



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**PANSY BRADLEY-COOPER – CHAIRMAN**  
**REV. DR. TRAVIS HARDEN – VICE CHAIRMAN**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE NO. 2**

December 4, 2023



Greetings in the Precious Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

The Board of Directors wishes everyone a blessed, safe, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

The Board would like to thank everyone who supported the Double Good Popcorn Fundraiser. The Fundraiser was very successful - \$5,371.00 was raised to help keep the organization financially sound.

The number of members responding to the survey issued via Constant Contact on October 30, 2023, was considerably low. Only 163 members responded to the survey. The Board expected a more significant number of members to provide feedback on future conventions for the organization. The survey may be reissued to obtain a more extensive response from the membership.

The Board is proactive in planning the 105<sup>th</sup> National Convention. This update highlights reminders, actions acquired by our Delegates, and new information to assist the Delegates with your plans for attending the 105<sup>th</sup> National Convention.

**Charles J. Brown**  
President

**Jamal Edwards-Frayer**  
President  
Young Adult  
Department

**Brian Valentine**  
President  
Junior and Young  
People's Department

**Filmore F. Gregory**  
President Emeritus

**Ruth I. Jones**  
Board Chairman  
Emerita

## **105<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL CONVENTION**

The host hotel is the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel, 500 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130. The Convention dates are July 22 – July 26, 2024. The room rate is \$139.00/night, plus a State and Local Tax Rate of 14.95% (\$20.09), a Tourism Assessment Fee of 1.7% (\$2.43), and an Occupancy Fee of \$3.00 (subject to change) for a total of **\$164.52 total/night** for Kings and Double/Double rooms.

***A host hotel is acquired, and a group rate is negotiated for the Delegates' benefit and convenience. The Board of Directors would like to remind the Delegates of the importance of staying at the host hotel to prevent the Association from paying extra expenses for unused rooms.***

Since the 105<sup>th</sup> National Convention is in New Orleans, Louisiana, consider taking advantage of the hotel lodging rate by arriving within three days before the convention and staying three days after the convention to explore the many sightseeing opportunities.

**Reservation Link:** <https://book.passkey.com/e/50516881>

**Central Reservation Number:** 1-888-236-2427

**Sheraton New Orleans Hotel main number:** 504-525-2500

**Housing Chairmen:** Please contact Chairman Pansy Bradley-Cooper - [pansyart@aol.com](mailto:pansyart@aol.com) – 301-335-1779 and Director Olivia Day – [dayolivia68@yahoo.com](mailto:dayolivia68@yahoo.com) – 708-209-9371 if you experience any problems with your lodging reservations.

**Reservation Guarantee:** To guarantee a reservation, the hotel will charge a deposit of one night's room rate of \$164.52 for each room reserved. The charge will be deducted from the total bill upon checkout.

**Early Departure Fee:** Any individual wishing to change their departure date may do so until check-in time without any fee. Upon checking in, you must inform the hotel of early checkout, or you will be charged a departure fee of one night's room and tax. Guests will not be charged due to unforeseen or medical emergencies only on a **case-by-case** basis.

**Cut-Off-Date:** The cut-off hotel date is **Wednesday, June 26, 2024**. However, we ask all members to make lodging reservations by **December 31, 2023**. This will assist with determining whether our meeting space will be cut when we have our room block review with the hotel during the Board Mid-Winter meeting with the Sheraton Hotel in February 2024.

**Refundable Deposit:** Deposits are fully refunded if a reservation is canceled before **Friday, June 7, 2024**. Any reservations canceled after Friday, June 7, 2024, are non-refundable.

**Hotel Food and Beverage Discount:** Each delegate staying at the host hotel will receive a 10% discount on food and beverages in the hotel. A conference badge must be shown to receive the discount.

**American Disability Act (ADA) Lodging Room:** If you need an ADA (Handicapped Room), please reserve the room when making your lodging reservation.

**Refrigerators/Microwaves:** No refrigerators are in the sleeping rooms. If you need a refrigerator for medication purposes, please reserve a refrigerator when making your lodging reservations. Microwaves are not available.

**Hotel Parking:** Parking at the host hotel for the 105<sup>th</sup> National Convention is \$46.00 per day. We have secured a discounted rate of \$30.00 daily for the delegates.

