

To Serve This Present Age Through Faith

Commissions on Crime and Criminal Justice



The issues of crime and criminal justice as it intersects with faith has far outgrown what has been deemed as traditional prison ministry alone. Ensuring public safety is a reason that most citizens, with or without faith commitment, can accept as a need to connect faith and justice.

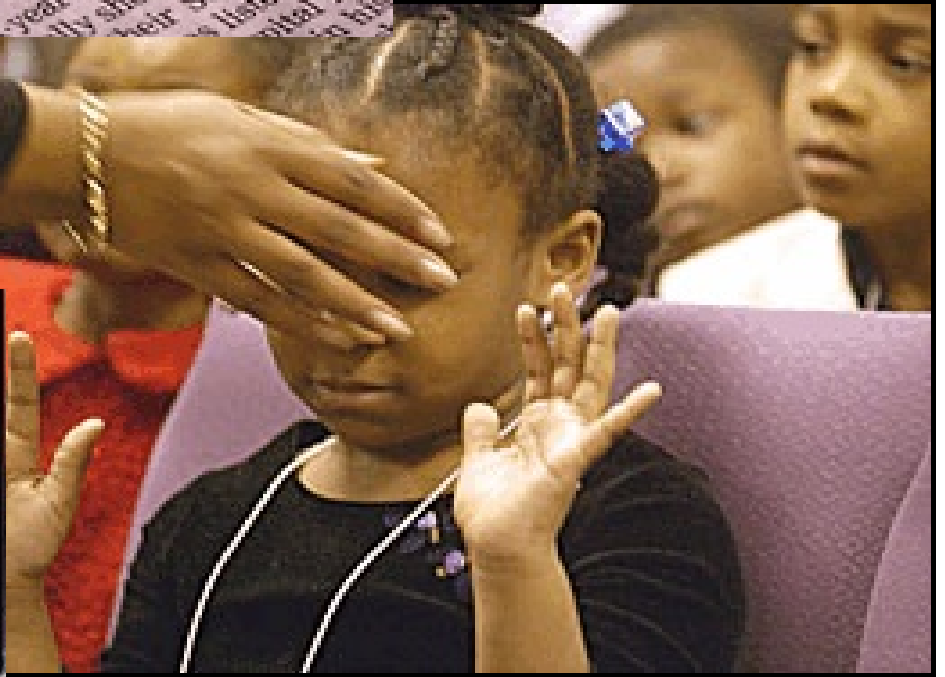
Offending has been a flaw within the character of man from the beginning of time. Within the spiritual context of our lives, so has forgiveness and service.

By establishing Commissions (Ministry Structures) on Crime and Criminal Justice, the National Religious Affairs Association of NABCJ hopes to bridge denominational and theological barriers as well as geographic divides to empower more bodies of faith to work as partners with criminal justice officials in interceding before crime, family fragmentation, and recidivism occur.



Formally established as the National Religious Affairs Committee of the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice (NABCJ), the mission of NRAA is to promote the value of the inclusion of faith in addressing consequences and resolutions of crime with emphasis upon its impact on African Americans and other people of color in society.

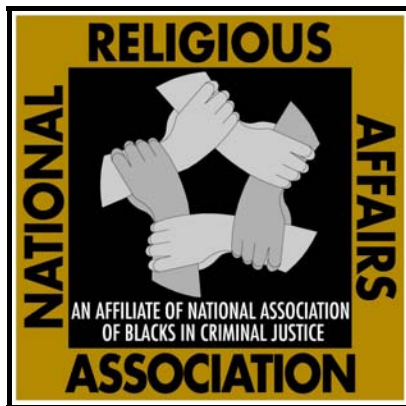
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National, Denominational, Regional, and Religious Institution Structures

Commissions on Crime and Criminal Justice

COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENTS



NATIONAL OVERSIGHT

NATIONAL RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS
ASSOCIATION
of NABCA

