include the email address of each member (for constant contact) and cell phone (for electronic voting).

Convention Events and Activities Tickets: March 1, 2023, all events and activities during the Convention were posted on NUCUAA's website. **PLEASE REFER TO WEBSITE: www.nationalchurchushers.org FOR ALL TICKETED EVENTS.**

Food Functions:

Sunday, July 30, 2023, 7:00 A.M. - Sylester T. Williams Past National Officers' Prayer Breakfast. Tickets are \$60.00 per person – Suggestive Colors: Pastels.

Tuesday, August 1, 2023 – 1:00 P.M. - James E. Anderson Unity Luncheon. Tickets are \$70.00 per person – Suggestive Colors: Gray with pink accessories or pink with gray accessories.

Friday, August 4, 2023 – 7:00 P.M. Installation and Recognition Banquet. Tickets are \$90.00 per person – Children under the age of 12 (twelve) are \$50.00 per person – Suggestive Colors: Red and White with a touch of Silver. ATTIRE: Formal or Semi-formal.

Special Guest: The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries, the Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives.

Activities and Events:

Monday, July 31, 2023, 7:00 P.M. – Henry Ballard Music Department Monday Night Musical – Tickets are \$10.00 per person – Suggestive Colors for Choir members only.

Ladies: Heather Gray suits/dresses and yellow accessories with heather gray or black shoes.

Men: Heather Gray suits, white shirts, and yellow ties with heather gray or black shoes.

Tuesday, August 1, 2023 – Junior and Young People's Department, Evening of Elegance – Tickets are \$30.00 per person.

Wednesday, August 2, 2023 – 12:30 P.M. – Wednesday Outings

- Junior and Young People's Department – Spy Museum – Tickets are \$50.00 per person
- Senior Department:
 - Trip #1 – Museum of the Bible and Dinner – Children under age 9 – Tickets are \$37.00 per person - Ages 10 and up tickets are \$55.00 per person
 - Trip #2 – Bus Trip to National Harbor and Tanger Outlets – Tickets are \$30.00 per person
 - Trip #3 – Sightseeing Tour on Hop-on-Hop-Off Bus (13 Sightseeing attractions) – Tickets are \$50.00 per person

Thursday, August 3, 2023, 7:00 P.M. - Allan A. C. Griffith, Sr. Education Department Program – Tickets are \$10.00 per person.

Young Adult Department Game Night – 7:30 P.M. - \$15.00 pre-registration – Tickets are \$20.00 per person.

NUCUAA 2023 Outreach Project: Please support the Blake Vince Payne Star Fund Outreach Project to help fight pediatric cancer. Donations can be made on the Website at www.nationalchurchshers.org.

Leroy Johnson Building Fund Committee:

YOU'RE NEEDED – The Leroy Johnson Building Fund Committee is looking for YOU!

Members of NUCUAA with experience in securing, writing, interpreting, or searching for 501(c)3 non-profit grants/contracts are requested to contact the Committee Chairman – Christie Savage, via email at christiesavage@gmail.com or 301-318-6577. Your assistance will help expedite the fulfillment of the Committee's goal to secure a NUCUAA headquarters. Thanks in advance for sharing your talent.

Eastern Region, District of Columbia, Sunday Night Musical, and Other Events: **PLEASE REFER TO WEBSITE: www.icuaofdc.org FOR ALL TICKETED EVENTS.**

Sunday, July 30, 2023, 7:00 P.M. – Featuring Renowned Artists: Patrick Lundy and the Ministers of Music and Professor Latonya Wrenn, Director of Music, Bowie State University. Worship Leader Jacquie Gales Webb, WHUR Sunday Morning Radio Host. Tickets are \$15.00 per person.

Saturday, July 29, 2023, 9:45 A.M. – National Museum of African American History and Culture – Tickets are \$30.00 per person. The deadline to purchase tickets is Monday, May 29, 2023.

Saturday, July 29, 2023, 10:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. – Two-Hour Bus Tour of the District of Columbia Historical Sites – Tickets are \$30.00 per person. The deadline to purchase tickets is Friday, July 14, 2023, or until sold out.

Sunday, July 30, 2023, 1:00 P.M. – Bus trip to Walmart for Refreshments and Amenities -Tickets are \$20.00 per person. Limited to 55 persons. The deadline to purchase tickets is Friday, July 14, 2023, or until sold out.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact your Board of Directors members in your Region, or you may contact Board Chairman Pansy Bradley-Cooper, pansyart@aol.com, or National President Charles J. Brown, nucuaaprez24@aol.com.

Let us stay in prayer and continue uplifting all sick members, families, and those who have lost loved ones.

We look forward to welcoming each of you to the 104th National Convention in Washington, DC.

Sincerely,
National Board of Directors

Pansy Bradley-Cooper

Pansy Bradley-Cooper, Chairman

Charles J. Brown

Charles J. Brown, National President