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RETRACTION STATEMENT

Greetings family, friends, and viewers of the Truth Of God Times International Newsletter. Our goal is to produce the most accurate and honest information possible. In the last issue VOL 1 NO.14, I stated that Minister Tyrone Singletary of Fredericksburg, VA was ordained as an Elder. However, it has been brought to my attention that this was not done, so we would like to apologize for this inaccurate statement. Please keep the team and me in your prayers.

Bro. Ricky Johnson Editor in Chief

BEFORE THE CALL FOR BAPTISM...

BEHIND THE SCENES WITH THE NATIONAL BAPTISMAL COMMITTEE

There is a saying that “teamwork makes the dream work” and another that reads “there is no ‘I’ in team.”

Both sayings are more than mere cliches.

They suggest that cooperation is key for progress and is not about one individual but a collective group coming together and working as one to increase productivity. Anyone in the group who does not understand this will hinder any progress and affect the overall goal.

Therefore, when we work for God, we should give our full cooperation and support to those leading an auxiliary or a project because we all have a part to play in accomplishing that auxiliary’s or project’s goals.

We have heard Pastor Jennings from the pulpit constantly emphasize that all saints should give their full cooperation and support to anything that he asks the church to do.



As our Leader and Pastor, we see Pastor Jennings stand before us preaching and teaching the Word of God while we witness hundreds and thousands of individuals affected by the Word adhere to the call for baptism in the name of Jesus Christ. What many do not see is those working behind the scenes to accomplish this task.

The National Baptismal Committee, one of those groups many may not know about, plays a very critical role in the work of the Lord. Their job begins before the actual call for baptisms is made.

The National Baptismal Committee is responsible for planning and transporting all baptismal clothing and equipment to the offsite locations, which could consist of multiple bins of towels and clothing of various sizes to accommodate the many candidates who come to be baptized.

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Also, they set up tents for the candidates if the baptisms are conducted outside and help any candidates requiring assistance getting into and out of the pool such as the elderly, those in wheelchairs, and those who may be paralyzed all while making sure their decency is not compromised. They offer support to those suffering anxiety going into and under water.

Moreover, they ensure baptismal candidates' forms are completed accurately or complete forms for candidates not able to do so. After the forms are complete, they lead candidates to the baptismal area and assist them with changing into baptismal clothes.

Brother James McWhite, president of the National Baptismal Committee, is certain his committee members understand the important task set before them.

"The National Baptismal Committee members understand that they, along with ushers, the welcome committee, and security, are the initial First Church contact for many of our guests who wish to be baptized. They aim to treat all baptism candidates with love and care, asking no questions," said McWhite.

After the baptisms are complete, committee members gather all the wet towels and clothes and wash and fold them so that they are ready for the next service, often going to a laundromat if the facility does not provide laundry services. This means having to stay after service when everyone has long gone home or out to eat. Many times this work extends into the early morning.

And if that were not enough, after they have cleaned and packed up everything, the committee members cannot turn away candidates arriving late. In those cases, they repeat the process all over again.



Sister Vernita Johnson, a member of the committee, acknowledges the challenging yet rewarding task of assisting with baptisms.

"Being a member of the National Baptismal Committee is an extremely rewarding privilege. It offers the opportunity to meet so many like-minded individuals from all walks of life who share a sincere desire to obey the Holy Scriptures

according to Acts 2:38. In addition, hearing their testimonies of how they came to the knowledge of the Truth is really powerful and encouraging," said Johnson.

The National Baptismal Committee proved to be essential during the pandemic. When so many locations faced local restrictions on

the number of saints who could congregate, the National Baptismal Committee was a necessity, traveling around the country to assist with baptisms.

Some locations built portable pools with heaters on wheels, while other locations used pools

that could be disassembled. With many moving parts, they got the job done!

They proved to be an asset, helping the church baptize 7,442 souls, a record for a single year of baptisms for First Church. So, the next time you see anyone from the National Baptismal Committee, thank God for them.

To do this and do it right, one must have plenty of patience and a love for the work of the Lord because dealing with the public is not easy. So, when we are called upon to do something, let us set aside our pride and lift up our Lord in anything we do so that He is pleased with our works.

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