LEAD OVERSIGHT

TYPES OF COMMISSIONS



Reentry and
Mentoring Offenders

Strengthening Marriages
and Families

Disproportionate Minority Confinement
Disenfranchisement
Detention Reform

Disruptive and Violent Youth

Mentoring Children
of Incarcerated Parents

Crime Prevention
and Intervention

Prison Ministry
and Restorative Justice

Black Women
and
Special Needs Populations

Building Capacity
By Faith

Public Education, Training,
and Civic Participation

Steps to Implementation

1. NRAA of NABCJ encourages denominations, religious institutions, or ministry networks to form a Commission on Crime and Criminal Justice in order to expand their existing ministries and to make social welfare and service on issues around crime and criminal justice a greater priority.
2. The President or appropriate pastoral or spiritual leader of participating denominations, religious institutions (churches, etc.), or ministry networks are asked to select ten (10) persons then specify the focus areas to which each Commissioner will be appointed. Once the appointments are made, the information should then be forwarded, per the appropriate form, to NRAA for our national registry.
3. The Commissioners will serve as liaisons between the participating structure and the NRAA of NABCJ for the sharing of information, instruction, and strategies prudent to faith-based community or denominational organizing around crime and criminal justice issues.
4. While we would prefer it not be the case, in our bodies of faith, thousands of people are affected and suffering from the complications, frustrations, victimization, financial strains, family disruptions, neighborhood and personal fear, and other challenging factors of crime and criminal justice. To establish a commission within the context of ministry allows the faith community to learn more about these issues and begin to serve both the spiritual and societal needs of its constituents.
5. Each commissioner will be provided the name and contact information of a National Facilitator or subject matter expert from NRAA or our national partners with whom they will network.
6. In addition to the above, and most importantly, continuous information will be forwarded to Commissioners electronically to share with their lead oversight through conference activities, special ministries within their religious institution and community, etc.
7. Establishing a Crime and Criminal Justice Commission will also make it possible to present more specialized programming, printed materials, and opportunities for help from the community, state, or even national sources to your constituents. In addition, for ministries which maintain the commission as a separate 501(c)(3) or under the umbrella of such a structure will learn more about applying for resources to further the efforts.
8. An annual conference will be sponsored by the National Religious Affairs Association of NABCJ. This meeting of faith and justice will provide uniquely specialized training and opportunities to network with officials, decision makers, other stakeholders, funders, and others.
9. Entities who participate on our National Registry of Crime and Criminal Justice Commissions will be referred to national, state, and local decision makers for partnerships and other opportunities.
10. We ultimately encourage the consideration and adaptation of the model of the National Black Church Taskforce Initiative on Crime and Criminal Justice as a workplan for community organizing.

Individual Member and Crime and Criminal Justice Commission Application

Name of the Commission

Lead Oversight Denomination, Religious Institution, Other

Mailing Address (Street, P.O. Box, City, State, and Zip)

Telephone

Fax

Email Address (very important)

Chief Executive Officer, President, Bishop, Pastor (etc.)

Starting Date of Commission

Point of Contact for Lead Oversight

Approximate membership size of the lead oversight

INDIVIDUAL OR COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP

(As desired)

- () Denomination or Religious Institution \$300
() Individual Memberships \$ 75

Name as it should appear on membership card:

Method of Payment:

- () Check
 Make payable to National Religious Affairs Association
() Money Order
() Credit Card

Card Type: () AMEX () VISA () Mastercharge

Card Number_____

Expiration Date_____

Name on the Card_____

Mailing Address_____

Signature_____

1. Please share with us why you would like to establish a commission?_____

2. To what extent have you already been involved in crime and criminal justice matters?_____

Forward all documentation to us as follows:

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Commission Appointments

<p>Reentry and Mentoring of Offenders</p> <p>Name_____</p> <p>Address_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Telephone_____</p> <p>Fax_____</p> <p>Email_____</p>	<p>Crime Prevention and Intervention</p> <p>Name_____</p> <p>Address_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Telephone_____</p> <p>Fax_____</p> <p>Email_____</p>
<p>Strengthening Marriages and Families</p> <p>Name_____</p> <p>Address_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Telephone_____</p> <p>Fax_____</p> <p>Email_____</p>	<p>Prison Ministry and Restorative Justice</p> <p>Name_____</p> <p>Address_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Telephone_____</p> <p>Fax_____</p> <p>Email_____</p>
<p>DMC, Disenfranchisement, Detention Reform</p> <p>Name_____</p> <p>Address_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Telephone_____</p> <p>Fax_____</p> <p>Email_____</p>	<p>Black Women and Special Needs Populations</p> <p>Name_____</p> <p>Address_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Telephone_____</p> <p>Fax_____</p> <p>Email_____</p>
<p>Disruptive and Violent Youth</p> <p>Name_____</p> <p>Address_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Telephone_____</p> <p>Fax_____</p> <p>Email_____</p>	<p>Building Capacity By Faith</p> <p>Name_____</p> <p>Address_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Telephone_____</p> <p>Fax_____</p> <p>Email_____</p>
<p>Mentoring Children of Incarcerated Parents</p> <p>Name_____</p> <p>Address_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Telephone_____</p> <p>Fax_____</p> <p>Email_____</p>	<p>Public Education, Training, and Civic Participation</p> <p>Name_____</p> <p>Address_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Telephone_____</p> <p>Fax_____</p> <p>Email_____</p>

Among our

National Collaborations

since and prior to 2004 are

National TenPoint Leadership Foundation

Public Private Ventures (Amachi)

National Baptist Convention USA, Inc.

National Baptist Convention of America

National Crime Prevention Council

Interstate Believers Association

Outreach Extensions

National Reentry Media Campaign

Corporation for National and Community Service

U.S. Conference of Mayors Faith Based Center

Big Brothers Big Sisters of America

U.S. Dream Academy