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June 11, 2020

Honorable Dr. Francis Collins
Director
National Institutes of Health
9000 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, Maryland 20892

RE: African American Participation in the COVID-19 Clinical Trials

THRU:

African Methodist Episcopal Church
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church
American Baptist Churches, USA
Berean Missionary Baptist Association, Inc.
Bible Way Church Worldwide, Inc.
Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
Church of God in Christ
Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship International
Greater Mount Calvary Holy Church
House of God
International Bible Way Church of Jesus Christ
International Council of Community Churches
Mt. Calvary Holy Church of America
Mount Sinai Holy Church of America, Inc.
National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.
National Baptist Convention of America International, Inc.
National Council of Churches
National Primitive Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.
Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc.
Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc.
The Potter's House Church
The Union of Black Episcopalian

Dear Dr. Collins,

As you well know, COVID-19 has devastated the African American community. We wanted you to also know that we are not sitting idly by and doing nothing. The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI), a coalition of 34,000 churches representing 27.7 million African Americans are joining with over 150,000 faith communities across the country promoting African Americans in clinical trials.

We want you and NIH to know that NBCI National Clinical Strategy is ready to work with your staff to make should African American is duly represented in all clinical trials dealing with COVID-19 therapies and vaccinates. We are sending a copy of this letter to Vice President Office, White House Office of the Chief of Staff through the White House of Public Liaison and Diversity concerning your response. We have also spoken to Sen. Mark Warner's office about this matter.

We have a moral right to be a part of all COVID-19 clinical trials given the fact that African Americans are the majority of victims. To date, CDC, HHS nor NIH do not have a systematical COVID-19 program in our community working to prevent and contain the coronavirus.

NBCI has been promoting African American for the past twenty years. We are currently working with both Pharma and BIO. Dr. Evelyn Lewis is my chief clinical consultant on this project.

The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) is a coalition of 34,000 African American and Latino Churches working to eradicate racial disparities in healthcare, technology, education, housing, and the environment. NBCI's mission is to provide critical wellness information to all of its members, congregants, Churches, and the public. Our methodology is utilizing faith and sound health science.

NBCI's purpose is to partner with major organizations and officials whose main mission is to reduce racial disparities in the variety of areas cited above. NBCI offers faith-based, out-of-the-box, and cutting-edge solutions to stubborn economic and social issues. NBCI's programs are governed by credible statistical analysis, science-based strategies and techniques, and methods that work.

We are requesting an opportunity to meeting with you and your staff to talk about how to enroll African Americans into those clinical tails.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthony Evans', written in a cursive style.

The Right Most Rev. Anthony Evans

President

CC:

Vice President Mike Pence
White House
Head of the COVID-19 Presidential Taskforce

Dr. Anthony Fucci
White House
COVID-19 Presidential Taskforce

Mr. Mark Meadows
White House Chief of Staff
White House
Washington, DC

Senator Mark Warner
Virginia

Hon. Rep. Karen Bass
Chairwoman
Congressional Black Caucus

Honorable Alex Azar
Secretary of Health and Human Services
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
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Hon. Rep. Jim Clyburn
South Carolina
Head of The House of Representative COVID-19 Committee

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Center for Disease Control
1600 Clifton Road
Mail Stop D-03
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The Honorable William Barr
United States Attorney General
U.S. Department Of Justice
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Washington, DC 20530-0001

Rev. Aubrey C. Lewis
Rev. Aubrey C. Lewis, Pastor
St. Luke Baptist Church

Rev. Dr. Rudolph White
Rev. Dr. Rudolph White, Pastor
New Southern Rock Baptist Church

Queen Shepherd
Rev. Queen Shepherd, Pastor
Powerhouse Ministry International

Darrell Lewis
Rev. Darrell Lewis, Pastor
Family Fellowship Church

Elijah Sutton
Rev. Elijah Sutton, Pastor
Guildfield Baptist Church

Lloyd Fennell
Rev. Lloyd Fennell, Assistant Pastor
Guildfield Baptist Church

Dr. Cleopas W. Atkins
Rev. Dr. Cleopas W. Atkins, Pastor
Restoration Christian Fellowship Church

Arafa Speaks
Rev. Arafa Speaks
New African Church

Anthony White
Rev. Anthony White, Youth Minister
New Southern Rock Baptist Church

Edward Cole
Rev. Edward Cole
Associate Minister

Milton R. Baker
Rev. Milton R. Baker
Christian Faith Center Ministry, Inc

Ruth Sutton
Rev. Ruth Sutton
Guildfield Baptist Church

Ronald Patterson
Rev. Ronald Patterson
Guildfield Baptist Church

Lanier C. Twyman
Rev. Lanier C. Twyman, Sr.
St. Stephens Baptist Church

Betty Crawford
Rev. Betty Crawford
Guildfield Baptist Church

Alan Horton
Rev. Alan Horton
Guildfield Baptist Church

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Rev. Antonio Lowery
Guildfield Baptist Church

