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WBH&FMC Elects New President

Rev. Linda D. Inman Elected President of the GBSC Woman's Auxiliary

The Reverend Linda D. Inman was elected President of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina on Wednesday night of the 129th Annual Session. Rev. Inman's term officially begins on August 1 with the close of the 129th Annual Session. Rev. Inman succeeds Dr. Audrey P. Battle whose presidential term ends with the 129th Annual Session.

Reverend Linda D. Inman is a native of Chadbourne, North Carolina were her grandparents

the Late Deacon Lloyd Inman Sr. and Mrs. Margaret Inman of Chadbourne North Carolina raised her. She attended Chadbourne Elementary School and graduated from West Columbus High School. She received her Bachelor and Masters of Science degrees from North Carolina A & T State University. President Inman is employed at North Carolina A&T State University as Executive Director of Housing and Residence Life.

She is member of the New Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Greensboro, North Carolina where the Rev. William F. Wright, Jr. is pastor. At New Zion, President Inman is a member of the Board of Directors, the Missionary Circle, Jubilee Choir, and the Women's Choir.

On July 8, 2001, Rev. Inman accepted her call to the ministry and completed her initial sermon at New Zion Missionary Baptist Church. She was subsequently ordained by the Rowan Baptist Association in July 2004. Linda has worked diligently with the Women's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention

of North Carolina for more than 39 years, in the Youth department, Young adult and Senior departments. Prior to her election as President, she served as First Vice President during the tenure of Dr. Audrey P. Battle.

When asked to respond to her election, President Inman shared the following statement: "As President of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, I am willing to learn and to foster a sense of "togetherness." I understand that leadership techniques and methods are constantly changing. The "why" of our organization work remains constant, but the "what" and the "how" are always new. A prerequisite for me is having the will to learn. By persistent prayer, study and careful listening, I will be able to increase my effectiveness and increase my ability to understand, interpret, evaluate, and lead. I need you to work with in every aspect, if we do this together, our learning and leading will never stand still."

Congratulations to President Linda D. Inman.

Lott Carey

Lott Carey
116th Annual
Session Set
for DC

The 116th Annual Session of Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Missions Convention will convene August 12-16, 2013 at the Wardman Park Marriott Hotel in Washington, DC. Lott Carey is the agency through which the General Baptist State Convention channels its support for foreign missions.

Dr. Gregory K. Moss, Sr. serves as President of Lott Carey. Dr. Moss is Pastor of Saint Paul Baptist Church in Charlotte and the immediate former President of the General Baptist State Convention. Dr. Moss will give his first address as Lott Carey President on Thursday, August 15.



Rev. Linda D. Inman assumes WBH&FMC Presidency as of August 1, 2013.



Dr. Audrey P. Battle and her spouse, Rev. George E. Battle.

Battle Receive High State Honors

Dr. Audrey P. Battle was recognized by the Governor of the State of North Carolina and awarded The Order of the Long Leaf Pine. The Order of the Long Leaf Pine, created in 1965, is an honor that can only be granted in the state of North Carolina. The Long-leaf Pine is the official state tree of North Carolina.

The Order of the Long Leaf Pine is among the most prestig-

ious awards presented by the Governor of North Carolina. The *Order of the Long Leaf Pine* is presented to individuals who have a proven record of extraordinary service to the state. Contributions to their communities, extra effort in their careers, and many years of service to their organizations are some of the guidelines by which recipients are selected for this award. The honor is most often

presented when a person retires. Dr. Battle's term as President of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina ended with the conclusion of the 129th Annual Session.

Other notables who have received the award include Maya Angelou, Dan Blue, William Friday, Danny Glover, Andy Griffith, Coretta Scott King, Oprah Winfrey and James Worthy.

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**“Preaching ...
Teaching ...
Reaching ... “**

133rd Annual Session

**National Baptist Convention USA, Inc.
September 2-6, 2013 — Charlotte, NC**



Key Events include:

Pre-Convention Musical

**Monday, September 2 at 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Event held at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church**

President's Educational Banquet

**Tuesday, September 3 at 6:00 p.m.
Event held at Charlotte Hilton Hotel**

Online registration available through Aug. 16

Technology Update Nearing Completion

GBSC Offices at Baptist Headquarters Undergo a Technology Makeover

The Baptist Headquarters is completing a complete overhaul to its technology systems in place at the Raleigh Headquarters. New hardware and software are being installed with the goal of making the Baptist Headquarters “100% mobile.”

“Technology is a wonderful asset for ministry,” say Dr. Haywood T. Gray, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the General Baptist State Convention,” but the problem is that technology changes so fast that it does not take long for perfectly functioning equipment to become outdated. That is exactly what had happened at Headquarters.”

According to Gray, funds were not available over the last few years to make a complete “makeover” of the computer operations. so the Convention was forced to “piecemeal” the system (that is, buying equipment one piece at a time). What resulted was a technology sys-



tem where no two work stations were alike and different work stations operated on different operating systems and different software

versions. It was not uncommon for staff to have to have to complete tasks at certain computers in certain offices because there was no uniformity in technology..

The goal of the computer/technology update is complete mobility. “The equipment we have invested in is made to travel,” says Gray. “Our aim is to be able to have a virtual Baptist Headquarters wherever the Convention meets and wherever the Executive Secretary-Treasurer travels.”

The update includes five workstations, meeting projection capability on a flat screen in the Headquarters Board Room, integration of mobile tablets, new event registration software, Windows 8 operating systems and Office 365. An expanded use of cloud-based storage will eventually make the digital archives of the Convention accessible when staff travels around the state.