**Airport:** **Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport (MSY)**

**Southwest Airlines Discount:** Southwest Airlines is pleased to offer NUCUAA Annual Convention attendees discounted fares. To utilize the discount, book via [SWABIZ](#) using Company ID **99337103**. Discount valid for travel from 7/18/2024 to 7/29/2024. Attendees will receive a 3% discount and a 15% bonus Rapid Reward points.

**Hotel Shuttle Service from and to the Airport:** The host hotel does not provide a shuttle service from the Airport to the hotel or from the hotel to the Airport. The average Taxi fare for two individuals will cost about \$35.00 per trip.

**Call To Convention Book:** The Call To Convention Book is anticipated to be available via Flipping Book in March 2024. Please confirm with your State President that we have your current email address on file.

**Souvenir Journal:** The deadline to submit information for the Souvenir Journal is **June 1, 2024**. The submission form is attached to this update. The Chairmen are Director George Merida – [georgedmerida@dallascollege.edu](mailto:georgedmerida@dallascollege.edu) – 214-335-0984 and Director Angela Allgood – [aallgood5@hotmail.com](mailto:aallgood5@hotmail.com) - 414-416-2429.

**Patron's List:** Please use the attached Patrons List to identify all Patrons in the Souvenir Journal. The deadline is **June 1, 2024**.

**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 – [revdrtravisharden@gmail.com](mailto:revdrtravisharden@gmail.com). The deadline is **June 1, 2024**.

**Vendor Opportunities:** Vending opportunities at the 105<sup>th</sup> National Convention will be limited. The fee is \$500.00 per exhibit space or \$900.00 for two (2) spaces. A signed agreement and a non-refundable deposit of \$200.00 per space or \$400.00 for two (2) spaces are required to reserve a space(s). The balance of \$300.00 for one (1) space or \$500.00 for two (2) spaces is due

by **June 1, 2024**. Payments must be in a money order, bank check, or credit card. Contact the Financial Secretary, Darrell Johnson, at [djnucuaafinsecy2023@gmail.com](mailto:djnucuaafinsecy2023@gmail.com) for payment. Contact the Treasurer, George L. Jones, at [georgeljones2@aol.com](mailto:georgeljones2@aol.com) for card payments or payments using Zelle. For the application and additional information, contact Director Daryl Adkins at 937-422-7613 - [trusteeschair@mtenonbaptistive.org](mailto:trusteeschair@mtenonbaptistive.org) or Director Darleissa Robertson at 302-588-3545 – [robertson2denise@gmail.com](mailto:robertson2denise@gmail.com).

**Information Due by December 31, 2023:** Department and Committee Chairpersons must submit the following information for planning purposes by December 31, 2023.

1. Call To Convention Information
2. Food Function
3. Set-Up and Equipment

**105<sup>th</sup> National Convention Pre-Registration:** It is anticipated that pre-registration for all Departments will begin on **March 1, 2024**, and end on **June 15, 2024**—pre-registration fees: Seniors, Young Adults, and Visitors - \$50.00; Juniors - \$45.00.

**July 2021 National Bylaws:** Bylaws are available for \$10.00 each. Please contact your State President to purchase a copy of the Bylaws. Bylaws may also be purchased at the 105<sup>th</sup> National Convention.

**Refund Policy:** Effective October 1, 2023. (1) All changes, substitutions, and cancellations must be made in writing. Substitutions may be made without penalty. (2) Deadlines for a refund of attendee registration, guest, or fees:

- Up until 30 days before the event – Full refund less 25% cancellation fee.
- Thirty (30) days before the event or July 1<sup>st</sup> – No refunds.
- If, at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors, an extraordinary circumstance occurs, the Board may consider a waiver of the 25% cancellation penalty on a case-by-case basis. If an attendee feels they have experienced an extraordinary circumstance, they should email the President and Board Chairman with as much information **as soon as possible**. The appeal will be discussed at the next Board meeting for discussion and a decision vote.

**Bank Processing Fees:** Financially, the National can no longer pay the increasing bank processing fees associated with processing transactions using debit or credit cards. Processing fees paid by the customer is a standard industry practice. We all pay processing fees or service charges for goods and services when paying with a debit or credit card. We are still investigating the bank processing fees. The implementation date will be provided at a later date.

To avoid paying the processing fee, Zelle payments are now available to the members—contact Treasurer George Jones at 860-978-2337 or [georgeljones2@aol.com](mailto:georgeljones2@aol.com) for information on using Zelle.

