



NORTH GEORGIA
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METHODISTS
FOR CHURCH
RENEWAL

THE TALKING DRUM



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OCTOBER 2020

OUR TIME UNDER GOD IS NOW.

We are happy to announce our

**NEW
WEBSITE**

is now
LIVE!

OUR TEAM

OUR PURPOSE

OUR HISTORY

PHOTOS

VIDEOS

ARTICLES

OUR NORTH GEORGIA BLACK CHURCHES

MEMBERSHIP
New Membership Applications
Membership Renewals

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The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. Psalm 103:6

Do JUSTICE...Make Things Right...VOTE!!!

How do we love one another during an election that is hotly contested, with threats of voter intimidation and habitual acts of voter suppression? If love looks like justice in public, what does justice look like, particularly during an election? Justice in the Bible means to make things right. In 2020 voting is a fundamental way of doing justice. When something is wrong in our Nation it is up to us, individually and collectively, to make it right. However, voting in an election is only a step towards a more just society. Stay engaged.

Also, how in the world do we love those persons we have come to characterize as our enemies? Consider, the enemy is really only one adversary, one accuser...Satan, the father of all lies. Lies are intended to deceive. And deceived people can not easily recognize the truth because they believe the lie. Under no circumstances are we, the children of God, to believe the lie. Resistance makes the devil flee. So put on your whole armor and go vote.

African Americans have fought hard for the rights of all people to vote, only to have our franchise repeatedly attacked. In many cases voting is a family tradition. However, it is awesome to see new voters for whom exercising the right to vote was not tradition but a personal act of empowerment. Whether you are an old pro at the polls or showing up wide eyed and uncertain, the poll workers are paid by your tax dollars to help you vote. Some polling places have long wait times. Make a plan. Be prepared. Check wait times online before leaving home. Check the weather. Bring an umbrella if it's hot or rainy. Bring a chair. Be patient. Take medications, snacks and water. Go with a friend or family member. Charge your mobile phone. Stay in line and use your power. You may return your absentee ballots in person at the "official" drop boxes. Whenever and however you chose to vote, once you've finished show us how powerful you are. Send us a selfie for our WATCH ME VOTE campaign and encourage others to the same.

DuWanna Thomas
Chairperson, NGBMCR

WHEN WE ALL
VOTE

special
feature



Send us a selfie photo of YOU and your Voter Sticker OR dropping your ballot in a dropbox. Photos will be included in the next Talking Drum Newsletter!!!

Email pics to: communications@ngbmcrumc.org
OR Text to 678-575-0692

**WE'RE IN.
ARE YOU?**



ELECTION PROTECTION 866 OUR VOTE

Problems with voting?

**Call the Election Protection hotline
at 866-OUR-VOTE / 866-687-8683**



NGUMC BLACK CHURCHES = 124

Data as of SEP 2020

The following data includes:
 New District Name & (Number of Churches)
 District Superintendent
 Counties

Name of Church and Assigned Clergy

Source of Information:
 Michael Murphy-McCarthy
 NGUMC Director of Information
 Technology and Mgmt Info Systems

District D1CW Central West (10)
 Rev. Dr. Jessica Terrell
 Carroll, Cobb, Douglas, Haralson

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|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Bethel UMC Tallapoosa | Bob Lawrence |
| Crawford Chapel UMC | Bob Lawrence |
| Golden Memorial UMC | Robert King |
| Griffin Chapel UMC | Ruby Ford |
| Leland/Qwest UMC | Roy Moore |
| Moore's Chapel UMC | Edward J Landrum |
| New Hope UMC Bowdon | Brett McLaughlin |
| Pleasant Hill UMC Villa Rica | Lem Spear |
| Poplar Springs UMC Sand Hill | Michelle Guilford |
| Union Chapel UMC Marietta | John C Woods |

