BEREAN MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Building Healthy Churches

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RE: Nominations for Association Offices & Elections

To the Committed Constituents of the Berean,

Blessings to you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ! I pray this message finds you flourishing in God's grace and love. I am writing to share with you our path forward as we move into our upcoming election. This is a monumental moment as our nation picks a president, and our national and state conventions also decide on leadership. Our association is also experiencing a Kairos moment as we embark upon this upcoming election, the latest after nearly 12 years. Because of the important nature of our upcoming gathering, I want to offer these observations.

Per our constitution, the election of officers will occur on the 3rd day of our annual session. Each church has five (5) voting delegates. The delegates or messengers are there to communicate the will of the Church, not their own thoughts. With this in mind, we are making information available on each nominee so that the Pastor and Church can prayerfully decide which candidate to support for each elected position. The information provided represents the report of the nominating committee and the nominations made during the temporary suspension of the rules on submission of nominations during the business session conducted during our Congress of Christian Education. The minutes of that business session are also available for your consideration. Nominee information will be available on our website, via email, and a printed copy will be sent to each constituent church.

We need every Pastor and Church fully engaged and involved by (1) ensuring your church is registered, (2) having your delegates informed and in place, and (3) approaching our upcoming election of officers with much prayer. Remember, we are better together. We must not allow the divisiveness and political polarization present in our nation to infiltrate God's church. There is One Lord, One Faith, and One Baptism! Therefore, let us conduct ourselves at all times as children of God and continue to engage in this process with prayer and with unity. You are appreciated!

Humbly Submitted,

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Moderator