

May 6, 2003

Pastor Eddie Hartwell
St. James Baptist Church
604 25th Street
Gulfport, MS 39501

Dear Pastor Hartwell:

Thank you for accepting Governor Musgrove's invitation to give the blessing at the Southern Growth Policies Board's Governors' Banquet on Monday, June 2, 2003, at 6:30 p.m. at the Beau Rivage Hotel in Biloxi. The banquet is being held in conjunction with Southern Growth's *Southern Leadership Summit*, an extraordinary conference organized to improve leadership and civic engagement in the South.

The Southern Leadership Summit will assemble some of the South's foremost thinkers on leadership from both the public and private sectors to address strategies for engaging youth, minorities and people from all walks of life in leadership roles, and for connecting leadership initiatives in the region to improve our schools, neighborhoods and communities. Attendees will explore leadership issues that are critical in bringing about positive change in our states and communities.

Governor Musgrove serves as chairman of Southern Growth Policies Board, a nonprofit, interstate compact composed of governors, legislators and citizen representatives from each of its member jurisdictions. Its mission is to help improve the economy and quality of life in the South through dialog and collaboration among a wide cross-section of the region's policy and program leaders. (For information on current activities, see www.southern.org.)

Upon arriving at the Beau Rivage, please report to the Magnolia Ballroom. I will meet you there to show you to your seat. Please do not hesitate to contact me at either 601-359-2528 or kriley@governor.state.ms.us if you have any questions before June 2. Thank you again for accepting Governor Musgrove's invitation to join us.

Very truly yours,

Kelly L. Riley
Policy Liaison