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## Women in Ministry Get Key Support from Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc.

**Washington, D.C. February 21, 2015.** The Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc. (PNBC) is implementing a new program geared towards supporting females in ministry. The new Women in Ministry initiative is a part of the PNBC strategic agenda for 2015. The program will offer mentoring and support for female preachers, pastors, and ministers who are in areas of leadership.

Formed under the direction of Dr. James C. Perkins, President of PNBC, the Women in Ministry initiative is an avenue to develop programs that assure women ministers and pastors are visible, developed and involved within PNBC. According to Dr. Perkins, "the goal is to equip, encourage and empower women to develop their call as pastors, ministers, and lay leaders." These are the very positions that are often held by male figures in the church. There has long been a debate within the African American church as to whether women should hold leadership positions in congregations. The Women in Ministry initiative was created as an avenue to biblically affirm women who are in governance roles while offering a support system that will enhance and nurture their skills.

Rev. Delores Cain is Pastor of Heritage Community Baptist Church in Tampa, Florida and the Chairperson of the Women in Ministry initiative. She views the program as an opportunity for women "to embrace their calling to preach realizing that a call to preach comes from solely from God, without repentance."

PNBC is encouraging women who are interested in shaping the initiative to join now. Upcoming meetings will discuss mentoring, church planting, training, and perfecting the gift of preaching. The new program will launch during the PNBC Annual Session in August 2015. For more information, contact Rev. Delores Cain by calling PNBC at 202-396-0558, emailing [info@pnbc.org](mailto:info@pnbc.org), or visiting [www.pnbc.org](http://www.pnbc.org).

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