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MEDCCE

Metropolitan District Congress of Christian Education

National Theme: **“Equipping Disciples for Christ”**

John 16:13; Galatians 5:22-23; Ephesians 4:12-13; 2 Timothy 3:16-17
District Theme: “Strengthening Churches and Advancing the Kingdom Through Partnership” Hebrews 10:24-25

Saturday, February 10, 2018

Tabernacle Baptist Church
2080 West Grand Blvd.; Detroit, MI 48208
Nathan Johnson, D.D, Moderator & Host Pastor

8:45amWorship Experience
President’s Greetings

9:05amLecture

9:20am Dean’s Directives

9:30am - 11:15am Classes, Workshops, Seminars

11:20am Reassembly in Sanctuary

Selection by MEDCCE’s Choir

Greetings from Moderator / Host Pastor:

Nathan Johnson, D.D, Moderator & Host Pastor

Recognition of Pastors & Associate Ministers

Announcements

Offering and Recognition of Churches

Invitation to Discipleship

Closing Song / Prayer

Luncheon Directives

Prayer and Grace

MEDCCE President's Pen

Why Did God Make Me Black?"

**Why Did You Make Me Black Lord
Lord Why did you make me black?
Why did you make someone
the world would hold back?
Black is the color of dirty clothes,
of grimy hands and feet...
Black is the color of darkness,
of tired beaten streets...
Why did you give me thick lips,
a broad nose and kinky hair?
Why did you create someone
who receives the hated stare?**

**Black is the color of the bruised eye
when someone gets hurt...
Black is the color of darkness,
black is the color of dirt.**

**Why is my bone structure so thick,
my hips and cheeks so high?
Why are my eyes brown,
and not the color of the sky?**

**Why do people think I'm useless?
How come I feel so used?
Why do people see my skin
and think I should be abused?**

**Lord, I just don't understand...
What is it about my skin?
Why is it some people want to hate me
and not know the person within?**

**Black is what people are 'Labeled'
when others want to keep them away...
Black is the color of shadows cast...
Black is the end of the day.**

**Lord you know my own people mistreat me,
and you know this just ain't right...
They don't like my hair, they don't like my
skin, as they say I'm too dark or too light!**

**Lord, don't you think
it's time to make a change?
Why don't you redo creation
and make everyone the same?**

**GOD's Reply:
Why did I make you black?
Why did I make you black?**

**I made you in the color of coal
from which beautiful diamonds are formed...
I made you in the color of oil,
the black gold which keeps people warm.**

**Your color is the same as the rich dark soil
that grows the food you need...
Your color is the same as the black stallion and
panther, Oh what majestic creatures indeed!**

**All colors of the heavenly rainbow
can be found throughout every nation...
When all these colors are blended,
you become my greatest creation!**

**Your hair is the texture of lamb's wool,
such a beautiful creature is he...
I am the shepherd who watches them,
I will ALWAYS watch over thee!**

**You are the color of the midnight sky,
I put star glitter in your eyes...
There's a beautiful smile hidden behind your pain...
That's why your cheeks are so high!**

**You are the color of dark clouds
from the hurricanes I create in September...
I made your lips so full and thick,
so when you kiss...they will remember!**

**Your stature is strong,
your bone structure thick to withstand the
burden of time...
The reflection you see in the mirror,
that image that looks back,..that is MINE!**

**So get off your knees,
look in the mirror and tell me what you see?
I didn't make you in the image of darkness...
I made you in the image of ME!**

Announcements

Christian Fellowship of Love Baptist Church
Rev. Dr. Terry Thomas, Host Pastor

THANK YOU!

The MEDCCE Team extends its heartfelt thanks to all who supported our Annual Skating Fellowship. Because of your support, the event was a great success. A special thanks to Sister Nellie Thigpen and all volunteers for a job well done.

MEDCCE Annual Session - Week of April 16, 2018
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church
Rev. Dr. Louis Forsythe, Host Pastor

MEDCCE Annual Session Musical

04/16/2018 at 7pm

**Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Rev. Dr.
Louis Forsythe**

**Rehearsals: Mondays 6:45pm on the
following dates: 02/12; 02/19; 02/26; 03/05;
03/12; 03/19; 03/26; 04/02; 04/09.**

**Contact Barry M. Alexander, PhD.
Minister of Music at 248-790-7030 for
additional information.**

From the Dean's Office:

The Annual Session will be held April 16-20, 2018. The Dean's Office Staff will begin Pre-Registration today, and will be available during the luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. We are offering CPR/AED again this year. Registration for this course requires a \$35 Registration Fee at the time of Registration. Please register yourself, and your youth today. Forms are also available via the District Site:

www.metropolitanbaptistdistrict.org under the Christian
Education Tab.