District D2CN Central North (29)
 Rev. Dr. Michael T. McQueen
 Fulton, Clayton

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| Andrews Chapel UMC Jonesboro | Donald Reed |
| Ariel Bowen UMC | Arundel Hope |
| Ben Hill UMC | Byron Thomas |
| Bethel UMC Atlanta | Jacqueline D Rose-Tucker |
| Bethlehem UMC Atlanta | Michael Dean Myers |
| Calvary UMC Atlanta | Kevvin Joel Hankins |
| Cascade UMC | Kevin Murriel |
| Central UMC Atlanta | Vance P Ross |
| Cliftondale UMC | Theophilus Stanford |
| Connections at Metropolitan UMC | Marita Harrell |
| Dodd Sterling UMC | Eric Powell |
| East Point First Mallalieu UMC | Michael Stinson |
| Fort Street UMC | Richard Winn |
| Harris Chapel UMC | Wimbley Hale Jr |
| Headland Heights UMC | Deborah S Holloway |
| Hoosier Memorial UMC | Gary Dean |
| Impact UMC | Olu Brown |
| Laster Chapel UMC | Samuel Townsend |
| New Spirit UMC | Rashawn Alexander Clark |
| Poplar Spring UMC Atlanta | George P Lanier |
| Redemption Community UMC | George P Lanier |
| Riverdale First UMC | Phillip Armstrong |
| Rivertown UMC | Fleming Thompson Jr |
| Rocky Head UMC | Robert Manley |
| Sharon Community UMC Dunwoody | Henry Bush |
| Shiloh UMC Lovejoy | Wayne Mims |
| St James UMC Alpharetta | Gregory Williams |
| St Mark UMC Fairburn | Charles Malette Beattie |
| Warren Memorial UMC | Leon Matthews |

District D3CE Central East (3)
 Rev. Dr. Rodrigo Cruz
 Gwinnett

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|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Allen Temple UMC | Kenneth D Brown |
| Mt Calvary UMC Lawrenceville | NGUMC Clergy |
| Suwanee Worship Center UMC | Ted Rollins |

District D4CS Central South (26)
 Rev. Dr. Quincy Brown
 DeKalb, Henry, Newton

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| Allgood Road UMC | Dawn A Wright |
| Bentley Hill UMC | Willie Greene |
| Cedar Grove UMC DeKalb County | Anthony Singleton |
| Clifton UMC | Robert Ward |
| Columbia Drive UMC | Ralph Thompson Jr |
| County Line UMC Ellenwood | Betty R Jones |
| East Lake UMC | Jesse Gordon |
| Flat Shoals UMC | Damon Gordon |
| Gaithers Chapel UMC | Kenneth Norrington |
| Glen Haven UMC | Kenneth Rutledge |
| Grace UMC Covington | Robert Crawford |
| Kelley Chapel UMC | Derrick Rhodes |
| Kings Memorial UMC | Fert Richardson |
| New Wardell UMC | Joe N Perry |
| Ousley UMC | Tariq Cummings |
| Red Oak UMC Stockbridge | Belinda McCastle |
| Redan UMC | Kevin Days |
| Richard's Chapel UMC | Robert Melson |
| Rock Chapel UMC | Michael Flanigan |
| Rust Chapel UMC Oxford | Johnnetta Johnson |
| Spring Hill UMC | William Hemphill |
| Trinity UMC Stockbridge | Rickey Ellis Lawson Sr |
| Union Grove UMC | Kenneth Norrington |
| Wesley Chapel UMC Covington | Genetha Rice-Singleton |
| Wesley Chapel UMC Decatur | Travia Speer |
| Wesley Chapel UMC McDonough | William Bert Neal III |

District D5NW North West (10)
 Rev. John Pinson
 Bartow, Chattooga, Floyd, Gordon,
 Polk

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| Alexander Chapel UMC | Rodney Weaver |
| Chubb Chapel UMC | Danny Alexander |
| Cosmopolitan UMC | Danny Alexander |
| Finley Chapel UMC | Robert Barrett |
| Lawrence Chapel UMC | Robert Barrett |
| Marietta Street UMC | Bobby Church |
| Metropolitan UMC | Shari Rates |
| New Hope UMC Summerville | Robert Barrett |
| Shady Grove UMC Aragon | Wendy Owens |
| Wesley Chapel UMC Fairmount | NGUMC Clergy |

