

Registration Brochure

Sheraton Atlanta Hotel • 165 Courtland Street, NE • Atlanta, GA 30303 • November 29 – December 1, 2005

A Letter from the CBA Planning Committee Chair

Greetings to all our CBA Members!

Due to the destruction of Hurricane Katrina, the CBA Board of Directors and Planning Committee have moved our annual meeting to Atlanta. Our prayers and support continue for all of those affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, as well as others within our global family affected by various catastrophes. We will hear about some of the support efforts at our meeting.

Join us in Atlanta for three days of fun, camaraderie, and growth as we learn from each other, enjoy the beautiful city of Atlanta, and hear from leaders on the topic of clergy financial health! This year, Dr. Kennon Callahan, futurist and author, will be making the keynote presentation. We will also be sharing information, challenging each other, and listening to James Cobble of Christian Ministry Resources who will tell us more specific information about clergy finances in one of our breakout sessions. All this in addition to participating in our own topical interest groups!

This will be a great opportunity to combine education, networking and fun, all in just a few days. Bring your colleagues and we will see you there.

Barbara A. Boigegrain
 CBA Planning Committee Chair

Hotel Accommodations

The CBA 2005 Annual Meeting is being held at:

Sheraton Atlanta Hotel
 165 Courtland Street, NE
 Atlanta, GA 30303
 Phone: 404-659-6500
 Fax: 404-524-1259
www.sheratonatlantahotel.com



Centrally located in the heart of downtown, the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel boasts an award-winning design, made even fresher with a recent \$45 million renovation. Conveniently located near Atlanta's popular restaurants and a wide array of shopping venues. Many area attractions are only blocks away, including the Georgia World Congress Center, Peachtree Center, Philips Arena, CNN, Turner Field, Fox Theatre, Olympic Centennial Park, Georgia Aquarium, and the Jimmy Carter Library Museum.

Hotel rooms are being held for the CBA 2005 Annual Meeting at a special rate of \$119 single/double occupancy (plus state and local taxes, currently 15 percent). The deadline to make a hotel reservation is Sunday, November 6, 2005. You can make your hotel arrangements online, via the CBA Web site, www.churchbenefitsassociation.org. Additionally, you can make your hotel arrangements by calling the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel directly at 800-833-8624. Please reference the Church Benefits Association 2005 Annual Meeting when making reservations.

****Please note, after Sunday, November 6, 2005, hotel reservations will be taken on a room and rate availability basis****

All reservations must be accompanied by a major credit card to guarantee the room reservation. Refunds are made only when cancellations are received 72 hours prior to scheduled arrival date. Cancellations must be made directly with the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel.

Ground Transportation

From Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL)
 (Approximate 16 minute drive)

By taxicab: Once in baggage claim follow signs to taxis. The fare to downtown is approximately \$25 one way.

By shuttle: The Atlanta Link- the sole shuttle operator at the airport that serves downtown, midtown, and Buckhead. Once in baggage claim, follow the signs outside to ground transportation and hotel shuttles. You can pay with cash or credit card in advance on the Web site or to the dispatcher on the curb. They do runs to and from the hotels twice an hour from 6 a.m. – 12 a.m. For more information, visit www.theatlantalink.com or 404-524-3400.

The costs are as follows:
 Downtown \$16 (one-way), \$28 (roundtrip)
 Midtown \$18 (one-way), \$32 (roundtrip)
 Buckhead \$20 (one-way), \$36 (roundtrip)

The MARTA: (Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority)
 Once in baggage claim, follow the signs to MARTA. You can purchase passes with cash or credit card in advance on the Web site or at the station at the airport. The cost for a one-way is \$1.75 but you can get deals on extended stay visitor passes. The closest station to the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel is "Peachtree." For more info on train routes and schedules go to www.itsmarta.com.

Driving Directions: Start out going west on S. Terminal Parkway toward Airport Blvd. Turn slight right onto Airport Blvd. Airport Blvd. becomes N. Terminal Parkway. Merge onto I-85 N toward I-75 N/Atlanta. Take the GA-10 E/Andrew Young International Blvd. exit (Exit 248C- toward Freedom Pkwy/Carter Center). Turn slight left to take the ramp toward International Blvd./World Congress Center. Ramp becomes Fort St. NE. Turn slight left onto Andrew Young International Blvd. NE. Turn left onto Courtland St. NE. End at 165 Courtland St. NE



Keynote Speaker

Kennon L. Callahan, BA, MDiv, STM, PhD



Kennon Callahan, PhD – pastor, researcher, and professor – is today's most sought after church consultant and speaker. He has worked with thousands of congregations around the world and has helped tens of thousands of church leaders and pastors. His dynamic seminars are filled with wisdom and encouragement, practical possibilities, and helpful suggestions.

