

Executive Director/Minister



Dr. Jeffrey Haggray

Dr. Jeffrey Haggray is an ordained Baptist minister, experienced pastor, spiritual mentor, and visionary leader.

Since August 2001, Haggray has served as Executive Director/Minister of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention (DCBC), a cooperative of nearly 160 churches in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Northern Virginia. Dr. Haggray affiliates with American Baptist Churches USA, The Progressive National Baptist Convention, The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, The Alliance of Baptists, and the Baptist World Alliance.

Haggray has pastored congregations in Washington, DC, New Jersey, and Connecticut.

A native of Savannah, Georgia, he earned the Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Virginia, Master of Divinity from Yale University, and Doctor of Ministry from Wesley Theological Seminary. In 2005, Haggray received an honorary Doctor of Divinity from Alderson-Broaddus College in Philippi, West Virginia. He was the recipient, a year later of the James F. Jenkins Pillar of Faith Award for Outstanding contributions in the Spiritual Community, among other honors and merits.

Haggray is a recognized faith group leader in the Nation's Capital and beyond, serving on the boards of the National Center for Children and Families; Regional Executive Ministers Council of ABCUSA; The Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty; The Alliance of Baptists; Baptist Center for Ethics; Interfaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington DC; and Alderson Broaddus College.

Haggray and his wife Shelby are the parents of two sons, Geoffrey Micah and Greggory Martin, and one daughter, Sophia Sebiya. They reside in the District of Columbia.

Message from the Executive Director/Minister

The DC Baptist Convention is a corporate expression of local churches combining their spiritual, physical, and material resources to cultivate healthy congregations. Healthy congregations are important for many reasons: they intentionally grow disciples of Jesus Christ, who in turn make other disciples; they participate in transformational ministry and outreach to their neighbors and communities; they worship God, pray, and proclaim the Gospel with conviction, courage, love, and talent; they welcome strangers with hospitality and fellowship; they share, manage, and distribute God's resources as good stewards; and, they give birth to, call forth, and provide nurture and resources for ministerial leaders.

In our corporate life, DC Baptists share vital resources, strategies, tools, knowledge, personnel, and spiritual strength to empower each other to embrace God's vision and advance God's reign in our mission field, the Metropolitan Washington DC Region.

As you explore this site, you will discover God's activity mediated through Baptists in the Washington Region. You will find that DC Baptists are a diverse people from all walks of life, with a wide range of social, cultural, language, and economic identities.

DC Baptists serve in various communities and neighborhoods across the Washington Region. DC Baptists cooperate with and support various expressions of the Baptist mission and witness in the world, including American Baptist Churches USA, the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., the Southern Baptist Convention, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, and the Baptist World Alliance, among many others.

This website gives updated information about our churches, programs and activities and shows how we hope to accomplish our mission, and realize Vision 2010: Congregations Cooperating in Missions. As you become better acquainted with our centers, staff, officers, specialists and volunteers, churches, and the ministry opportunities and challenges before the DC Baptists, I hope you will be led of the Spirit in discovering how you will partner with us for the sake of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Very truly yours,
Jeffrey Haggray