



General Baptist
State Convention
of WI, Inc.
August 6, 2026

WELCOME

Welcome to this special edition of the General Baptist State Convention of WI, Inc. newsletter.

Within these pages, you will find a summary of my tenure as President.

Enjoy!



*GBSC President Fredrick Jones
&
First Lady Marian Jones*

BLESSINGS

As I conclude my term as President of the General Baptist State Convention of Wisconsin, Inc., I give all honor and glory to God for entrusting me with the privilege of serving you. It has been one of the greatest blessings of my ministry to lead this Convention alongside faithful pastors, churches, officers, and members who have remained committed to advancing the Kingdom of God.

Hebrews 12:1-2



A SERVANT LEADER

STEWARDSHIP





LEADERSHIP

Integrity, Service, & Trust

Acknowledgment of Convention Officers and Executive Board

I extend my sincere gratitude to all the Convention officers for your faithful leadership, dedication, and unwavering commitment to the work of the General Baptist State Convention of Wisconsin. I am especially grateful for all the previous presidents of the convention that set the pathway for me to serve.

A special thank you is extended to the pastors who have faithfully served on the GBSC Executive Board. Your steadfast support, thoughtful counsel, and unity have been instrumental in advancing the mission and vision of our Convention. I deeply appreciate your willingness to stand together in support of the decisions made on behalf of our Convention, always with its best interests at heart. Your leadership, wisdom, and commitment have strengthened our fellowship and positioned us to continue serving God's people with excellence. Thank you for your partnership, your trust, and your faithful service.

To my loving, beautiful wife, Marian, I appreciate all you have sacrificed in efforts to support my success as president of this great convention.



"I have
sought to
lead with
integrity,
faith, and
dedication."

~Reverend Dr. Fredrick Jones~



STEWARDSHIP: Moving Forward

Hebrews 12:1-2

Under the visionary leadership of President Rev. Dr. Fredrick Jones, the General Baptist State Convention of Wisconsin (GBSC) strengthened its position as a trusted faith-based organization committed to improving the spiritual, educational, health, and economic well-being of communities across Wisconsin. President Jones' stewardship was marked by a strategic emphasis on collaboration, innovation, and community impact, creating sustainable partnerships that expanded the Convention's reach while advancing its mission of faith in action.

Recognizing that churches are trusted institutions within their communities, President Jones cultivated meaningful relationships with leading healthcare, academic, financial, and corporate organizations. A landmark partnership with the **Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW)** and the Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI) connected congregations with evidence-based health education, research opportunities,

and community engagement initiatives. These collaborations empowered faith leaders to serve as trusted messengers, helping bridge gaps in health literacy, increase participation in research, and improve health outcomes among historically underserved populations.

President Jones also championed early childhood development by introducing the VROOM initiative to churches and families throughout Wisconsin. By promoting simple, science-based activities that strengthen brain development during everyday interactions, congregations became centers for nurturing children while equipping parents and caregivers with practical tools to foster healthy learning environments.

Understanding the growing health needs of Wisconsin's aging population, President Jones established a partnership with the **Wisconsin Institute for Healthy Aging (WIHA)**. Together, the organizations expanded access to evidence-based wellness programs that focused on chronic disease self-management, healthy aging, fall prevention, and caregiver support. This collaboration positioned churches as community hubs where health promotion and faith intersected, improving the quality of life for older adults throughout the state.

President Jones further strengthened the Convention's community impact by securing partnerships with **Humana**, whose investment supported health equity initiatives, preventive health education, and outreach efforts designed to reduce disparities affecting vulnerable populations. Likewise, the partnership with

Horicon Bank



reflected his commitment to economic empowerment and financial stewardship by expanding opportunities for financial literacy, community investment, and sustainable organizational growth.

Among President Jones' signature accomplishments was the continued growth of the **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Annual Celebration Breakfast**, which became one of the Convention's premier community events. The breakfast brought together clergy, elected officials, business leaders, educators, healthcare professionals, and community organizations to celebrate Dr. King's enduring legacy while recognizing individuals whose leadership exemplified service, justice, and community transformation. Beyond celebration, the event strengthened relationships across sectors, inspired civic engagement, and reinforced the Convention's commitment to equity, unity, and servant leadership.

President Jones' tenure demonstrated that faith communities are powerful catalysts for positive change when united with strategic partners who share a commitment to improving lives. Through intentional collaboration, innovative programming, and servant leadership, he expanded the influence of the General Baptist State Convention of Wisconsin beyond the walls of the church and into communities across the state. His stewardship established a lasting foundation of partnerships, strengthened organizational credibility, enhanced community trust, and positioned the Convention for continued growth and meaningful impact for generations to come.

Finally, it has been a tremendous honor and privilege to serve as President of the General Baptist State Convention of Wisconsin, Inc., during this historic season as our Convention concluded **100 years of faithful service** in the great State of Wisconsin.

As we close one century of ministry and begin another, I am humbled to have played a small part in preserving the legacy of those who came before us while helping to position our Convention for the future. Our first 100 years have been marked by unwavering faith, steadfast leadership, dedicated service, and a commitment to proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

I leave this office with a grateful heart, confident that God will continue to guide the General Baptist State Convention of Wisconsin, Inc. to even greater heights. May we remain united in purpose, steadfast in faith, and committed to serving Christ and our communities for generations to come.

"To God be the glory for the great things He has done."