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District D6NE North East (3)
 Rev. Dr. P. Alice Rogers
 Hall, Jackson

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| Pleasant Hill UMC Gillsville | Keith Cameron Jones |
| St Paul UMC Summit Street | Keya J Hillman |
| Warren Chapel UMC | Gia Cassandra Jones |

District D7SE South East (3)
 Rev. Dr. Greg Porterfield
 Elbert, Richmond

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| St Mark UMC Marks Church Rd | Unisah Conteh |
| Transformation UMC | Vincent Dominique |
| Wesley Chapel UMC Elberton | Marcus Stallworth |



2020 North Georgia Annual Conference Report Summary

[NGUMC 2020 ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT](#)

Grief and Resurrection: 23 Churches to Complete the Process of Closing

[2020 NGUMC CHURCH CLOSINGS](#)

Please join together in prayer of thanksgiving for the ministry of these churches.

District D8SW South West (40)
 Rev. Susan Landry
 Coweta, Fayette, Harris, Heard, Lamar,
 Meriwether, Monroe, Pike Spalding, Troup

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| Arbor UMC | Michael Jackson |
| Barrow Chapel UMC | William T Collier Jr |
| Burks Chapel UMC | Brandon Fletcher |
| Burns UMC | Marlon Simpson |
| Clark UMC | Alphonso Smith |
| Faith UMC Griffin | Moses Woodruff Jr |
| Free Liberty UMC | Irma Lewis |
| Fuller's Chapel UMC Zebulon | Rex Smith |
| Green Mount UMC | Wilma Hastings |
| Hartford UMC | Frank A Dean Jr |
| Haven Chapel UMC | William T Collier Jr |
| Heard Wesley UMC | Michael Jackson |
| Hopewell UMC Forsyth | Clarence Thrower |
| John Wesley UMC Grantville | Michael Phillips |
| Jones Hill UMC | Michael Phillips |
| Keeney Memorial UMC | Brenda Rhodes |
| Kynette UMC | Clarence Thrower |
| Leete Hill UMC | James Woods |
| Louise UMC | Jairo Gay |
| Merrill Chapel UMC | Alpheia Murray |
| Mt Olive UMC | Michael Cain |
| New Hope UMC Fayette County | Sharon M Cooper |
| Newnan Chapel UMC | Terrilyn Lemons |
| Powell UMC | Anna Elaine Crawford |
| Red Oak UMC Griffin | Irma Lewis |
| Robert's Chapel UMC | Rex Smith |
| Rocky Mount UMC | Clarence Thrower |
| Roe Chapel UMC | Julian Warner |
| Rust Chapel UMC Greenville | Lonnie Thornton |
| Smith Chapel UMC Pine Mountain | YoLanda Jones-Colton |
| Smith UMC | Gary Johnson |
| St Mary UMC | Joyce Elaine Gilbert |
| St Paul UMC Pine Mountain | Aubrey Thompson |
| Union Chapel UMC LaGrange | Oliver Wood |
| Unionville UMC | Wilma Hastings |
| Wadley Chapel UMC | Sherry Beasley |
| Warren Temple UMC | Carl Von Epps |
| Wesley UMC Newnan | Oliver Wood |
| White Plains UMC | Renee Clark |
| Wilson Chapel UMC | Lenton Snow |

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WARNING: Some voting precincts have changed POLL LOCATIONS!

CHECK MY VOTER PAGE

My Voter Page



Voting in EVERY election is critical!

