

Dr. E. Edward Jones Re-elected Head Of National Baptist Convention Of America, Inc

By Collie J. Nicholson

Officers and delegates of the National Baptist Convention of America, Inc., concluded their most successful annual convention ever here last week with the reelection of Dr. E. Edward Jones to head the body for another year.

The Reverend Jones won overwhelming approval for a seventh term as leader of the 4.5 million member organization. One of the nation's distinguished preachers, he is the pastor of Galilee Baptist Church in Shreveport, LA, a position he has held since 1958.

In addition to the president, the senior slate of officers reelected included Dr. Albert E. Chew, 1st Vice President, Fort Worth, TX; Dr. Wallace S. Hartsfield, 2nd Vice President, Kansas City, MO; Dr. Stephen J. Thurston, 3rd Vice President, Chicago, IL and Dr. Henry T. Rhim, 4th Vice President, Jacksonville, FL.

Most general officers on commissions, boards, auxiliaries and committees were also reelected.

In view of the crisis facing black America, the president reaffirmed his commitment to spiritual growth, educational development and evangelism to enable churches to address

serious religious and social issues.

Dr. Jones said the NBCA will place special emphasis on non traditional problems, including drug, black-on-black crime and teenage pregnancy, conditions that often lead to economic deprivation and a fatalistic sense of hopelessness.

He outlined the Covenant Action Program (CAP) as an initiative to finance some of the objectives. The purpose of CAP is to raise over \$1 million annually for NBCA stewardship.

"I am convinced that the Covenant Action Plan, with the help of God, can take us in the

right direction," Dr. Jones declared.

Dr. Hartsfield explained that the CAP plan will enlist individuals, pastors and churches in a

systematic program of giving to support NBCA objectives in addition to their regular tithes and pledges.

"It will enable the NBCA lead-

ership to apply financial resources where the need is greatest," he stated.

Fifteen thousand delegates, representing churches through-

out America, attended the 111th annual convention. The 112th NBCA convention will be held in Houston, TX in September, 1992.

More Teachers Transferred Because Of Lower Enrollment

An estimated 110 teachers are slated to be transferred to accommodate enrollment shifts among elementary and secondary schools in Clark County.

Such staffing adjustments are made every year at this time. Generally, schools with enrollment figures under projection will lose teachers and those that came in over projection stand to

gain teachers.

This year, though, lower-than-projected preliminary enrollment figures are forcing the transfer of more teachers, said George Ann Rice, assistant superintendent of licensed personnel. About half that number of teachers would be transferred had early enrollment numbers come in closer to projection, she said.

Fifty-nine elementary teachers and 51 secondary teachers will be transferred based in an unofficial student count taken Sept. 6, when enrollment stood at 128,100, a 5 percent increase over 1990-91 but slightly below projections of 129,500 students for this school year.

Students have continued to enroll since then, and district officials are optimistic about officials count day, Sept. 20.

The lower enrollment figures

also resulted in the reduction of 55 teaching positions, but that was accomplished without any layoffs, Rice said.

Officials did that by canceling "prep period buyouts," under which teachers are paid extra to teach a class during their preparation period.

For every five such agreements that were canceled, a position was freed up to accommodate a surplus teacher.

Teachers being transferred will begin their new assignments Oct. 1.

Next week, they select their assignments, in order of seniority, from the list of openings at schools that are gaining staff. Superintendent Brain Cram acknowledged that such transfers are inconvenient but are preferable to layoffs and are allowable under employee contracts.

JIM BROWN

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we can surely find monies that can be used in a more positive fashion, such as this program."

Longtime Las Vegas activist Leonard Mason brought up a good point when he asked Brown, "When these teenagers (gang members and drug dealers) are making \$1000 a day illegally, what will make them want to change their minds about what they're doing and join the program?" Brown responded this way, "We are here to target only those that truly want to make a change in their lives. It's up to the law enforcement to deal with those that don't want to change."

The classes and courses are currently being held at Madison Terrace located at 1000 W. Monroe from 6-8 p.m. nightly. Sandy Blake Toles can be reached at the Mayor's Office.

WOMEN WIN

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around her wrists. The suit contained a total of 11 causes of action against Metro and nine of its officers which ranged from false arrest to intentional infliction of emotional distress and negligent training of police officers.

Lewis was awarded \$70,000 and Evans received \$15,000 in the settlement.

NAACP BLASTS HOLLYWOOD

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been shut out, and our report shows that they still are - in the main - shut out," Gibson said.

NAACP Executive Director Benjamin Hooks, added, "Most Blacks in the industry are frustrated by the lack of opportunity and participation afforded them," while pointing to the fact that Hollywood is a "closed shop," with positions of decision making and power being totally dominated by white males.

Titled "Out of Focus - Out of Sync," the study also found that Black actresses have a very difficult time finding employment and that many Black performers are relegated to supporting, not leading roles.

Although Blacks purchase 25% of domestic movie tickets. Black-owned businesses frequently are not awarded contracts by the entertainment industry, the report said.

Hooks added that much progress has been made, especially in the depiction of Blacks, which he said was once limited to "clowns, buffoons or eye-rolling servants." Nevertheless, he

said, "much remains to be done."

Although 19 films from Black directors will be released this

year, many Blacks in Hollywood feel this amounts to little more than a passing trend.

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