



Biographical Sketch

The Reverend Cessar L. Scott, Executive Minister

The Reverend Cessar L. Scott provides leadership as the Executive Minister of the Baptist General Convention of Virginia. A native of Portsmouth, Virginia, he is a graduate of Virginia Union University and its School of Theology. Additionally, Reverend Scott holds a Master of Administration from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia. He is married to the former Shirleva Marie Bagley and they are the parents of two children, who are both medical doctors, Cessar Jr. and Lisa Marie.

The Baptist General Convention of Virginia, founded in 1899 in support of Virginia Union University and its School of Theology, is the representative African American mission organization networking over 1000 churches in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Housed in a facility valued at 3 million dollars, which was totally funded through the generous contributions from constituent churches, the Baptist General Office complex is located on the campus of Virginia Union University and leases office space to three of its Shared Ministries. Since its founding, the Convention has expanded its mission support to include the *Children's Home of Virginia Baptists, Inc.* (located on 265 acres of land in Petersburg, VA) for young people who are deprived of parents by neglect or death. Additionally, the Convention has embraced support of the *Virginia One Church, One Child Adoption Program, the Chaplain's Prison Ministry, and the United Negro College Fund*. Beyond Virginia, the Convention encourages support from its constituent churches for the *National Baptist Convention USA, Inc., the Progressive National Convention, and the Lott Carey Foreign Missions Convention*.

Reverend Scott is the recipient of many awards and serves on several statewide and national boards, including *Virginia Union University Board of Trustees, Council for America's First Freedom, Corporate Board of the Sunday School Publishing Board of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., and, the Executive Committee of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Board*.