

# National Black Church Initiative

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## **National Black Church Initiative Calls Julian Bond “A Man Prepared to Lead his People”**

*He was a victim of racism and he fought it*

**Washington, DC** – The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI), a faith-based coalition of 34,000 churches comprised of 15 denominations and 15.7 million African Americans, is deeply saddened to hear of the death of Julian Bond. He was a champion of black people and beloved by his community.

The Rev. Anthony Evans, NBCI President, issued the following statement:

“The country has lost a great giant of the civil rights movement – Julian Bond. Julian should have been the first black president. Simply put, he was the smartest person in the room and beyond that, he was always the most prepared. Julian’s secret was his father – Horace Mann Bond – who rivaled his son’s intelligence in many ways. Few in this world have been as fortunate as Julian to have a father so brilliant, who lived and breathed a passion for racial equality that Julian later took upon as his life’s work. As we celebrate his life, the Black Church believes that Julian’s role in advocating for gay marriage underscored the practical reason of meeting payroll for the NAACP while he was its Chair. Every man can be forgiven for a major moral blunder. With that said, the Black Church will revere him as an honorable person and a great leader but who undermined the authority of the Church on biblical marriage. Rest well my brother.”

## **About NBCI**

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. Visit our website at [www.naltblackchurch.com](http://www.naltblackchurch.com).