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## **National Black Church Initiative Announce the Appointment of the Most Right Rev. Paul A. Sewell to its Southern Faith-command**

### ***NBCI Honors Rev. Sewell's Service in the Gospel Ministry***

**Washington, DC**, -- The National Black Church Initiative's (NBCI) board of directors and president are proud to announce the appointment of the Right Rev. Paul A. Sewell to its Southern Faith-Command. The Southern Faith-Command is NBCI's largest Faith-Command in the country. It consists of Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, Virginia and Tennessee. Rev. Paul Sewell is a 2007 graduate of Hood Theological Seminary. He graduated Cum Laude and is currently serving as pastor of Mount Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church in Elizabethtown, NC, where he has served since 2005.

Rev. Sewell will be responsible for helping NBCI's president Rev. Anthony Evans and Rev. Mark McCleary, chairman of NBCI's Minister Alliance, carry out the core missions of NBCI. Rev. Sewell possesses all of the necessary attributes of a fine Christian character and NBCI believes that he will be outstanding in this unique position. Rev. Sewell will eventually recommend leaders to the president and the board of directors for each of the states that fall under his Faith-Command. They will assist Rev. Sewell in implementing NBCI's program mandates. Rev. Evans made the recommendation to the board ten days ago after evaluating Rev. Sewell over a period of four months. The board's quick acceptance speaks to his outstanding service to the organization over that period of time.

Rev. Evans said, "We are very fortunate to have such a strong Christian leader to head the largest Faith-Command in our 34,000 church network. I want to send out my personal congratulations to him, his family and his church family as he takes on this daunting task. These are difficult times

and we are about to launch five major initiatives in the areas of health, financial literacy, education, technology and Christian marriage. I am looking forward to approving Rev. Sewell's recommendations on who will be his state coordinators. I know he is hard at work identifying those clergy who will assist him in carrying forth the mandates from the board and myself."

### About NBCI

The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI), a coalition of 16,000 African-American and Latino member churches works to eradicate racial disparities in health-care. In addition to our member churches, we have 18,000 sister churches. NBCI is a faith-based health organization dedicated to providing critical wellness information and preventive health screening to all of its members. The African-American community ranks first in eleven different health risk categories. NBCI's purpose is to partner with national health officials to provide health education, reduce racial health disparities, and increase access to quality health-care.