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During a Justice and Journey Summit on Monday, February 23, 2015 in Montgomery, AL, the National Baptist Convention of America International, Inc. (NBCA) determined that a movement is needed that involves us all working together. There is a need for us to follow the lead of one leader and become more politically involved if we are to become empowered. This will require us to serve on private and public boards allowing us to write policy and guide decisions that are made affecting our lives. We determined that we need to organize to enhance and influence the power of the masses and of course it is vital that we vote – especially for those representing our issues.

We looked back and remembered... *“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”* As we looked to our future, we must look forward and rely on **John 10:10**, *“The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy; I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.”*

It was to this end that our “We have a Right to Live” Campaign was born. This campaign of the Justice Coalition of the NBCA proposes that we have a “Right to Live” in Freedom and without Fear! As a people, we should be able to have the right to live in Freedom against the enemy who is attempting to steal our Power, kill our People and destroy our Promise! We acknowledge this Freedom can be realized through **Education, Mobilization and Irritation**.

We must **Educate** our people to those issues at hand that directly involve us. We must **Mobilize** under the leadership of one voice to vote out of office those in office who do not have our best interest at heart and **Irritate** those in public office by attending their meetings and pushing for those things we need in our communities to live better lives.

To this end, we address the current crisis our sisters and brothers face in Flint, Michigan.

NBCA offers our prayers and support to the many residents in Flint who have been gravely impacted by the local governments’ failure to provide residents with clean water. This heartless act speaks against the biblical teachings – that man should love his neighbors as his self and that we should do good toward all men. This failure of those in leadership in Flint to uphold such principles has divided a community, diminished their physical and emotional state, and destroyed their confidence in their governments ability to care for their welfare.



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Therefore, NBCA publicly expresses its detainment in the negligence and mishandling of this crisis and further calls for swift, immediate and comprehensive corrective action. We appeal to all NBCA members to pray for the many who have been negatively affected by this crisis. Additionally, we ask that members join in partnership with our Home Mission Board who will begin planning continued efforts to aid the people of the Flint community.

Finally, we ask our members to practice the pertinence of **Galatian 6:9** which states *“and let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not”*.

For Kingdom Building,

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