Tommy Lee Gilbert
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Denise Mills
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Rev. Terresa Blanks
Guildfield Baptist Church

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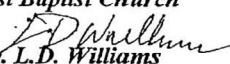
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Rev. Walter A. Pettiford, Sr.
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Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist

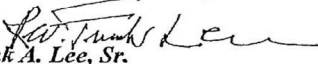
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Williams Ministries



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First Baptist Church

Rev. L.D. Williams
Divine Prosperity Baptist Church


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New Generation Baptist Bible Church

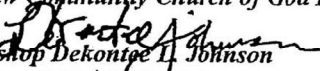

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Greater Praise Temple Ministries

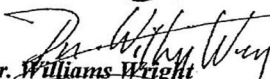

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Abounding Love Church

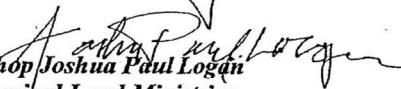

Rev. Avert W. Montgomery, Sr.
Agape Missionary Baptist Church



Dr. Anthony Mays
Breakthrough Bible College


Elder Willie R. Hunt
New Community Church of God In Christ


Bishop Dekontae L. Johnson
Blessed Word of Life Ministries


Dr. Williams Wright
Emmanuel Bible Fellowship Church


Bishop Joshua Paul Logan
Promised Land Ministries


Bishop K. J. Rogers
Unity Cathedral


Bishop M. Preston Stancil
Providence Harvest Church

Note additional signatures

Parks Chapel AME Church
Ever Increasing Faith Ministries
New Hope Baptist Church
Atherton Baptist Church
City of Refuge Church
City of Refuge UCC
Faithful Central Bible Church
Shiloh COGIC
Trinity Baptist Church
McCoy Memorial Baptist Church
Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church
Tabernacle of Faith Baptist Church
Full Gospel Baptist Church
Greater True Light Missionary Baptist Church
Bryant Temple AME Church
According To Prophecy Ministries
Bethel Baptist Church
Christian Life Center
Grand Avenue Church of Christ
Faith Tabernacle COGIC
Grace Covenant Christian Church of the Harvest
Antioch C.O.G.I.C.
Rising Star Baptist Church
Front Land Church
Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church
Roosevelt Community Church
Immanuel Temple Apostolic Church
Integrity Christian Fellowship
Mesa View Baptist Church
New Paradise Baptist Church
Nu-Way International Christian Ministries
St. Stephen's Cathedral COGIC
Total Deliverance Worship Center
Voices of Victory Christian Ministries
Witness of the Word
Word for Life Ministries
Greater Victory Church
Third Baptist Church
Jones Memorial United Methodist Church
Providence Baptist Church
Calvary Hill Community Church
Rock of Ages Baptist Church

Community Baptist Church
First AME Church
Allen Temple Baptist Church
Paradise Baptist Church
Greater St. Paul Church
Temple Missionary Baptist Church
Life COGIC
Center of Praise Ministries
Christ Our Redeemer Church
Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church
Beth Eden Baptist Church
Harmony Missionary Baptist Church
St Andrew Missionary Baptist Church
Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church
Bethany Baptist Church
Saints Rest Missionary Baptist Church
Victory Baptist Church
Greater St. John Missionary Baptist Church
Cosmopolitan Baptist Church
Crossroads Baptist Church
United Ministries
Bible Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church
Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church
Moriah Christian Fellowship Baptist Church
7th Avenue Baptist Church
Ephesian Missionary Baptist Church
Brookins Community AME Church
Greater Cooper AME Zion Church
St. Paul AME Church
New Vision Ministries
St Paul AME Church
St. John Missionary Baptist
Glorious Day Apostolic Church
St. Paul Baptist Church
Bethel Ministries
Victory Life Bible Church
St. Andrews AME Church
Antioch Progressive Church
Mount Calvary
New Hope Baptist Church
Del Paso Union Baptist Church
New Home Missionary Baptist Church
First AME Church

