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NBCI Calls Pope's Resignation a Wake-Up Call for Christian Church

*This act means God needs strong, unshakeable and uncompromising
biblical leadership*

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 calls the resignation of Pope Benedict XVI as the beginning of the great shaking of the Christian church. The Catholic Church with the election of Pope Benedict decided not to realistically confront the church's growing litany of antiquated cultures representing moral decay.

Prior to his election, more than a third of members of the Catholic church completely stopped attending and sought to abandon church teachings on a variety of cultural and moral issues--largely due to a culture of abuse, neglect and violence toward children, and a culture that is more concerned with the government of the church rather than the people within, priests and lay-leaders systematically trying to cover up heinous and violent acts against children and their families, a restless and unstructured core of nuns who have abandoned their original biblical call to challenge the male-dominated hierarchy of the church and most importantly a laity who have refused the principles and teachings of both Jesus and the Gospel because they have decided that moral and ethical living is sufficient toward salvation and not faith. No one could have led the church under these conditions, especially when you are old and feeble.

The Rev. Anthony Evans, NBCI President understands it this way, "The Pope is a symbol of the Christian Church. He is not necessarily the leader of greater Christendom. God uses the office of the Pope to demonstrate to those of us who share the same Call as the Pope that we are failing him by compromising the Gospel over and against the emerging popular culture. The Gospel is the Gospel, and it cannot and shall not change but it should be interpreted and preached for the

liberation of both the mind and the soul. The Inclusive Christian Church is in direct contradiction to the Gospel. That is why those of us who are members of the Authentic Christian Church must stand against the fiery dots of a popular culture and its wicked sense of ethics.”

The black church agrees with God’s decision to begin the great shaking out of Christian leaders both on the right and the left who do not possess sufficient spiritual power and respect that they are best dead or retired. There is such crisis in the church regarding faith, biblical authentic teachings and faithful ness to doctrine that we are on the verge of the Second Protestant Reformation that will split the church between those who are inclusive of the wickedness of the world and those who are faithful to the ethics and teachings of Jesus. The one church will be called the Inclusive Christian Church that accepts and justifies any behavior and refuses any moral judgment or guidance whatsoever and will paint God as simply an old, tired man who wants to be liked and gives away his blessings (candy) to those who even refuse to worship and obey Him and His Word.

The Authentic Christian Church will be composed of those of us who are convinced that the Bible is sufficient and adequate as a moral and biblical guide to salvation and peace. The Authentic Christian Church accepts the notion that we are sinners and that we live under a loving God, but one who will illustrate his love and show us His discipline through his grace and that there are boundaries and limits to what he will accept as righteous. Whereby the Inclusive Christian Church refuses the confession of faith, the Authentic Christian Church believes that Jesus is the Christ and his Word both disciplines and liberates one from their sinful nature (wickedness). In the Authentic Christian Church, God is God, the Bible is the Word of God and one should interpret the scriptures to liberate, not interpret the scriptures to justify behavior that the Word clearly says is an abomination in God’s sight.

About NBCI

The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) is a coalition of 34,000 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. 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.