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Alabama State Missionary Baptist Convention (ASMBC)
159th Annual Session – Presidential Election

Tuesday, we exercised our rights and responsibilities as citizens of this country by casting our votes. Next week, we have another important responsibility: exercising our privilege and obligation to vote as constituents of the Alabama State Missionary Baptist Convention!

The **ASMBC Presidential Election** will take place **Thursday, November 12**, during our 159th Annual Session in Montgomery, Alabama.

VOTING LOCATION AND HOURS

The polling location will be inside the former sanctuary of our host church, **Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church**. Detailed signage will be posted throughout the building to direct voters to the appropriate location.

- **Election Day:** Thursday, November 12
- **Polls Open:** 9:00 AM
- **Polls Close:** Promptly 2:00 PM
- **Location:** Former Sanctuary, Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church

CHURCH REGISTRATION AND VOTING DELEGATES

Churches eligible to vote must register onsite with a minimum contribution of **$200 toward your Church Registration (this does not include department registrations, Selma Donations, etc...)**, which entitles the church to designate **three (3) voting delegates**.

Please pay careful attention to the following registration requirements:

1. All three voting delegates must be listed in the *"Delegate's Messengers' Name"* section of the registration form.
2. Place the word **"(VOTER)"** in parentheses beside the names of the three individuals designated to vote.
3. Each designated voting delegate must present a valid picture ID upon entering the voting area to verify their identity before being permitted to enter the voting booth.
4. Although personal enrollment fees are encouraged for each delegate, they are **not required for voting eligibility**.

Onsite registration will be available each day of the Annual Session.

For your convenience, a printable registration form is attached. Churches may complete the form in advance and bring it with them to onsite registration.

Although online registration is typically available, we have determined that onsite registration is the best approach this year. This will allow each church to properly identify and designate its voting delegates, helping to ensure accuracy throughout the registration and voting process.

CHURCH VOTING ELIGIBILITY AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

Please visit the **ASMBC website** and review the official eligibility list to confirm whether your church is qualified to vote.

To be eligible, a church must have contributed a minimum of **$200 toward Church Registration to the Convention during each of the three qualifying years: 2023, 2024, and 2025.** These contributions must have been made during the Winter Board Meeting, during the November Annual Session, or a combination of both in each respective year. Contributions could have also been accepted through postage postmarked by December 31 in each respective year.

If your church does not appear on the eligibility list but you have documented evidence establishing that it meets the requirements, you may file an official grievance.

The grievance procedures and official grievance submission form are available on the ASMBC website. Please complete and bring the form, along with documented evidence of satisfactory registration, with you to the Annual Session.

The Grievance Committee will be onsite at the host church to receive grievances on **Tuesday and Wednesday**.

PLEASE NOTE: The deadline for submitting grievances is Wednesday at 5:00 PM. No grievances will be accepted after this deadline.

QUESTIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

To submit your grievance via email, please send to Dr. Joseph S. Rowser, Jr.(Grievance Committee Chairperson) at jsrconsult@aol.com.
If you have questions or need additional clarification, please contact us at: **info@alabamastatebaptist.org**

We encourage every eligible church to take the necessary steps to ensure that its voting delegates are properly registered and prepared to participate in this important election.

We look forward to seeing everyone next week. May God bless you, and we wish you safe travels as you make your way to Montgomery!

Thank you for your commitment to the Alabama State Missionary Baptist Convention!