

# National Black Church Initiative

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## **NBCI Calls the Black Church Shooting in Charleston a Hate Crime**

### *Victims Killed Because They Were Black*

**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 decrying the nine murders of black church-goers as hatred and a violent affront on Christ's Church. This horrendous act follows a litany of brutal attacks on African American over the past several years across the United States.

NBCI President Rev. Anthony Evans is travelling to South Carolina to personally direct 682 churches on security measures for congregants and families. The dangerous unknowns of the murders, their intent and their allies still remain, and allies must rally together against those who are intent on silencing the black church and its members.

Rev. Anthony Evans, NBCI President, reflected on this tragedy with great emotion. "What is this world coming to? Why do they hate black Christians? I do not understand why Dylann Roof of South Carolina hates black people. We are convinced that Roof's killing spree was purely because these innocent victims loved Christ and were black. Roof likely assassinated Rev. Clements Pinckney specifically because he is a preacher of the Gospel and a Civil Rights Leader. The black church was the specific target for this horrendous act, chosen because of what it represents for all oppressed people.

## **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).