**Metropolitan Missionary Baptist District Association
Annual Session – July 2018**

MEDCCE Church Attendance (2017-2018)	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	Total
Beulah Baptist Church (Westland)	8	13		6	5			32
Chapel Hill Baptist Church	1							1
Christian Fellowship of Love Baptist Church	1	1	1	1	1			5
Church of Our Father Baptist Church	1	1	7					9
Corinthian Baptist Church	5	5	5	2	3			20
Dexter Avenue Baptist Church	4	7	27	9	5			52
Faithful Mt. Triumph Baptist Church								0
Fellowship of Love Baptist Church	10		10	10				30
Freedom Fellowship Church	9	10	18	10	10			57
Garden of Faith Baptist Church	1	3	3	3	3			13
Greater Morning Star Baptist Church (Mt. Clemens)								0
Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church								0
Greater Shiloh Baptist Church								0
Greater St. John Baptist Church	6	8	10	5	5			34
Higher Power Baptist Church	8	8	8	6	7			37
Historic St. James Baptist Church								0
Hopewell Baptist Church	15	9	7		1			32
Iconium Baptist Church	5	7	7	6	6			31
Inkster Springhill Baptist Church								0
Macedonia Baptist Church	6	5	2	4	5			22
New Hope Baptist Church (Southfield)	9	9	8	8	11			45
New Hope Baptist Church (Wayne)								0
New Mt. Moriah Baptist Church		2		2	2			6
New Salem Baptist Church	7	4	5	11	5			32
New Westside Central Baptist Church	4	4	6	4				18
Northwest Unity Baptist Church	6	5	7	5	4			27
Palestine Baptist Church	34	32	30	28	29			153
Peace Baptist Church								0
People's Baptist Church								0
People's Community Baptist Church (Westland)	7	7	17	7	14			52
Pilgrim Baptist Church (Binder)	1	1	10					12
Pilgrim Baptist Church (Lumley)								0
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church	14	16	4	10	7			51
Prince of Peace Baptist Church								0
Russell Street Baptist Church	5	4	2	2	2			15
St. Francis Baptist Church								0
St. Luke Tabernacle Community Baptist Church	3	3	1	4	1			12
Steadfast Baptist Church	1	5	12	2	2			22
Tabernacle Baptist Church	30	37	49	42	37			195
Third Baptist Church	4	3	5	4	4			20
Truth Baptist Church	2	4	1	3	3			13
Twelfth Street Baptist Church	5	1	1	3	6			16
Union Grace Baptist Church								0
United Prayer Temple Baptist Church								0
Unity Baptist Church	20	16	15	17	14			82
Warren Avenue Baptist Church	2	2	9	2				15
TOTAL NUMBER OF DELEGATES	234	232	287	216	192	0	0	1161

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Classes for September 2017 – March 2018

Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, 2080 W. Grand Blvd at Grand River, Detroit, MI

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Dean Toniya L. King / President Ronald C. Burks / Moderator Nathan Johnson

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Hebrews 10:24-25

#	COURSE NAME	INSTRUCTOR	ROOM #(S)
9025	Computers in the Life of the Church - Advanced	Reverend Kimberly Elyse, Ph.D.	2153
1004	Effective Bible Reading	Reverend Valerie Crump	2156-2158
SP 0008	SPECIALIZATION PROGRAM Christian Education Certificate Ministering to the Whole Church	Dean Priscilla A. Turner	2157
1075	Synoptic Gospels	Deacon Joyce Martin-Hutcherson	2159
6021	Spiritual Formation	Reverend Ronald C. Burks	2160-2162
1007	Introduction to the Old Testament	Reverend Beverly McCutcheon	2161
2015	Foundation of Christian Ethics	Reverend Dr. Bill Thompson	2163
SP 0015	SPECIALIZATION PROGRAM Certificate of Leadership Church Staff Development	Reverend Dr. Anthony J. King, Sr.	2164
6013	Organizing the Church for Christian Education	Reverend Burnard Byles	2165
9902	The Spiritual Life of the Minister	Reverend Richard Richardson	2166
3007	History of Baptists	Reverend Dr. Louis Forsythe, II	2167-2169
3009	History of Women in Religion	Reverend Dr. Patricia Butler	2168
8004	The Program of the Missionary Society	Reverend Pecola Bell	2170
8055	The Church's Response to the 21st Century	Reverend Richard R. White, III	2172-2174
WS	Youth Ministry Session (Ages 13 – 17)	Sister Madlyne Dansby, Directress Deacon Eddie Davis—Breakout Session Reverend Maurice Jackson-Breakout Session	2176-2179
Y-WS	Who's Renting Space in Your Head? (**AGES 15-17 ONLY**)	Reverend Kenneth Pierce, II, Facilitator	Choir Room-L
WS	Children's Ministry (Ages 5 – 10) (Ages 11-12)	Sister Stephaine Williams, Directress Sister Doniele Jackson-Breakout Session	Morris Room Choir Room-R
WS	Metropolitan District Choir Workshop		Choir Stand

