# **NACOGU FOCUS**

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Celebrating the 65<sup>th</sup> National Ushers' Convention







NACOGU President - Joseph S. Scarborough

NACOG Presiding Elder - Rev. Clifton McDowell Sr.

### **Our 2021 Convention**

THEME: HUNGER & THIRST FOR JUSTICE, FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS, FOR JESUS

"God blesses those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they will be satisfied".

Matthew 5:6 (NLT)

Fellow ushers and faithful supporters, we welcome you to the 65<sup>th</sup> National Association of the Church of God Ushers' Convention. The Board and I have decided that this year 2021 we will have our first Virtual Convention. As you know we are living in challenging times. The pandemic has forced us to change the way we gather and the way we communicate. It is our resolve to bring our blessed servants (NACOGU) together again. Our National Association has shown us through our camp meeting, that where there is a will there is a way. This year's shift from a four day "LIVE" Convention to a 90-minute service will allow us to continue our rich tradition of coming together annually. Please plan to join us Saturday, May 15, 2021 at 1:00pm Eastern Standard Time, 12:00 noon Central Standard Time and 10:00am Pacific Standard Time for our Virtual Convention.

We believe this Virtual Convention will allow us to have some interaction electronically with our fellow ushers and supporters. As ushers, we are vital servants of our churches and pastors. Being able to stay connected and to be efficient in our ministry is important to our mission as servants. Though we are not planning for any workshops for this Virtual Convention, we do encourage our leaders to meet with their local usher teams, conduct training sessions with new and less experienced ushers and continue to encourage our youth to be a vital part of this ministry. However, please adhere to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines and your church and pastors' direction.

We thank the Lord for allowing our Ushers and the National Association for their encouragement and generous support.

God bless,

Joseph S. Scarborough

Psalm 84:10 (KJV)

<sup>10</sup> For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.







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## 2021 VIRTUAL CONVENTION MAY 15, 2021 1:00 PM EST

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