Dr. Callahan has earned BA, MDiv, STM, and PhD degrees; his doctorate is in systematic theology. He has served as a pastor of rural and urban congregations in Ohio, Texas, and Georgia. He taught for many years at Emory University.

Author of many books, he is best known for his ground-breaking "Twelve Keys to an Effective Church," which has formed the basis for a widely acclaimed Mission Growth Movement and is helping congregations across the planet.

His newest book is "The Future that Has Come." Other recent books include "Twelve Keys for Living," "A New Beginning for Pastors and Congregations," and "Small Strong Congregations."

Program

Tuesday, November 29, 2005

Registration and Resource Center

7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Please stop by the registration desk to pick up your name badge and a copy of your program.

Salon F

Also in this area, the Resource Center offers conference attendees an opportunity to view and request copies of expert publications and projects displayed by communication and education professionals from many of the denominations. Please refer to the registration form for more information about participation.

Golf Outing

Bobby Jones Golf Course

384 Woodward Way NW • Atlanta, GA • United States 30305

Phone: 404-355-1009 • Fax: 404-355-2764

(Separate Registration Fee – See Registration Form)

7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Continental breakfast starting at 6:30 a.m.

The registration fee is \$53 per golfer. This fee includes your greens fees, rental of golf carts, one sleeve of balls, bag pickup, continental breakfast, and boxed lunch. Prizes will be given for the winning team, second place, closest to the pin, and longest drive.

Rental of golf clubs are available for an additional \$20, payable on-site. Should you need to rent golf clubs, please notify Shannon Fagan via e-mail, sfagan@ahint.com., or indicate as such on the registration form.

The Bobby Jones Golf Course is located 5-6 miles from the Sheraton Atlanta.

Meeting with Vendors

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Medco and the DBC Coalition Pharmacy Benefit Program

Sponsored Breakfast

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Express Scripts Program

Sponsored Breakfast

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield Program

Sponsored Lunch

**Meetings designed for those with current interest in vendors.*

Pre-conference Meetings

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Communications Interest Group Pre-conference Meeting

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Reality show: How do today's church communicators manage staff, work with vendors, cut costs without cutting corners, and obtain timely approvals? Create and maintain a distinctive brand across media? Market without losing the sense of ministry?

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Show and tell: Best practices in communicating insurance products and wellness programs.

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Joint session as the communications and retirement groups tackle Clergy Financial Health. Plan design and funding, investment education, and promotion... Consider the possibilities!

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Health Benefits Topical Interest Group Pre-conference Meeting

The pre-conference meeting of the Health Benefits Committee serves as our main annual meeting. Updates on current projects will be given, including the new behavioral health collaborative purchasing effort as well as a wrap-up on Medicare Part D for 2006. In addition, we will begin planning for 2006 and beyond.

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Information Technology Topical Interest Group Pre-conference Meeting

The purpose of the IT Group is to leverage our business and technology experience and knowledge to better support the missions of our organizations. This session is a forum for sharing ideas and information pertaining to current initiatives, discussing and evaluating technological trends and innovations that can add value, and soliciting outside experience to further augment our knowledge in new and emerging technologies relevant to our operations. This session is open to everyone that wishes to attend.

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Church Alliance Steering Committee Meeting (Steering Committee Only)

Off-site Dinner

755 Club at Turner Field
755 Hank Aaron Drive
Atlanta, GA 30315
www.755club.com

6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Join fellow CBA members at the 2005 Annual Meeting “Kick-Off” dinner reception at the 755 Club. The 755 Club is located at Turner Field, home of the Atlanta Braves, one of America’s finest ballparks and event facilities.

Open year round, the Club delivers an unparalleled attention to detail, breathtaking panoramic views of Turner Field and the Atlanta skyline with outside terraces and historic baseball photographs that adorn the walls throughout the club...special events are the “name of the game!” For an additional fee of \$10 you can tour the Atlanta Braves Stadium.

Transportation will be provided by the CBA. All attendees are asked to meet in the Sheraton Atlanta lobby by 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 30, 2005

Registration and Resource Center

7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Salon F

Coffee Service

7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

Welcome

8:00 a.m. – 8:05 a.m.

Speaker: Barbara A. Boigegrain, CBA Planning Committee Chairperson

Opening Devotional

8:05 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Speaker: Rev. Paul Hobson Sadler, Sr.

