EAST ZION CONSOLIDATED DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

"Sharing a Common Faith ~ "Together in Ministry" —Acts 16:15

May 17, 2023

Greetings from Moderator Booker's desk! In the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, I greet you! Let me encourage each of us to be steadfast and devoted as we pause to give thanks to God for another day to work in our individual vineyards. As we all know, the dates for our State Congress, National Baptist Congress, East Zion Congress, and Annual Session are rapidly approaching.

Dates to be noted:

- The 117th Annual Congress of Christian Education of the Oklahoma Baptist State June 5-8, 2023
 (Physical and virtual) every night from 6:00 to 8:00 PM; on June 8, 6:00 to 8:30 PM Hosting
 Churches: Paradise Baptist Church, Pastor Wilbert Tripplett, and Northeast Missionary Baptist
 Church, Pastor Michael M. McDaniel.
- National Baptist Convention, USA, INC. Congress of Christian Education June 19-23, 2023
 Louisville, Kentucky
- The 103rd Annual East Zion Consolidated District Congress of Education
 July 17-20, 2023 Host Church: Saint Luke Baptist Church, Spencer, Oklahoma, Dr. Kenneth
 West, Pastor TBA
- The 103rd Annual Session of the East Zion Consolidated District Association
 August 7-11, 2023 Host Church: Greater New Zion Baptist Church, Rev. Kenneth Sherrill, Sr.,
 Pastor and 2nd Vice Moderator TBA
 The Gala will be held on Friday, August 11 | 6:30pm at the Embassy Suites by Hilton | 3233
 Northwest Expressway | Oklahoma City, OK. Tickets are now available for purchase for \$75.00 each or \$600 per table that seat eight (8).

Last year, the Annual Session and Gala had a magnificent show of support; let's go above and beyond this year. Fellow laborers, the District Association has many unseen costs, and the Unified Budget helps significantly to fund the account so that we may operate. If you have not contributed to the Unified Budget, please do so now.

Thank you to those who have contributed financially to the District Association website. Sister Maeleatha Patterson, the webmaster, does a phenomenal job on the site. The site can be viewed at www.eastziondistrict.org. I encourage you, if you have not visited the website, to do so today. As a member of the District Association, you can have your church functions uploaded for advertisement, keep abreast of vital upcoming information, and contribute online safely.

God designs us to want to do what we are most **CAPABLE** of doing. Because of this, when we do things that are making an impact, something **RESONATES** within us. I personally thank each of you for your support as we aim to provide excellent in ministry.

In His Service.

Dr. Kelly R. Booker, Moderator

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