**Installation and Recognition Banquet:** The 2024 Honoree for the Installation and Recognition Banquet will be our National President Charles J. Brown. He will be honored for serving as our National President for three years. Please make plans to be in attendance for this grand occasion and the installation of a new National President.

**Sacrificial Offering Fundraiser:** On December 1, 2023, the Board of Directors launched the Sacrificial Offering Fundraiser to ensure funds are available to manage the organization's expenses. The Fundraiser allows you to select the amount you wish to donate and the time to donate. All donations must be made by May 15, 2024. Each donor will be identified in the 2024 Souvenir Journal unless you inform us that you wish not to be identified. For additional information, contact Chairman Bradley-Cooper at 301-335-1779 or [pansyart@aol.com](mailto:pansyart@aol.com) or Vice Chairman Rev. Dr. Travis Harden at 870-717-7908 or [revdrtravisharden@gmail.com](mailto:revdrtravisharden@gmail.com).

**NUCUAA 2024 Outreach Education Project:** The Outreach Ministry Department will partner with Allan A. C. Griffith, Sr. Education Department, to provide education supplies to elementary and middle schools in the New Orleans area. All donations will be used to purchase supplies in bulk and shipped to the host hotel before the convention. Monetary donations can be made on NUCUAA's Website, [www.nationalchurchushers.org](http://www.nationalchurchushers.org), or via Zelle. Contact NUCUAA Treasurer George L. Jones at [georgeljones2@aol.com](mailto:georgeljones2@aol.com) or 860-978-2337 for Zelle transaction.

**The 2024 State of the Organization Webinar:** Please save the date! The 2024 State of Organization Webinar will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2024, at 7:00 PM (EST), 6:00 PM (CST), 5:00 PM (MST), and 4:00 PM (PST).

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

The Board of Directors and the National President will use Constant Contact to distribute information to the membership. Please ensure that we have your current email address in NUCUAA's database. To add or update an email address, contact your State President.

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](mailto:pansyart@aol.com) or National President Charles J. Brown, [nucuaaprez24@aol.com](mailto:nucuaaprez24@aol.com).

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

Sincerely,  
National Board of Directors

*Pansy Bradley-Cooper*

Pansy Bradley-Cooper, Chairman

*Charles J. Brown*

Charles J. Brown, National President

## 105<sup>th</sup> National Convention Deadlines At-a-Glance

Item	Deadline	Contact Person	Contact Email Address	Contact Phone Number
Department/Committee Budget	October 31, 2023	Department/Committee Liaison		
Call to Convention Book Information	December 31, 2023	Donna A. Hines Information Technology (DAHIT)	<a href="mailto:itmarketing@nationalchurchushers.org">itmarketing@nationalchurchushers.org</a> Copy: <a href="mailto:pansyart@aol.com">pansyart@aol.com</a> Copy: <a href="mailto:nucuaaprez24@aol.com">nucuaaprez24@aol.com</a>	N/A
Food Function Information	December 31, 2023	Director Olivia Day or Director Darleissa Robertson	<a href="mailto:dayolivia68@yahoo.com">dayolivia68@yahoo.com</a> <a href="mailto:robertson2denise@gmail.com">robertson2denise@gmail.com</a>	708-209-9371 302-588-3545
Set-Up and Equipment	December 31, 2023	Director John Farrior or Director Willie Strait, Jr.	<a href="mailto:j.farrior@comcast.net">j.farrior@comcast.net</a> <a href="mailto:WStraitJr_ICUA@aol.com">WStraitJr_ICUA@aol.com</a>	360-516-3694 443-802-6778
Souvenir Journal	June 1, 2024	Director George Merida or Director Angela Allgood	<a href="mailto:georgedmerida@dallascollege.edu">georgedmerida@dallascollege.edu</a> <a href="mailto:aallgood5@hotmail.com">aallgood5@hotmail.com</a>	214-335-0984 414-416-2429
Background Checks	June 1, 2024	Vice-Chairman Rev. Dr. Travis Harden	<a href="mailto:revdrtravisharden@gmail.com">revdrtravisharden@gmail.com</a>	870-717-7908
Vendors Application	June 1, 2024	Director Daryl Adkins or Director Darleissa Robertson	<a href="mailto:trusteechair@mtenonbaptistlive.com">trusteechair@mtenonbaptistlive.com</a> <a href="mailto:robertson2denise@gmail.com">robertson2denise@gmail.com</a>	937-422-7613 302-588-3545