



# National Haitian Nazarene Conference 2011

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It was with joyful hearts and a warm welcome that Haitian Nazarenes pastors and church members across the USA and Canada were received by the Mid-Atlantic District in Silver Spring, Maryland, to celebrate God's marvelous works in their respective field, to restore fellowship and camaraderie, and most of all to rekindle the flame and the passion to reach the lost for Christ in a troubled world.

Once again, our annual convention successfully met our twofold purpose to address the evangelistic/spiritual challenge and to educate. We praise God that our morning and evenings services successfully accomplished these two mandates in a manner to foster spiritual and numerical growth among the Haitian community of faith.

### The Spiritual and Evangelistic Meetings

The Convention began on Thursday evening, July 14, in a festive atmosphere as people cherished the presence of God through congregational songs, special music by talented musicians, and it continued with the challenging message by Dr. Ken Mills on the theme of "The holistic Mission of the Church in a trouble world."

We were truly challenged to move from the past and the traditional views of the ethnic church to be the church of Jesus Christ in a troubled world. It was an eye opener for many who attended. This message was reminisced and discussed in the hotel lobby throughout that night.

The remaining services, from Friday to Sunday, were high-spirited and very jubilant ushering in the presence of the Holy One. The services were blessed with congregational songs led by an inspired song leader, Rev. Robert Meat, coupled with talented musicians, Jean Marc and Lakencia Montrose, well choreographed songs of praise by Indiantown Evangelical

teens, relevant and challenging messages by men of God Rev. Ernst Simeus, Rev. Tresil Homere and Dr. Dumerzier Charles.



### The Educational and Practical Aspect

One of the exciting aspects of the convention was the educational moments where we were challenged by the following presenters on many relevant topics such as:

1. The 21st Century Sunday School taught by Rev. Scott Stargel,
2. How to reach the second generation for Christ with a 21<sup>st</sup> century mindset by Rev. Naomi Cidel Samuel and Ms. Gabriel Pierre
3. What leaders need to know in the Church of the Nazarene by Dr. Dumerzier Charles, and How to become and engaged leader in your church and your district by Rev. Pascal Permis.



These two events were well attended by church leaders and many young people across United States and Canada.

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We want to express our appreciation to the Global Ministry Center staff, all our District Superintendents who had encouraged their pastors to attend this convention, and Rev. Enock Guerrier, pastor of the Living Water Church of the Nazarene, Silver Spring, Maryland.