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The National Black Church Initiative sides with Religious Liberty *Obama enforcement of contraception is baffling*

Washington DC – The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI), a faith-based coalition of 34,000 churches comprised of 15 denominations and 15.7 million African Americans dedicated to the eradication of racial disparities around the world, is urging all religious communities to join together in the promotion of peace. Our Black leadership partners - 66,000 churches nationwide – are called upon to use the full force of our combined 100,000 churches to support religious liberty in the enforcement of contraception legislation.

The Black church believes that the liberal Obama policy regarding contraception is an encroachment on religious liberty and the administration can't impose its rules on any church without giving an avenue to address the consciousness of their faith. Churches should have the latitude to comply with their beliefs regarding the distribution of contraception.

As the Reverend Anthony Evans, President of NBCI notes: "I am not sure that this administration is insensitive to religious liberties or so beholden to the liberals that they are willing to do anything to attack the church. Obama's actions indicate that he sees no linkage between his professed faith in Jesus Christ and his actions. At a national prayer gathering he told them that his belief in Christ informs his faith and his actions yet he allows regulators to threaten the church with fines totaling in the millions if they do not adopt his policies. This is why the administration is so baffling. We can hardly follow the arguments. Many Black Christians are losing faith with these continued attacks on the church. What will happen tomorrow—nobody knows. We continue to pray for the President as he continues to struggle with his faith."

About NBCI

The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) is a coalition of 34,000 churches working to eradicate racial disparities in healthcare, technology, education, housing, and the environment. NBCI's mission is to provide critical wellness information to all of its members, congregants,

churches and the public. NBCI offers faith-based, out-of-the box and cutting edge solutions to stubborn economic and social issues. NBCI's programs are governed by credible statistical analysis, science based strategies and techniques, and methods that work. Visit our website at www.naltblackchurch.com.