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National Black Church Initiative Supports Ban of Cellphone Use While Driving

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 ban the use of cellphone while driving.

Distracted driving—using a mobile device such as a cellphone while attempting to control a vehicle--has become almost as much of a menace to public safety as drunk driving. Amazingly and tragically, 25% of accidents are caused by distracted drivers using cellphones and last year over 3,000 people lost their lives due to distracted driving.

To its credit, the National Transportation Safety Board has taken note of the problem and is recommending a complete ban on the use cellphones while driving. The National Black Church Initiative supports this recommendation. Says NBCI President Anthony Evans: “It is morally ridiculous for anyone to lose their lives while talking on their cellphone when they are driving. The church’s basic message here is that life is more valuable than a cellphone. God did not create this wonderful person to die needlessly”

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.