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To: The Alabama State Missionary Baptist Convention
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Greetings, in the name of Him who was dead and yet now lives,

Leadership matters and it matters now, more than ever. It appears that every aspect of our society is void of leadership that is principled, purposeful, and practical. This void has given way to an unethical ethos that misleads and abuses those who are most vulnerable in our society. In a time such as this where chaos, confusion, and calamity appear to be the norm, we need leadership that is not only focused, but also forthright and forward thinking. There is a growing need for leadership that embodies a faith that will not fail and a hope that depends on God. We need a leader who is not only committed but also one who has a proven record that reveals success is possible even in the most difficult times. The need for this type of leader demands that he comes with a vision to uplift, programs to stimulate, and a work ethic that will not allow mediocrity to remain the norm. I say again, Leadership matters and it matters now, more than ever.

I believe that I am the leader for a time such as this. I have been faithful since I arrived in our state convention almost 9 years ago. I have proven myself at every level of convention and community work; at the First Baptist Church of Ensley in Birmingham, as the First Vice Moderator for the Peace Baptist Missionary District Association, Evangelistic Outreach Coordinator for the Northwest Wing, and Chair of the Social Justice Commission for the Alabama State Missionary Baptist Convention. None of which could be done by myself. Great leadership works in community to accomplish a set mission. My vision for ministry in the margins, support for those who typically have no voice, and a work ethic that refuses to embrace mediocrity in ministry is proven. As the Dean of Student Affairs for the National Baptist Convention USA, INC, Congress of Christian Education, I believe we can take Christian Education, Missions, and Evangelism to greater heights to advance the Kingdom of God. Friends, the time for change is now. I have seen the challenges before us. They don't worry but excite me because I am confident in what God is able to do through leadership that is vision driven.

In saying that, after much prayer, consultation with my family, leaders at the First Baptist Church of Ensley, my mentors, and undertaking intentional soul searching to make sure I remain aligned with God's call on my life, I announce my intentions to run for the office of President of the Northwest Baptist District Convention of the Alabama State Missionary Baptist Convention.

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