



The Nannie Helen Burroughs Project

(a values and vision initiative)

www.nburroughsinfo.org

January 21, 2017, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I St. SW DC, 3-5pm

The program will feature Nannie Helen Burroughs Views and Vision for the Future of America. As a religious leader, Burroughs started Woman's Day in the Baptist Church in 1907, was a close associate and joined the founders of the Progressive National Baptist Convention (PNBC). She passed in 1961 and the PNBC was founded in 1962. One writer described Burroughs as follows: "...her relationship with God was so strong that it overflowed into every aspect of her life and work, making it difficult to draw clear lines between her religious, educational, political, and social interests." The views and vision of this remarkable woman present the opportunity for us to look at the impact of religion in today's society. Is religion impacting politics, or is politics impacting religion? More specifically, the lesson to be learned from her life and works might be an examination of the relationship between our religious leaders and politics in today's society.

The program opens with Tynia Canada singing a fusion of The Negro National Anthem and America. I chose this to open the program to signify our race's struggles and aspirations. Burroughs was a personal friend of James Weldon Johnson, who wrote the anthem lyrics. Tynia is a professional singer and appeared recently with Roy Ayers at Blues Ally. She is founder of the InspirationalPhoenix Project (google for information). This is followed by Kathy English Holt, in the dress of Burroughs' day, telling the story of Nannie's life. Kathy is founder of the project, "ithings2collardgreens.org" I then take the stage and lead what I like to describe as an interactive discussion. During the presentation, in addition to questions comments from the audience, I select people to participate by readings excerpts of some of Nannie Helen Burroughs speeches. There are no audios or videos of her many speeches. I am very flexible with the timing of the program.

Administrative. I arrive on site with time to set up my Nannie Helen Burroughs Display. I find it effective for attendees to walk through the exhibit prior to the presentation.