Click here [MY VOTER PAGE](#)

Track your Absentee ballot until it is **ACCEPTED!!**

If the Status is **REJECTED**, Contact your local County's Elections Office

Absentee Ballot Status

Election Date :11/03/2020

Election Name : NOVEMBER 3, 2020

GENERAL/SPECIAL ELECTION

Election Type : GENERAL

Absentee App request received : 03/14/2020

Absentee Ballot issued : 09/18/2020

Absentee Ballot received : 10/06/2020

Status : Accepted

Reason :

Welcome to MVP



Use the MVP Log In to check your:

- Voter registration status
- Mail-In application and ballot status
- Poll location
- Early voting locations
- Elected Officials
- Registration information on file with the county office
- Sample ballot for the upcoming election
- Provisional Ballot status

Not Registered to Vote?

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MVP Login:

Your Name and County

First Initial:*

Last Name:*

County:*

Date of Birth:*

(mm/dd/yyyy)

[Submit](#)

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GOT QUESTIONS?? Answers can be found by Clicking on your County's Elections Office

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[DEKALB COUNTY](#)

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[GWINNETT COUNTY](#)

GEORGIA

ELECTION INFORMATION

03 NOV

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

Election Type:

General

Election Location(s):

Georgia

Registration Deadlines:

By Mail: Monday, October 5, 2020

In Person: Monday, October 5, 2020

Online: Monday, October 5, 2020 [Get Registered!](#)



The Supreme Court on Tuesday, October 13th, allowed the Trump administration to halt the 2020 census count ahead of schedule, effectively shutting down what has been the most contentious and litigated census in memory and setting the stage for a bitter fight over how to use its numbers for the apportionment of the next Congress.

President Trump has insisted those numbers should not include undocumented immigrants living in the United States. That conflicts with the mandate of the Constitution that the census count all residents of the country and would almost certainly give more representation to Republicans.

The court's order gave no reasons, which is typical when the court acts on emergency applications. It said the count could stop while appeals moved forward.

While the court's ruling effectively stops the census, it does not end the legal battle over it.

Thank you.

The 2020 Census has finished collecting responses.

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African American Community Mural Movement

Murals have long been a part of social justice movements in the Black community. The 1967 Wall of Respect in Chicago really set off a mural movement in activism, where artists got involved not just with the community, but got the community involved in civic engagement and democracy.



Wall of Respect, a 20x60 foot mural painted on a tavern, honored more than 50 African-American heroes, including Ray Charles, W.E.B. Du Bois, Dick Gregory, Charlie Parker, Bill Russell, Nina Simone and Malcolm X.

On August 27, 1967, local residents, poets, painters, photographers and gang members gathered to dedicate the "Wall of Respect" on the southeast corner of 43rd Street and Langley Avenue in Chicago's impoverished Grand Boulevard neighborhood.

It was a revolutionary act of art and politics that has reverberated throughout the nation ever since. It sparked the community-based outdoor mural movement that has provided thousands of neighborhoods of virtually every ethnicity and economic level with a language and format for asserting their pride and distinctiveness.



Washington, D.C. -- On the day that thousands of people converged on the National Mall during the 57th anniversary of the March on Washington, six artists painted images of the so-called "Big Six" organizers of the original march. But there were actually seven faces on the canvases, because legendary civil and women's rights activist Dorothy Height, long considered a neglected contributor to that event was included in the line-up.

Martin Luther King Jr., John Lewis, Roy Wilkins, James Farmer, A. Philip Randolph, Dorothy Height, and Whitney Young.

MuralsDC, in cooperation with the DC Commission on the Arts & Humanities, serves as a contributor to the mission to clean and beautify the nation's capital. Since its pilot in 2007, *MuralsDC* has painted 141 murals in every ward of the city—more than any other entity in the District.

[Read More, See More here](#)



AUGUSTA SAVAGE

Renaissance Woman



The New York Times Nov. 29, 2017
**As Confederate Statues Fall,
What Should Replace Them?**

It's heartening that so many Confederate statues are being taken down in the South. But that's not enough. We must also restore pieces of our national heritage that were wrongly destroyed. First on the list should be "The Harp," a magnificent work by the noted African-American sculptor Augusta Savage that was demolished at the closing of the 1939 World's Fair in New York.

