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**MISSION**  
**“REACHING**  
**URBAN**  
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**FOR CHRIST”**

**VISION**  
**“RECRUIT, DEVELOP**  
**AND EMPOWER**  
**MINISTERS**  
**AND CHURCHES**  
**TO FULFILL**  
**GOD'S MISSION**  
**IN URBAN AMERICA”**

## **Biennial Business Meeting Due Notice**

Dear Friends:

I am so excited to invite you to the 2018 Reach Conference! Our Theme for the Conference is “A Movement of Hope”. The Reach Conference will be held at the Peoples Church in Cincinnati, Ohio July 17-18, 2018. At this years Reach Conference we will be unveiling our 10 year vision for the National Black Fellowship of the Assembly of God. Keynote speakers include our host Pastor Chris Beard of People Church, Pastor James Collins of Eagles Heights Cathedral in Revere Massachusetts, Scott Hagan President of NCU, Dan Miller, the Superintendent of the International Ministries Network, Dr. Shannon Polk, ministry assistant to the pastor of Riverside Tabernacle A/G in Flint Michigan and members of the NBFAG Executive Team. During the conference Pastor Walter Harvey of Parklawn A/G in Milwaukee, Wisconsin will facilitate a round-table discussion focusing on the topic from ‘Seymour to Smith’ a look at the African American presence in the Assemblies of God.

Our Wednesday evening banquet will take place at the ‘Freedom Center’, located on the Ohio River, where our guest speaker will be Scott Hagan, the newly appointed president of North Central University. The Ohio River was the dividing line between the North and the South. The City of Cincinnati served as a place of welcome and refuge for the slaves who crossed the river into freedom. The leadership of the National Black Fellowship is proud to announce that during the 2018 Reach Conference, we have the unique opportunity to celebrate the significance of the Ohio River and its queen city, Cincinnati.

**Finally**, in accordance with the NBF Constitution and By Laws, Article XI, Finances, voting in the biennial business meeting is limited to those whose dues have been paid in full. Dues for individual ministers should be at least \$50.00 per year and churches at least \$100.00 per year. If you have not paid your dues you may do so on line at our web site [nbfaq.org](http://nbfaq.org) . Membership is still open to those who qualify, view on line at our web site [nbfaq.org/membership](http://nbfaq.org/membership) . In preparation for the 2018 Reach Conference the minutes of the 2016 conference can be found on the NBF Website. We are asking all voting members to read the minutes in advance of the meeting to expedite the time. There will also be an election of the Vice-President and the Executive Treasurer in that meeting.

Please accept our invitation to attend and mark your calendar for July 17-18, 2018 in Cincinnati, Ohio and join us for the Reach Conference.

Conference registration is available at [nbfaq.org](http://nbfaq.org) or by calling the NBF office @ [904-924-9181](tel:904-924-9181).

We Live To Serve You,

Rev. Darrell John Geddes  
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