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NATIONAL BLACK CHURCH INITIATIVE ANNOUNCES RECIPIENTS OF NBCI CONGREGATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Washington, DC- The Rev. Mark McCleary, Chairman of NBCI Minister Alliance recommended three congregations in NBCI Southern Faith Command to be the recipients of the National Black Church Congregational Assistance Program. NBCI Congregational Assistance Program assists congregations who have demonstrated a need and assisted NBCI and its Board of Directors in helping to fulfill its mission. We congratulate the pastors of these congregations and wish them well in the future.

Rev. Anthony Evans, President of the National Black Church Initiative, recently approved the recommendations and informed them of NBCI assistance. "I would personally like to commend all of the churches and pastors who worked with us this year. All of them have been helpful in assisting us to carry out NBCI mission who is to close the disparity gap in technology, health, education, the environment and defending babies.

The NBCI 2008 recipients are:

Rev. Paul Sowell, Pastor - Mt. Zion AME Zion Church, Elizabethtown NC

Rev. James Nixon, Senior Pastor – Union Missionary Baptist Church, Wilmington, NC

Rev. Joyce McLaughlin, Pastor - Mt. Hebron AME Zion Church, Elizabethtown, NC