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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.

Loving the Refugee – Caring for the Stranger Training this Thursday

Registration Ends Today! Register [HERE](#)!

Loving the Refugee – Caring for the Stranger: (A 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](#).* I will be there. I look forward to seeing you there.

CMBA Annual Meeting Recap

The CMBA annual meeting last Thursday at Cedar Creek Baptist Church focused on a celebration of Cathy Locklear on her retirement as the Impacting Communities Mobilizer and her service of more than 20 years. Addressed were essential business agendas – election of officers and approval of the budget for 2022.

The 2022 officers are Craig Bailey, Moderator, pastor of Winnsboro First Baptist Church; Freddy Johnson, Vice-Moderator, pastor of North Point Community Church; Cookie Adams, Clerk, member of Kilbourne Park Baptist Church; and Brenda Sheets, Treasurer, member of St. Andrews Baptist Church.

Ryan Dupree of Columbia First Baptist Church and the new chair for the CMBA executive director search committee greeted attendees on behalf of the committee. While the group is still in the early stages of the planning process, Dupree asks for prayer for “who God is preparing to lead” and said the committee will announce in the coming weeks when it is open to receiving resumes.

Cathy Locklear told the audience of attendees and family members, “It has been an honor and privilege to serve CMBA churches. I have grown to understand and truly care for each one of you. I have been a part of things I never could have imagined and am thankful to have witnessed ministry miracles.”

Church Multiplication Collaborative, November 17th

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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