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Progressive National Baptist Convention Denounces Cartoon Network's "Black Jesus" Program

(Washington, D.C.) September 8, 2014. The Progressive National Baptist Convention (PNBC) is denouncing the Cartoon Network's show *Black Jesus*. The program is nothing short of blasphemous. *Black Jesus* undermines the faith of our young people when our faith in Jesus is the only consistent source of empowerment that has brought us through centuries of enslavement, dehumanization, and depersonalization.

It was only through our faith that we found meaning in life and the strength and courage to face life's pain and challenges. Our foremothers and forefathers didn't have any stocks and bonds, acres of land, or fabulous estates to pass on to us. What they did pass on to us was a treasure trove of faith values. They wanted us to know that if we would keep faith in God, in life, and in each other, the Lord would "make a way somehow."

If our young people fail to take Jesus seriously and to live a life inspired by His teachings and His example, they will continue to internalize hollow values and trap themselves in a cycle of self-destruction.

PNBC is calling upon the executives at the Cartoon Network to immediately pull *Black Jesus* from the air. Additionally, we ask that all PNBC churches contact the Cartoon Network via email, social media, and other convenient forms of communication, and request the immediate removal of the program.

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