Considered one of America’s leading experts in the field of African American church growth, Rev. Sadler is widely sought after to provide seminars, workshops, and lectures in seminaries, local congregations, and denominational gatherings. Rev. Sadler is an eloquent preacher who is gifted with a resonant bass voice that he uses to sing and preach to the glory of God. He has performed in the theater, on the concert stage, and has appeared in three films.

CBA Annual Business Meeting

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Speaker: Don L. Walter, CBA Chair

Keynote Speaker Session

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Speaker: Kennon L. Callahan, BA, MDiv, STM, PhD

What can pension benefit administrators do in support of clergy?
What do clergy need?
What is expected of the church as an employer?

Coffee Break

9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Report of Significant Developments

10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Speaker: Robert W. Maggs, Jr., CBA Planning Committee Vice-Chair

Overview on Salvation Army Hurricane Relief Efforts

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Special Speaker from Salvation Army

Plated Lunch

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Breakout Sessions

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

CEO Breakout Session

(Church Benefits Association CEO’s only)
Moderator: Sumner M. Grant, CBA Planning Committee Immediate Past-Chair
Speaker: Kennon L. Callahan, BA, M.Div., STM, PhD

Interactive conversations with CEO’s

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Investment Topical Interest Committee Breakout Session I
Moderator: David Zellner, United Methodist Church

Panel discussion on investment markets and future trends. Three leading institutional investment management practitioners will comment on the current U.S. and world economic and investment environment. The panelists also will inform attendees of their views and opinions regarding the best future investment opportunities.

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

CFO Breakout Session (Church Benefits Association CFOs Only)
Moderator: Louis Barbarin – The Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Retirement Benefits Committee Breakout Session (Defined Benefit Plan topics)
Moderator: Ann Bryant, Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

Group discussion of topics of interest to sponsors of defined benefit plans. Topics may include:

- Using DB accumulations to provide additional pension benefits



- Cost-of-living adjustments
- Promoting DB plans in view of trend toward DC plans
- Keeping DB plans affordable

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Retirement Benefits Committee Breakout Session (*Defined Contribution Plan topics*);
Moderator: David Adams, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Group discussion of topics of interest to sponsors of defined contribution plans. Topics may include:

- Addition of Roth-type contributions
- Compliance with new regulation concerning plan sponsor guarantee of annuities
- Administration of TSA contribution limits
- Issues for small 403(b) plans

Coffee Break
 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Breakout Sessions
 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Clergy Compensation Packages
Moderator: William Kuh, Presbyterian Church in America
Speaker: James Cobble, Founder and Executive Director of Christian Ministry Resources

Based on over a decade of research, James Cobble will provide insights and guidance on church compensation practices that affect the needs of clergy and other employed church staff and how church benefit administrators might design and maintain plans that meet these needs.

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Investment Topical Committee Breakout Session II
Moderator: David Zellner, United Methodist Church

Participants will discuss various investment topics of interest to those involved in managing and administering investment programs to support retirement plans. Topics will include asset/liability management, investment manager selection, alternative investments, participant fund options, and various other investment topics of interest to those attending the discussion.

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Legal Issues Breakout Session
Moderators: Robert H. Rydland and Jewelie A. Grape – ELCA Board of Pensions

This session will examine hot legal topics affecting church benefits plans. Learn about recent regulatory guidance and other current developments in the ever-changing legal arena.

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Health Benefits Committee Breakout Session

Moderator: James Sanft, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

The Health Benefits Committee not only meets together to learn from each other and share best practices, it also collaborates in joint purchasing arrangements. The most notable joint purchasing arrangement is our prescription drug purchasing coalition. Building on the success of purchasing coalitions, we are exploring a number of opportunities in wellness issues, survey opportunities, and more.

Free Evening
Thursday, December 1, 2005

Registration and Resource Center
 7:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Salon F

Coffee Service
 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

Opening Devotional
 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
Speaker: Rev. Paul Hobson Sadler, Sr.

Church Alliance 30th Annual Meeting and Continuing Education Program
 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Business Meeting
Speaker: John G. Kapanke, Church Alliance Chair

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Pension and Benefits Continuing Education Program
Panel of Church Alliance Attorneys

Topical content issues will include Washington Update, §403 (b) and §415 regulations, Medicare Part “D,” Sarbanes-Oxley Audit committee compliance, and recent developments in benefit law.

Coffee Break
“Anniversary Celebration”
 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Closing Remarks
 12:00 p.m. – 12:05 p.m.
Speaker: Barbara A. Boigegrain, CBA Planning Committee Chair

Closing Lunch
 12:05 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
For your convenience, box lunches will be served that can be enjoyed at the facility or taken with you.

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2006 CBA Annual Meeting

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San Diego, CA 92101
November 28 – November 30, 2006



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