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The Christian Recorder News Break – August 28, 2013 - Obama, Holder, Jarrett, AME Senior Bishop John Bryant, Sharpton meet to discuss pushing Obamacare

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President Obama and his two biggest cheerleaders, Attorney General Eric Holder and advisor Valerie Jarrett, met with African-American faith leaders, including the Rev. Al Sharpton, Monday morning to ask for their help pushing and promoting Obamacare in their communities.

The faith leaders from around the country are in Washington to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington and Martin Luther King's epic "I Have a Dream" speech, and will join Obama as he speaks on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial on Wednesday.

According to the [press release from the White House](#) Monday morning, Sharpton and the others outlined their plans to push Obamacare in their congregations:

This morning, the President met with African-American faith leaders to discuss the 50th

Anniversary of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom and how civil rights and equality are closely tied to voting rights and closing the gap on education, unemployment, and access to health care. The faith leaders from major African-American church denominations are in Washington to mark the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington. The President noted that while the country has made enormous strides in the decades since the March, more work remains to be done to ensure that our country is more fair, more free, and more just than it was 50 years ago. The President noted that his Administration is continuing to fight to ensure that the right to vote is protected, and he also discussed the upcoming start of open enrollment in the Health Insurance Marketplace, and that the difficult but critical work of enrolling millions of Americans in health exchanges around the country continues. Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, an estimated 7.3 million African Americans with private insurance now have access to expanded preventive services with no cost, and nearly 7 million African Americans without health insurance will newly have access to quality, affordable health insurance options in 2014. The faith leaders told the President about their plans to work with their congregations and partners to inform people about the Marketplace. The President thanked the leaders for their prayers, and said that he looks forward to continuing to work with them. The President and the faith leaders concluded their meeting with a prayer.

African-American faith leaders in the meeting included:

Dr. Carroll Baltimore, President, Progressive National Baptist Convention

Bishop George Battle, Senior Bishop, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church

Bishop John Bryant, Senior Bishop, African Methodist Episcopal Church

Bishop Thomas Hoyt, Senior Bishop, Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

Bishop Michael Kelsey, Executive Treasurer, Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship

The Rev. Alvin Love, National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

The Rev. Otis Moss, Jr., Progressive National Baptist Convention

The Rev. Al Sharpton, Founder/President, National Action Network

The Rev. Stephen Thurston, President, National Baptist Convention of America

Dr. C.T. Vivian, President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference

Dr. Barbara Williams Skinner, Executive Director, Skinner Leadership Institute

Administration Officials in the meeting included:

Attorney General Eric Holder

Valerie Jarrett, Senior Advisor to the President

Melissa Rogers, Executive Director, White House Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships

The Rev. Suzan Johnson Cook, Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom, U.S. Department of State

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