



Washington Chapter UNION OF BLACK EPISCOPALIANS

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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.

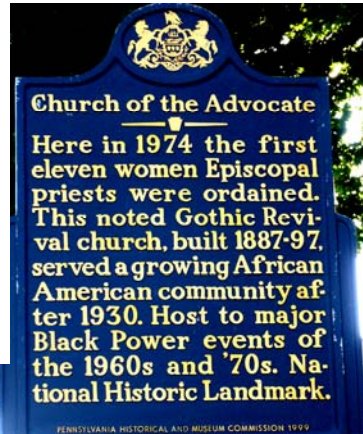


Keynote speaker, Juan Williams poses with DC Chapter members, Eleanor Hill and Iris Harris.

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.



GET ON THE BUS!
Janice Wormack (back), DC chapter president and Leslie Proctor (front), corresponding secretary, enjoy their ride to on the historic church tour in Philadelphia.



Busses transported conferees to the Cathedral for a musical tribute to Dr. Horace Boyer, for a memorial Eucharist at the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas, and to the Church of the Advocate for a youth Eucharist.



The spirit of youth!

There was also a historic church tour that included St. Georges, Christ Church and Mother Bethel AME.



Ms. Ellen Baynard and Dr. Carl MaultsBy of the Washington Chapter were recognized as lifetime UBE members at the Awards Luncheon.

The prayer services, tai chi classes, worship services, meetings, a wide selection of workshops, exhibits, tours, meals, Awards Luncheon, Gala Celebration, Crown Plaza Hotel accommodations, hospitality, and being there for each other made this a memorable and fruitful occasion for UBE.



Some DC Chapter members gather in the dining room. Bottom left-right: Janice Wormack, Rev. Virginia Brown-Nolan, Paula Singleton Top left-right: Atron Rowe, Leslie Proctor, Margaret Lewis, Stacy Avilla-Harper, Ellen Baynard

GOT NEWS?

Please send for the newsletter to:
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Praise God. Share your Good News.

**8TH TRIENNIAL
BLACK MINISTRIES CONFERENCE**

The Black Ministries Eighth Triennial Conference, is set for October 19 – 23, 2008 in New Orleans, Louisiana. The focus will be the development of a strategic plan that will help congregations prepare for their role in God’s mission in the world.

The theme “Grant Us Wisdom, Grant Us Courage: For the Living of these Days” will bring diverse groups together to identify challenges facing black and multicultural congregations and blacks in predominantly white congregations, while exploring best practices and life-giving details to continue the work of the New Ventures Task Force, which was charged with developing the strategic plan.

The conference, which will bring together black clergy from the U. S., Canada, the

United Kingdom, the Caribbean and Latin America, will also include an Afro-Anglican conversation that will be led by the Rev. Dr. Harold Lewis, rector of Calvary Episcopal Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and the Rev. Dr. Kortright Davis, rector, Holy Comforter, and professor, Howard University School of Divinity, Washington, D.C.

For more information or to register for the 8th Triennial Black Ministries Conference at the Intercontinental New Orleans Hotel, visit www.episcopalchurch.org/black

Episcopal Life Focus features online video reports on the mission and ministry of The Episcopal Church. See it all at <http://episcopalchurch.org/ELifeFocus>

Please find attached the schedule of meetings for 2008–09 and the application for membership and payment of Washington Chapter and national dues below.

Washington Chapter - Union of Black Episcopalians	<u>Local</u>	<u>National</u>
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP		
Name: _____	Life	\$500 <input type="checkbox"/>
Address: _____	Church	\$100 <input type="checkbox"/> 100 <input type="checkbox"/>
_____	Sponsor	50 <input type="checkbox"/> 150 <input type="checkbox"/>
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Phone: _____	Family	35 <input type="checkbox"/> 60 <input type="checkbox"/>
E-Mail: _____	Individual	25 <input type="checkbox"/> 40 <input type="checkbox"/>
Church: _____	Associate	40 <input type="checkbox"/>
Make checks payable to Washington Chapter, UBE	Retired	20 <input type="checkbox"/> 35 <input type="checkbox"/>
Pay at meeting or mail to:	Youth	15 <input type="checkbox"/> 25 <input type="checkbox"/>
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PLEASE POST AS A REMINDER

**Washington Chapter - Union of Black Episcopalians
MEETING SCHEDULE 2008-09**

Date	Description	Place	Time
September 18	Program Year Opening Business Meeting	St. Luke's Episcopal Church 1514-15 th St. NW, DC	6:30 p.m.
September 24	Walker Boys School Founders Day Choral Evensong	Washington National Cathedral	5:30 p.m.
October 3	Workshops & Reception "Confronting the Past: Changing the Future"	Washington National Cathedral	1:00 p.m.
October 4	Service of Reconciliation	Washington National Cathedral	9:30 p.m.
October 10	Walker Boys School Benefit Featuring the Chane Gang (music & dancing)	Washington Episcopal School 5600 Little Falls Pkwy, Bethesda, MD	Evening
October 16	Business Meeting	St. Luke's	6:30 p.m.
November 20	Business Meeting	St. Luke's	6:30 p.m.
December	No Meeting or Program Scheduled
January 7	Epiphany Series Subject To Be Announced	Site To Be Announced	6:00 p.m.
January 14	Epiphany Series Subject To Be Announced	Site To Be Announced	6:00 p.m.
January 15	Business Meeting	St. Luke's	6:30 p.m.
January 21	Epiphany Series Subject To Be Announced	Site To Be Announced	6:00 p.m.
January 28	Epiphany Series Subject To Be Announced	Site To Be Announced	6:00 p.m.
February 15	Absalom Jones Day Celebration	Site To Be Announced	3:00 p.m.
March 19	Business Meeting	St. Luke's	6:30 p.m.
April 16	Business Meeting	St. Luke's	6:30 p.m.
May 14	Chapter Annual Meeting	St. Luke's	6:30 p.m.
June 18	Installation of New Officers	St. Luke's	6:30 p.m.
June 21 – 26	National UBE Annual Meeting & Conference	Hilton Hotel Washington/ Silver Spring	

**Washington Chapter
UNION of BLACK EPISCOPALIANS
Program Year 2008-2009
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Epiphany Series

- Coordinator

Absalom Jones Day

- Coordinator
- Reception
- Liturgy
- Publicity

Crummell-Cooper Initiative

- Program Coordinator
- Program volunteer workers

41st Annual Meeting & Conference

- Hospitality
- Media
- Liturgy
- Security
- Health
- Registration
- Transportation
- Banquet
- Exhibitor/Vendors

From the comedian Robin Williams, who is an Episcopalian, on an HBO special:

Top 10 Reasons to Be an Episcopalian:

10. No snake handling.
9. You can believe in dinosaurs.
8. Male and female God created them; male and female we ordain them.
7. You don't have to check your brains at the door.
6. Pew aerobics.
5. Church year is color-coded.
4. Free wine on Sunday.
3. All of the pageantry -- none of the guilt.
2. You don't have to know how to swim to get baptized. ...and the Number One reason to be an Episcopalian: 1. No matter what you believe, there's bound to be at least one other Episcopalian who agrees with you.



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