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MINISTER BYRON CAGE AND THE EBENEZER KINGS MEN CHOIR TO PERFORM HOLIDAY CONCERT FOR INMATES HOUSED AT THE D.C. JAIL

(Washington D.C.) The District of Columbia Department of Corrections' (DCDOC) welcomes Minister Byron Cage to the D.C. Jail Tuesday, December 17, from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm for a special holiday concert. The concert will also feature the sounds of the 65-member Ebenezer Kings Men Choir and their accompanying musicians. "This is the first time we've had a nationally known gospel singer perform for our inmates," said Director Faust. "We are very excited to have Minister Cage and the Ebenezer Kings Men Choir join us today to celebrate the holiday season."

Chaplain Betty Green agrees. "Minister Cage is a renowned gospel singer, but he also has a heart's desire to come in and minister," she said. "I'm excited about this because it lets me know that the word is going out that there are men and women trying to make a change in their lives and are grateful to have someone minister to them. We're looking forward to this concert being a huge success."

Byron Cage is an American gospel singer who began recording with his nine-vocalist group, Purpose, in 1995. Since going solo, he has received 5 Stellar Awards and a 2006 Grammy nomination. He previously served as the music director for the New Birth Church in Atlanta and now serves as the minister of music at Ebenezer AME (African Methodist Episcopal) Church in Fort Washington, Maryland and at St. Paul's Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia. He released his most recent and ninth CD, *Memoirs of a Worshipper*, last year.

The concert will take place in the second floor visiting hall, but will also be played over the public address system of the jail so that all inmates and staff can enjoy. The D.C. Jail's choir will be in attendance at the concert and will sing a few selections with the group.

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