

# National Black Church Initiative

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## **NBCI President continues commitment of outreach to Gay community in honor of Bayard Rustin**

*NBCI Fulfills King's Dream of Dialogue*

**Washington DC** - The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI), a coalition of 34,000 churches representing 15.7 million African American churchgoers, is honored and proud to recognize its leadership's continued commitment to equality, most recently through President Rev Anthony Evan's celebration of Bayard Rustin's life on the occasion of commemorating the March on Washington.

Fostering a positive dialogue with the gay community is a chief concern of NBCI and this event was pivotal to that cause by celebrating the life and legacy of Bayard Rustin, an African American gay man who was a lead organizer of the 1963 March on Washington. Led by both the Human Rights Campaign and the Center for Black Equality, this historic event took place in Washington DC on August 13<sup>th</sup> and was attended by those committed to recognizing the diverse legacy of the Civil Rights Movement in the America.

Rev Anthony Evans, NBCI President says, "I was both honored and humbled to be able to attend the most recent event honoring Bayard Rustin's legacy. The black church continues to love and respect all of God's children, and those who have made such a mark on our history deserve the utmost respect and reverence. I look forward to continuing NBCI's commitment to working with the gay community, and hope that we can coexist in lockstep to continue making positive changes for equality in our great country."

### **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](http://www.naltblackchurch.com).