Into the World Ministries The Biblical Alternative	Peace Baptist Church
Friendship Baptist Church	New Beginnings Full Gospel Baptist Ministry
Zoe Christian Fellowship of Long Beach	Big Bethel AME Church
Community of Faith Bible Church	New Birth Missionary Baptist Church
Saint Reed Missionary Baptist Church	Salem Bible Church
Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church	Destiny Metropolitan Worship Church
First Baptist Church of LA	Faith Christian Center
Grace Baptist Church	The Greater Piney Grove Baptist Church
The Resurrection Life Fellowship Missionary and Evangelistic Church	Changing A Generation Full Gospel Baptist Church Elizabeth Baptist Church
Bread of Heaven Ministries	Cascade United Methodist Church
Macedonia Christian Fellowship Church	Jackson Memorial Baptist Church
Holy Deliverance Pentecostal Church	Hillside International Truth Church
Second Baptist Church	Berean Christian Church
New Creation Church of San Diego	Impact Church
West Angeles Church	Mount Zion Baptist Church
Mt. Zion Baptist Church	United for Christ Church
Second Mt. Zion Baptist Church	New Birth Community AME Church
Tabernacle Baptist Church	Antioch Missionary Baptist Church
Sixth Episcopal District Headquarters	Bethel AME Church
New Bethel AME Church	Ebenezer Baptist Church
Behold the Light Christian Ministries	Evangel Fellowship C.O.G.I.C.
Beulah Missionary Baptist Church	Lumberton First Baptist Church
Friendship Community Church	Friendship Missionary B.C.
New Hope Baptist Church	Lincolntonville AME Church
New Life Ministries	Little Rock AME Zion Church
Same Like Faith Family Christian Center Church	Night Light Missionary Baptist Church
Triumphant Community Church	Greater Salem Church
Friendship Baptist Church	St. James AME Church
Good Hope Missionary B.C.	Saint Paul AME Church
Greenforest Community Baptist Church	The Park Church
Lovejoy Baptist Church	Trinity AME Zion
Mount Zion AME Church	Watts Chapel Missionary Baptist Church
Shaw Temple AME Church	Nehemiah Christian Center COGIC
St. James United Methodist Church	Shiloh COGIC
Greater Travelers Rest Baptist Church	New Restoration Community Church
Life Abundantly Christian Church	Powerhouse COGIC
Blooming Lighthouse Ministries	Macedonia New Life Church
Fully Rely on God Christian Min.	The Fountain of Raleigh
New Testament Christian Church Center	Oberlin Baptist Church
Nazareth Baptist Church	Elevation Baptist Church
New Unity Christian Fellowship Church	First Baptist Church
Turner Chapel AME	First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church
Vison For Souls Family Worship Center	Tupper Memorial Baptist Church
Word of Faith Family Worship Cathedral	Christian Faith Baptist Church
The Enon Church	Oak City Baptist Church
Word of Faith Love Center	Wake Chapel Church
World Changers Church International	

St. Matthew AME Church
Living Waters AME Church
Union Hill AME Church
Emmanuel AME Church
Gaines Chapel AME Church
Holland Chapel AME Zion Church
Fair Promise AME Zion Church
Greater Bethel AME Church
Macedonia Baptist Church
First Baptist Church-West
St. Paul Baptist Church
Greater Mount Sinai Baptist Church
New Zion Missionary Baptist Church
Reeder Memorial Baptist Church
Greater Providence Baptist Church
New Hope Missionary Baptist Church
New St. John Baptist Church
Trinity Park Baptist Church
Second Calvary Baptist Church
Greater Galilee Baptist Church
Tabernacle Baptist Church
Walls Memorial AME Zion Church
New Covenant AME Church
Steele Creek AME Zion Church
Orange Grove Missionary Baptist Church
New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church
Simon Temple AME Zion Church
Piney Grove A.M.E. Zion Church
Harrison Chapel A.M.E. Church
St. Joseph AME Church
Mt. Zion AME Church
St. Luke AME Church
St. Julia AME Zion Church
Rockwell AME Zion Church
Reeves Temple AME Zion Church
Metropolitan AME Zion Church
Mayfield Memorial Missionary Baptist Church
Chapel Memorial Baptist Church
Springfield Baptist Church
St. Matthew Baptist Church
Baptist Grove Church
Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church
New Breed Community Church
First Calvary Baptist Church
Mount Vernon Baptist Church
Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church
Peace Missionary Baptist Church

Community Baptist Church
North East Baptist Church
Greater New Birth Baptist Church
St. Johns Missionary Baptist Church
Lincoln Memorial-Baptist Church
Mt. Gilead Baptist Church
West Durham Baptist Church
New Metropolitan Faith Winners Baptist Church
Mount Level Missionary Baptist Church
Henderson Grove Missionary Baptist Church
First Baptist Church
New Ebenezer Baptist Church
New Hope Missionary Baptist Church
Emanuel AME Church
7th District AME Church
Bethel AME Church
Francis Burns United Methodist Church
Friendship Baptist Church
Union AME Church
Cumberland United Methodist Church
Progressive Church
New Light Beulah Baptist Church
Silver Bluff Baptist Church
First Providence Baptist Church
Friendship AME Church
Bible Way Church
Brookland Baptist Church
Genesis Church of God in Christ
Zion Baptist Church
First Nazareth Baptist Church
Second Nazareth Baptist Church
Greater St. Luke Baptist Church
New Ebenezer Baptist Church
Saint John Baptist Church
Ridgewood Missionary Baptist Church
Trinity Baptist Church
Gill Creek Baptist Church
Antioch Baptist Church
Cornerstone Baptist Church
Reid Chapel AME Church
Pine Grove AME Church
Columbia District AME Church
Bethel AME Church
Allen Temple AME Church
Morris Street Baptist Church
Morris Brown AME Church
St. Peter's AME Church

Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church
Mt. Prospect Baptist Church
Corinth Baptist Church
Royal Missionary Baptist Church
Spring Hill AME Church
Greater Saint James AME Church
Moncks Corner AME Church
Mt. Olive AME Church
Campbell Chapel AME Church
Mount Carmel AME Church
Adams Chapel AME Church
Mt. Lebanon AME Church
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New Mount Zion AME Church
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Breakforth Ministries and Consulting Inc.
High Street Baptist
Double Anointing COGIC
Bethel AME Church
Mount Zion African Baptist Church
Trinity Missionary Baptist Church
Pilgrim Baptist Church
Hill Street Baptist Church
First Baptist Church
Mount Zion AME Church
Chapman Grove Baptist Church
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Jerusalem Church Inc.
First Timothy Baptist Church
Centurion Apostolic International Ministries
New Birth Baptist Church

Southern Heights Church of Christ
Sweet Home Missionary Baptist Church
United Christian Church of God
Antioch Missionary Baptist Church
Greater St. Paul AME Church
Parkway Baptist Church
Logos Baptist Church
93rd Street Community Baptist Church
Mt. Hermon AME Church
Mt. Zion AME Church
Saint Paul AME Church
Bethel Naples AME Church
Bethel Punta Gorda AME Church
Martin Memorial AME Church
Universal Truth Center for Better Living
New Jerusalem Primitive Baptist Church
Allen Temple AME Church
St. Paul AME Church
Wayman Chapel
Saint Stephen AME Church
Mount Olive AME Church
Greater Grant Memorial AME Church
First Baptist Church
Bethel Baptist Institutional Church
Bible-Based Fellowship Church
Grand Central Progressive Missionary Baptist Church
Love Fellowship Christian Church
St. Joseph Missionary Baptist Church
Zion Hope Primitive Baptist Church
Greater Payne AME Church
Saint Mark AME Church
Mount Olive AME Church
New Bethel AME Church
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Carter Tabernacle CME Church
Greater Mt. Zion AME Church
St. James AME Church
Shekinah Glory Church of God in Christ
Mt. Zion Progressive Missionary Baptist Church
Turner Chapel AME Church
Greater Faith AME Church
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Mount Zion Commandment Keeping Church of the First Born
New Mount Zion AME Church
Bethel Missionary Baptist Church
Greater Bethel AME Church

Greater Friendship Baptist Church
Bethel AME Church
New Mount Olive Baptist Church
Faith Deliverance Worship Center
Judah Worship Word Ministries International
First AME Church
Capital City Baptist Church
Fraternity Baptist Church
Antioch Missionary Baptist Church of Liberty City
New Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church
Mount Sinai Missionary Baptist Church
Vine Missionary Baptist Church
Glendale Missionary Baptist
Broadmoor Baptist Church
Second Baptist Church
New Hope Missionary Baptist Church
New Seventh-Ninth Street Word Church Intl.
South Miami Heights Haitian Baptist Emmanuel Church
Goulds Church of Christ
St James AME Church
St Paul AME Church
New Bethel AME Church
Mt. Moriah AME Church
Hurst Chapel AME
St. Lawrence AME Church
Bethel AME Church
Saint Paul AME Church
Ward Chapel AME Church
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Harvest AME Church
Saint Paul AME Church
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Talbot Chapel AME Zion Church
Spirit of God
New Mt Zion Missionary Baptist Church
Memorial Temple Missionary Baptist Church
Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church
Highland First Baptist Church
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Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
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New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church

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Friendship M.B. Church
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Davis Memorial AME Church
First AME Church
Greater St. James AME Church
Mt. Zion AME Church
Gary New Covenant

Temple of Praise Assembly
St. John AME Church
St. Paul AME Church
Scott United Methodist Church
Allen Chapel Ame Church Care
Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church
Eastern Star Church
Greater Galilee Institutional Missionary Baptist Church
Holy Angels Catholic Church Indianapolis
Jones Tabernacle AME Church
Providence AME Church
Robinson Community AME Church
St. Philips Episcopal Church
Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church
Mount Olivet Baptist Church
3rd Episcopal District
McKinley United Methodist Church
Omega Baptist Church
Higher Ground Always Abounding Assemblies, Inc.
Liberty Hill Baptist Church
Mega Church
New Jerusalem Baptist Church
Quinn Chapel AME Church
St. Paul AME Zion Church
Wayman AME Church
Antioch Baptist Church
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