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One Priority Briefing for Congregational Leaders from George Bullard

A Family of Congregations in the Midlands of South Carolina

One Priority

Starting and Strengthening Congregations to Serve as Vital and Vibrant Missional Communities.

CMBA Annual Meeting, Thursday, October 7th, 6:00 p.m., Cedar Creek

The CMBA annual meeting is just over three weeks away. At this point, we plan for it to be a live on-site event at Cedar Creek Baptist Church, 1920 Cedar Creek Road in Blythewood. The pastor of Cedar Creek is James “J” Thompson, who currently serves as the CMBA Moderator. It is also the congregation where Cathy Locklear attends. Highlights of the meeting include:



- A recognition and reception for Cathy Locklear on her retirement following more than 20 years of service to the association.
- A process report from the Executive Director Search Committee chairperson, Jacob Helsley.
- Essential business such as approval of officers and the budget for the next year.
- Recognition of new congregations received into the association.

For those desiring to show specific, tangible appreciation for Cathy Locklear’s service, we have set up the *Cathy Locklear Love Offering*.

Donate to this love offering by using the “Donate” button on the upper right-hand corner of our website at www.ColumbiaMetro.org and choosing the designation *Cathy Locklear Love Offering*. Or send a check to CMBA, PO Box 23192, Columbia, SC 29224 designated for this offering.

October is Minister Appreciation Month

October is traditionally Minister Appreciation Month in thousands of congregations throughout North America. We urge every congregation to do something special to express their appreciation to their pastor and staff who serve in a ministerial role. It is a great opportunity to do something tangible and public to recognize the spiritual call of church ministers, and to express appreciation for their faithful service to the congregation.

This Monday briefing goes to pastors and staff persons. Likely, there is a layperson who you would like us to inform about the significance of the upcoming month of appreciation. If so, there are two ways to do this. First, our CMBA newsletter coming out this Thursday will have an article on Minister Appreciation Month. You can share this article with the right leaders. Or, if you need something that is less subtle and more direct, give us their name and contact information, and we will send them the article. Just let us know how we can drop a “hint.”



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