

**National Baptist Deacons' Convention
of America, Inc., & Its Auxiliaries
89th Annual Session**

Columbia, South Carolina, July 16 – 21, 2023

The Leadership Academy Survey

The National Baptist Deacons' Convention of America's Leadership Academy's goal is to provide biblical- based training for participants of the National Baptist Deacons Convention of America, Inc. & Its Auxiliaries at all levels. The aim is to provide leadership development and strengthen current and potential leaders for Convention service and service to their state associations, local organizations, and churches. Our target audience is deacons, deaconess, youth, and young adults. The Leadership Academy recommends the completion of 25 hours of in-person and virtual training every two years.

To help us achieve our training goal for the Convention, the Leadership Academy has enhanced a survey conducted a few years ago where members and friends of the Convention gave their suggestions on improving the Annual Session.

The Leadership Academy wants to conduct another survey at the end of our Annual Session this year. The survey has 18 questions, and it will be available via hard copy at the Leadership Academy's Table at the Annual Session and on the Convention's website. We are asking everyone to complete the survey and return it to any member of the Leadership Academy before leaving the Convention.

Survey

Question #1

1. The NBDCA Constitution & By-Laws states that the purpose of the Convention is to:
 - a. Create a greater opportunity for fellowship and have more effective leadership among the parent body, women's auxiliary and the youth and young adult departments and affiliates of Baptist Churches in America.

- b. And to assist in the work of kingdom building by conducting workshops, seminars, symposiums, and other special training opportunities. The Convention shall also cooperate with denominational efforts by contributing to educational endeavors, outreach missions both at home and aboard, and to any necessary projects voted on by the body.

Question #1

How well do you understand the purpose of our Convention?

- a. I fully understand the purpose. _____
- b. I have a general idea of what the Convention's purpose is. _____
- c. I'm not sure what the Convention's purpose is. _____

Comments. _____

Question #2

2. Have you attended one of the Convention's Annual Session before this year? _____

- a. If yes, what were the deciding factors that made you want to attend again?

- The fellowship at the Annual Session? _____
- Bible classes & workshops? _____
- Preaching in various services? _____
- Hotel staff & facilities _____

Comments. _____

Question #3

3. How likely is it that you would recommend the National Baptist Deacons' Convention to a friend or colleague?

- a. Highly recommend. _____
- b. Somewhat likely. _____
- c. Would think about it before recommending. _____
- d. Not likely. _____

Comments. _____

Question #4

4. How would you rate the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Facilities and Staff for check-in, check-out, guest room, food, friendliness of staff, helpfulness of staff, overall?

- a. Outstanding. _____
- b. Went beyond expectations. _____
- c. Met expectations. _____
- d. Below expectations. _____
- e. No interaction. _____

Comments. _____

Question #5

5. How would you rate the Bible Study Instructor? (Check all that apply)

- a. Well prepared. _____

- b. Engaged audience. _____
 - c. Kept my interest. _____
 - d. Was not prepared. _____
 - e. Did not engage audience. _____
 - f. Did not hold my interest. _____
- Comments. _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Question #6

6. How would you rate the Workshop facilitators?
- a. Well prepared. _____
 - b. Engaged audience. _____
 - c. Kept my interest. _____
 - d. Was not prepared. _____
 - e. Did not engage audience. _____
 - f. Did not hold my interest. _____
- Comments. _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Question #7

7. Were the daily events too long, too short, or about right?
- a. Much too long. _____
 - b. Somewhat too long. _____
 - c. Perfect. _____

d. Slightly too short. _____

e. Much too short. _____

Comments. _____

Question #8

8. How would you rate the Workshops?

a. Excellent. _____

b. Very Good. _____

c. Fair. _____

d. Poor. _____

Comments. _____

Question #9

9. How organized was the 2023 Annual Session?

a. Extremely organized _____

b. Very organized. _____

c. Somewhat organized. _____

d. Not so organized. _____

e. Not at all organized. _____

Comments. _____

Question #10

10. How would you rate the quality of the sound system at the Convention?

a. Excellent. _____

b. Very Good. _____

c. Good. _____

d. Fair. _____

e. Poor. _____

Comments. _____

Question #11

11. What did you like about this year's Convention?

Comments. _____

Question #12

12. Overall, how would you rate the 2023 Convention held in Columbia, SC?

a. Excellent. _____

b. Very Good. _____

c. Good. _____

d. Fair. _____

e. Poor. _____

Comments. _____

Question #13

13. How likely are you to attend the Convention if it is held in a Midwestern state?

- a. Very likely.

- b. Somewhat likely.

- c. Not sure.

- d. Not likely.

- e. Would not attend.

Comments.

Question #14

14. What topics would you suggest for future workshops?

- a.

- b.

- c.

- d.

Comments.

Question #15

15. How would you rate the current registration process for this Convention?

- a. Good. _____
 - b. Fair. _____
 - c. Not so good. _____
 - d. Poor. _____
- Comments. _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Question #16

16. The Convention is looking to develop central data with an online registration system. Will you be comfortable using an online system for registration?

- a. Yes _____
- b. No _____

If no, will a training session on how to use the online system make you comfortable enough to try/use the online system?

- a. Yes _____
- b. No _____

Comments. _____

Question #17

17. Should Convention leaders be expected to attend 25 hours of combined in-person and virtual training every two years as recommended by the by the Leadership Academy?

- a. Yes _____
- b. No _____

If no, what is a reasonable amount of training Convention leaders should have and it what period of time?

Suggestion. _____

Question #18

18. What suggestions do you have for improving our Annual Convention?

Thank you for participating in our survey.