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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, 6:00 p.m. at Cedar Creek Baptist Church

The CMBA annual meeting is this Thursday, **October 7th** at 6:00 p.m. at Cedar Creek Baptist Church, 1920 Cedar Creek Road in Blythewood. The agenda includes: 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, Ryan Dupree; and essential business, such as approval of officers and the budget for the next year.

The proposed 2022 budget is posted on the CMBA website at <https://columbiametro.org/cmba-2022-budget-proposal/>. Copies will be available for those in attendance at the annual meeting.

Upcoming Events To Move Forward Our One Priority

The Denominee Journey: Beginning on Tuesday, **October 5th** at 2:00 p.m., and many Tuesdays until Thanksgiving, is a series of videoconferences on The Denominee Journey in which CMBA is involved. This journey, led by Future Church Company founded by Will Mancini, supports succession planning for the next dimension of strategies to empower CMBA congregations as we move toward our next executive director.

Registration is required. The registration link is https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMkd-CtpiltHty_5exq963GyKB0z9aJxG-8. You only register one time, and then you will have access to all weekly sessions.

George Bullard will lead these sessions. Each of an estimated seven sessions will involve a 20-minute presentation by George Bullard – which will be recorded and posted to the website and social media – followed by a time of dialogue. Persons interested in this future planning process for CMBA are urged to take part live or to watch the posted presentations.

Loving the Refugee – Caring for the Stranger: (An SC Baptist Convention event) **October 14th** at the SCBC building. With over 80 million refugees displaced around the world today, you can have a part in being the hands and feet of Jesus to those who have lost everything and are searching for hope, love, and peace! Join us on October 14th to learn how the refugee resettlement process works and how you and your church can be equipped to love and minister to those God is bringing to our shores! Meal: 5:30 p.m. Program: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Please register by October 10th [HERE](#).

Church Multiplication Collaborative: Wednesday, **November 17th** at the SC Baptist Convention building for pastors interested in sponsoring a new congregational expression. Out of this event, a Church Multiplication Cohort will be formed, composed of pastors interested in pursuing sponsorship of new congregations.

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