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Annual Session Pre-Registration Period Open New Fee Schedule Effective for 148th Annual Session

The 148th Annual Session of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. will convene on Monday—Wednesday, November 9-11, 2015. The Session will be held at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel and Convention Center (4700 Emperor Boulevard, Durham, NC).

A new schedule of fees for Church registration goes into effect at the 148th Annual Session. The new fee schedule was presented at the May 2014 Mid-Year and October 2014 Annual Session. The Convention adopted the new fees schedule at the 2015 Mid Year Session in Elizabeth City.

The Baptist Headquarters is currently accepting pre-registration from Churches now through October 30, 2015..

This is the first change in registration fees since the mid-1970's. The new fee schedule increases fees for churches of all sizes and adds an additional category for Churches with

<u>CHURCH MEMBERSHIP</u>	<u>AMOUNT TO REPRESENT</u>	<u>NUMBER OF MESSENGERS</u>
1 -- 50 Members	\$50.00	2 Messengers
51 – 100 Members	\$75.00	3 Messengers
101 – 250 Members	\$150.00	4 Messengers
251 – 500 Members	\$175.00	5 Messengers
501 – 750 Members	\$200.00	6 Messengers
751 – 1000 Members	\$225.00	7 Messengers
1001 – 1499 Members	\$250.00	8 Messengers
1500 and up Members	\$350.00	9 Messengers

membership above 1,500 members.

Churches wishing to pre-register should submit their

form and fees to the Baptist Headquarters before the end of business on Friday, October 30, 2015. Registration may be mailed or delivered.

State Missions Emphasis at Annual Session

Churches Are Encouraged to Bring “Larger than Normal” State Missions Contribution

The Baptist Headquarters is issuing an urgent appeal for affiliated Churches to bring a contribution for state missions to the upcoming Annual Session. “This year has been an especially tough year for the Convention in financial terms,” says Rev. Haywood T. Gray, Executive Secretary-Treasurer. “Giving for state missions is down in every category of giving and the Convention is in danger of operating in the red for the first fiscal year in more than eight years. But the good news is that there is still time to right the ship before the end of the fiscal year on December 31.”

To help churches determine their state missions giving at the Annual Session, Churches will be recognized as SILVER (for a state missions gift of at least \$250.00), GOLD (for a state missions gift of at least \$500.00) or PLATINUM (for a state missions gift of at least \$1,000.00). **RECOGNITIONS ARE ONLY FOR CHURCHES WHO GIVE AT THESE LEVELS WHEN REGISTERING FOR THE ANNUAL SESSION.** Prior donations before the Annual Session will not be considered for recognition.

2015 ANNUAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION
November 9-11, 2015
Sheraton Imperial Hotel and Convention Center, Durham



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OVERFLOW HOTEL

**Sheraton Imperial Hotel Room Block Full
Additional Rooms Available at Hotel Nearby**

The room block for the 148th Annual Session at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel in Durham is full. Rooms may still be available, but not at the special GBSC rate.

An additional block of rooms has been reserved at the Springhill Suites by Marriott, located next to the Sher-

aton Imperial Hotel at 920 Slater Road, Durham, NC 27703. Please call the Springhill Suites directly at 919-998-9500 and reference code: GBSR until October 27, 2015 to make your reservation at the group rate of \$126.00.

VENDOR SPACE



Interested vendors for the 148th Annual Session should call the Baptist Headquarters (919-821-7466) and add your name to the potential vendor list. You will be contacted by Rev. Randolph L. Moton, GBSC Director of Exhibits, with further information.

GBSC RESPONSE TO SOUTH CAROLINA FLOODS

The Baptist Headquarters is working with local pastors in the Columbia, South Carolina area to identify means of offering help to persons affected by the recent flooding in the state. A comprehensive plan is being developed by the Baptist Headquarters and will be announced promptly. Churches and Associations wishing to help should consider sending financial contributions to the GBSC marked "DISASTER RELIEF." (Make checks payable to GBSC.) Dr. Pierre J. Crawford, Pastor of Center Baptist Church in Gastonia, is heading the GBSC relief team and will be traveling to the area in the coming week.