Savage was born in Green Cove Springs, Fla., in 1892. She moved to New York in 1921, where she studied at Cooper Union. Around 1923, Savage was rejected by a summer program at the Fontainebleau School of Fine Arts in France because of her race. Savage publicly protested, and the rejection became a cause célèbre covered by newspapers on both sides of the Atlantic. But Savage didn't let this snub deter her. During the Harlem Renaissance, she established herself as an artist and teacher, creating busts of prominent African-Americans like W.E.B. Du Bois and Marcus Garvey.

Her big break came in 1937, when Savage was commissioned by the World's Fair to create a sculpture which would symbolize the musical works done by African-Americans. She took a two-year leave of absence from a job as director of the Harlem Community Art Center to concentrate on this project.

Savage called her sculpture "Lift Every Voice and Sing" after James Weldon Johnson and John Rosamond Johnson's song, the Negro national anthem. But the organizing committee renamed her piece "The Harp" against her wishes.

A 16-foot-tall plaster piece, "The Harp" was Savage's last major work. It featured 12 stylized black singers representing the strings of the harp. The arm of God forms the sounding board with a young man in front kneeling and holding sheets of music. It was one of the most popular pieces of art displayed at the World's Fair.

Despite the widespread praise, Savage lacked the money to store the sculpture or have it cast in bronze. It was bulldozed at the end of the fair. After the fair, Savage discovered that the Harlem Community Arts Center had given her job to someone else. She tried to create independent art centers in Harlem, but didn't have enough money to sustain them. Savage died in March 27, 1962, after a long battle with cancer.

While Savage is gone, her great work, "The Harp" need not be lost forever. It should be recreated and displayed in New York City, where it had such an impact in 1939. Or better yet, how about placing a second replica of "The Harp" in front of the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington for all to see? It would be a fitting tribute to Savage, "a legend in African-American Art History".

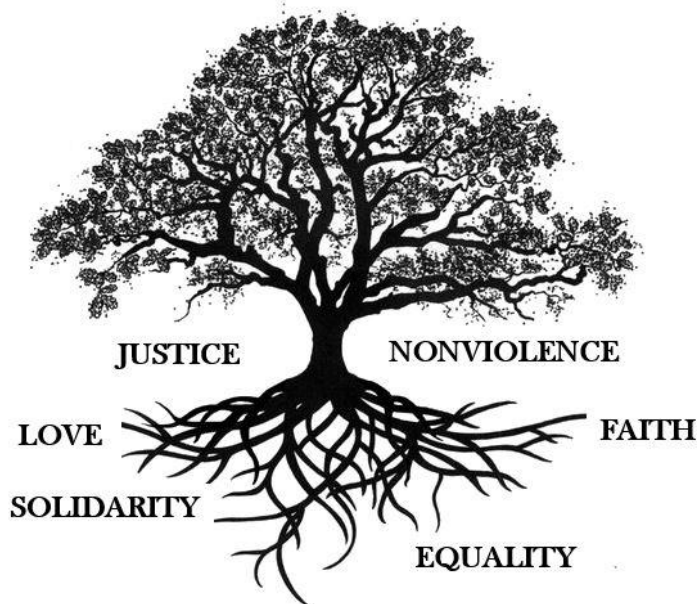
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Winsome Jean

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In*



Balancing the Scales

By John van de Laar

In the times when we give
– however generously
it becomes blatantly clear, O God,
how ridiculous our attempts are
to balance the scales;
We cannot repay
Your abundance of supply
Your extravagance of grace;
Nor do You require it.
So, why should we expect it of others?
In truth, we cannot.
Like You we can only love
– by giving, by serving, by praying.
And so we ask...

Free the score-keepers
in our world and in our hearts
Restore the fallen
in our world and in our hearts
Strengthen the merciful
in our world and in our hearts
Heal the broken
in our world and in our hearts
Uplift the lowly
in our world and in our hearts
Bring down the tyrants
in our world and in our hearts
Erase the lines of division
in our world and in our hearts
Create a Christ-guided humanity
in our world and in our hearts
And use us to make it so.
In Jesus's Name. Amen.

