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## **The National Black Church Initiative and Rev. Anthony Evans Have Learned That They Will be the Subject of a \$500,000 Negative Public Campaign Because it Refuses to Accept and Promote Obama's Radical Gay Agenda**

*We will stand with Christ*

**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, is shocked to learn that certain members of the Black and White press, radical elements of the gay community and some members of the Civil Rights community are launching in the coming weeks or month, a negative half-million dollar public campaign on Rev. Anthony Evans character, the National Black Church Initiative organization and its members. We are led to believe that this is a result of being outspoken against a radical gay agenda that the Black Church refuses to go along with. A source tells us that after we decided to support a portion of the law (HB2) that will ban transgender people from using a bathroom. The group that has been meeting for over two years has decided to spring into action.

Recently, Rev. Evans and the National Black Church Initiative released a clarification of its position on HB2 and sent a letter of apology to Rev. William Barber, President of the NAACP of

North Carolina. We are in no way accusing or even implying that the NAACP is a part of this effort or have anything to do with it.

Rev. Gregory Allen, Faith Command Leader of Maryland, "I cannot conceive that portions of the Black press is coming after our churches because we refuse to believe in the homosexual lifestyle. What are we turning into? How can we be attacked for our own faith when we are harming no one, simply preaching the Gospel according to Jesus Christ? Our churches in Maryland support Rev. Evans and we will stand with NBCI and we will not give into this barrage of negative press. We are informing all of our members that we will be persecuted but we will stand with Christ and our faith.

Holy Scripture says, that if you stand up for the ethics and teachings of Jesus, you will be persecuted for his sake. "And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved." (Matthew 10:22). The campaign plans to attack the moral character of Rev. Evans and plans to highlight and indicate forcibly that NBCI does not have 34,000 churches. A group of reporters have been calling our churches around the country trying to find any dirt. How shameful, we have nothing to hide. Our member churches must give us permission to release their names to the press. None of our churches has done this in twenty years and our churches will refuse to be nameless as we launch the biggest prayer band so that God can protect us during these evil times. We will be praying for the reporters, their families and all who wish us harm in the gay community. We are against any type of violence, this is why we use the power of prayer to overcome our enemies.

Rev. John Davis, the 94-year-old pastor of the Mount Zion Baptist Church who is a member of the National Black Church Initiative and serves as Rev. Evans pastor for the past 10 years indicated, "I am proud of Rev. Evans. He has carried out every single assignment that I have given him as the outreach minister of Mount Zion. He has done a tremendous job of creating an initiative to bring 10-million black men back to church. And now he is embarking on building a million prayer warriors that we may tap into the power of God the Father through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior and begins to heal, health and other conditions that plague our people. Mount Zion stands with Rev. Evans and the National Black Church Initiative under this brutal attack by both the Black and the White press.

The objective of the campaign is to use the negative tactics of the press by repeating the same negative things over and over again about NBCI and Rev. Anthony Evans until the general public believes it. The Black community has seen this tactic over and over again. Recently we have seen how the press destroyed the career of Rev. Jeremiah Wright by running just a snippet of a sermon where he said, "God damn America." So whatever you hear, simply ignore it and pray for those who are trying to undermine the Church in its effort to spread the Gospel according to Jesus Christ.

The National Black Church Initiative condemns this sort of bullying and will not sit by and allow us to be bullied into being silent about the ethics and teachings of Jesus and standing up to agendas for Black poor people. An organization that spends its time defending its faith and doing great works in the area of health, education, human rights advocacy and protecting children does not have a lot of time to defend itself in the public arena. But we will answer this systematic

attack on the integrity and character of both Rev. Evans and the National Black Church Initiative.

Rev. Mark McCleary, Chair of NBCI Minister Alliance and responsible for management of the 34,000 ministers says, “This is an unprecedented event of all the great work we have been doing over the past 20years. And instead of being congratulated we are to be the subject of a half-million dollar negative campaign because we refuse to change our notions of homosexuality and their lifestyle. The scriptures compel us to love our gay brothers and sisters, but not to give into wickedness.”

Two years ago we launched an effort to bring 10-million black men back to Church. I guess the press is upset about this: <http://www.naltblackchurch.com/mentochurch.html>.

This year, we will launch a program to gather a million Prayer Warriors so that we can illustrate to the world the power of prayer: <http://www.omprayerwarriors.org>

Rev. Sheldon Williams, Pastor of the Co-op Baptist Church, Chairman of the Northeast Faith Command which consists of 8,502 churches of NBCI’s 34,000 churches and President of the National Black Religious Broadcasters, “No one could have told me in a million years, having been in the ministry over 30 years, that I would be systematically attacked and bullied because I refuse to carry out and believe in a radical gay agenda and violate my own personal faith, which I know is protected by the Constitution. Who are these immoral individuals that would spend a half a million dollars attacking the Church because the Church wants to believe what the Church believes in. This is mind boggling and confusing but we will not bend and we believe in and follow the leadership of Rev. Evans.”

### **ABOUT NBCI**

The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) is a coalition of 34,000 African American and Latino 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. Our methodology is utilizing faith and sound health science.

NBCI’s purpose is to partner with major organizations and officials whose main mission is to reduce racial disparities in the variety of areas cited above. 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).