

**A Resolution**  
**Remembering and Celebrating**  
**the Life and Legacy**  
**of**  
**Dr. Samuel B. McKinney**

We, the staff of Judson Press and American Baptist Home Mission Societies, join the McKinney family in remembering and celebrating the cherished life and esteemed legacy of the Reverend Dr. Samuel B. McKinney.

We honor his lifelong commitment to serve God in the church and in the community, for his leadership in the national civil rights movement, and for his tireless advocacy for economic justice, equal opportunities, and racial equality for all people. A third-generation Baptist pastor who served his beloved Mt Zion Baptist Church for four decades, Samuel B. McKinney was also an esteemed and influential community leader, courageously advocating for what he emphasized were *human* rights.

As an American Baptist leader, Dr. McKinney was a founder of the National Black Caucus of American Baptist Churches, USA. He insisted that there not be a “Black Desk” position at Valley Forge and instead pushed for opportunities for African Americans to apply for and compete for any open position at the national, denominational level. Dr. McKinney was one of the initial Scholars in Residence for the jointly sponsored ABHMS and MMBB African American Leadership Colloquium. In addition, Dr. McKinney served as an ABC General Board and National Ministries board member.

Dr. McKinney was also an honored Judson Press author. The book he coauthored with Floyd Massey Jr., *Church Administration in the Black Perspective*, was historic for being one of the first two Judson Press volumes published by African American authors for the Black Church audience. First copyrighted in July 1976, it was revised for a new generation in 2003. In 2009 Dr. McKinney received the Judson Press Ministry Award, being recognized as one of those “who share Judson’s publishing ministry in a significant way with a ready and Christian spirit and for the joy of service and contribution.” His life and witness continue to inspire us.

**Therefore,**

- Be it resolved that throughout the remainder of 2018, Judson Press will honor Rev. Dr. Samuel B. McKinney on the homepage of our website, [www.judsonpress.com](http://www.judsonpress.com).
- Be it also resolved that Judson Press shall contribute the 2018 proceeds from the sales of *Church Administration in the Black Perspective, Revised Edition*, to the Friends of Judson, a fund that provides practical resources to graduating seminarians.

The staff members of Judson Press and American Baptist Home Mission Societies send our heartfelt condolences to Lora-Ellen McKinney and Rhoda McKinney-Jones, and to other members and friends of the McKinney family, praying that the Holy Spirit be near to comfort and sustain you in this season of bereavement and remembrance.

**Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Haggray**

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