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A Message from the President

Welcome to another outstanding program year for the Washington Chapter. Our first meeting is Thursday, September 18, 6:30 p.m. at St. Luke's Church. Parking is available and there are always snacks for those coming from work.

This year we will be extremely involved in planning for and hosting the 41st Annual Meeting and Conference. Remember the conference does not stop our regularly scheduled programming. Students depend on the scholarships raised during our Absalom Jones Program. We remain dedicated to activities related to the new Bishop Walker School for Boys, and Absalom Jones Day, We also have a commitment to our parishes for leadership training through the Crummell-Cooper Initiative and the Epiphany Series.

Volunteers are needed for all these activities. (*See the listing of opportunities at the end of this newsletter.*) Even if you do not regularly attend our monthly meetings, you may receive a call to work on a project. I know you will be generous with your time and talent.

Thank you for paying your annual dues early. A membership renewal form is included in this issue. This money will provide for the newsletter mailing and other administrative expenses.

Please detach and post the Washington Chapter UBE calendar in a place that you often look. Also refer to our website at <http://www.washingtonube.org> for updated information.

Janice Wormack, president
Washington Chapter, UBE

40TH ANNIVERSARY MEETING AND CONFERENCE AND YOUTH EXPLOSION IV

This year's Conference Theme was
"Celebrating Our Past,
Reaching New Horizons"

The conference took place on June 29 – July 3, 2008 in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. It was hosted by the Philadelphia Chapter and lead by The Very Rev. Dr. C. David Williams, national president. Bishop Nathan Baxter and The Rt. Rev. Frank Turner were Honorary Deans. The Rt. Rev. Martini Shaw was Conference Dean. Juan Williams, noted television commentator, National Public Radio host and author, was the keynote speaker.



Keynote speaker, Juan Williams poses with DC Chapter members, Eleanor Hill and Iris Harris.

Mr. Williams compared the actions of Thurgood Marshall, a proponent of civil disobedience, to Jesus overturning the tables of the moneychangers. He recalled the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and asked UBE to assess what is happening now, 40 years later. Blacks have made significant gains as individuals, while we witness the continued decline of the Black family and negative marketing to our youth. He stressed the need for action, not only social communion, but service to God. There is need for vision and there is power in coalition building. We need to own our capacity for forgiveness and act on what is happening today, not remaining lost in the arguments of yesterday.