Dean's Office & President's Office -- Christian Ed Office -- 2nd Floor
Finance Office -- First Floor Coat Room

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MINUTES

Saturday, January 13, 2018

WORSHIP EXPERIENCE:

Call to Worship – 2nd Vice President, Sis. Patricia Suber
Scripture – Psalm 150
Song – “Holy, Holy, Holy”
Invocational Prayer – District Laymen

PRESIDENT GREETING – President Ronald Burks

Session will move right along, many funerals are going on today, some pastor's and teachers are out, many of you may want to attend, so we will move right along. We will have the 1 ½ for our classes, then you are free to stay or go. We have a number of things going on today, we want you to do three things.
Make sure you are paid up for your registration.
Purchase your tickets for our skating fellowship.
Purchase tickets for African American Luncheon.

We are dismissing our lecture for today, Sis. Suber will come with announcements.

ANNOUNCEMENT - 2nd VP Patricia Suber

Reiteration of MEDCCE skating fellowship Jan 15, 2018 Northland Roller Rink, tickets \$5.00. See Sis Nellie Thigpen in the Finance room for tickets or Dean in training Patricia Sanders in the Dean's office. Those whom need to rent skates, skate rental is \$3.00- as many can attend, please bring your young people out.
Our 2017-2018 Oratorical Institute – 2018 Theme: “Envisioning the Future Exceptionally as we Lead Disciples of Christ. The next session will be held, Sun, Jan 24, 2018 3L00 pm. Palestine BC 15787 Wyoming.
African American Heritage Luncheon, Sat Feb 10, 2018 12:00 pm. Tabernacle BC please secure your tickets today. Deadline is Jan 26, 2018 – we are having young people whom will serve as host. Guest preacher Rev. Kenneth Pierce, III.
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Metropolitan MB Dist. Assoc. July 2018. Christian Fellowship of Love BC, Rev. Dr. Terry Thomas, Host Pastor.

PRESIDENT REITERATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Question: Time of skating party, Dr. King.
Answer – Pres. Burks, 6:00 p.m. Mon, Jan 15, 2018.
Pray for the Hicks, Jones family, services being held today.

DEAN'S DIRECTIVE

- Pastor Dwayne Cureton, Sr. will be subbing for Pastor Richardson.
- Pastor Floyd Davis will be subbing for Pastor Byles and the McGee family. Who are part Praying for the New Westside Church family.
- Deans office will be providing attendance of students whom have one or 2 absences. The required to write a paper.
- At 10:45 we have a special announcement for your students, we will let you know ahead of time, the interruption we be 5 min. this is good news for some of the students in your class

PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you can please wear African attire for the Luncheon – anyone whom desires to be an instructor at MEDCCE, there is a form to be completed, you all need to have approval from your Pastor in order to do so, and we will know you are in good standing with your church and Pastor, that's protocol and it's done on the National level as well.

DEAN'S DIRECTIVE (Cont'd)

Classes will run until 11:15 am. Reassembly will be at 11:20 am in sanctuary.

REASSEMBLY IN SANCTUARY – Rev. Floyd Davis, 1st Vice

RECOGNITION OF PASTOR'S & ASSOCIATE MINISTERS GREETINGS & THANKS TO PASTOR MODERATOR, HOST CHURCH

ANNOUNCEMENTS REITERATED – Sis. Patricia Suber

OFFERING AND RECOGNITION OF CHURCHES – Rev. Floyd Davis

TROPHY PRESENTATION

1st Place – Tabernacle BC – Moderator Trophy: 37 present
2nd Place – Palestine BC – President Trophy: 29 present
3rd Place – Unity. – Dean's Trophy: 14 present

1st Place Distant – People Community MBC, Westland – 14 present
2nd Place Distant – Beulah BC, Westland – 5 present
Pastors & Ministers -16, Officers-12, Instructors – 13, Deans Staff - 6, Church's – 25
Total Delegate: 186

Invitation to Discipleship
Closing Song/Prayer
Benediction

The Worship Experience

THE BIBLE SPEAKS: Isaiah 41:8-10

8 But you, Israel, are My servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the descendants of Abraham my friend

9 You whom I have taken from the ends of the earthy, and called from its farthest regions, And said to you, 'you are My servant, I have chosen you and have not cast you away:

10 Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you. Yes, I will help you. I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

OPENING SONG: Freedom After While

Chorus: Freedom after while, freedom after while
Freedom after while when I get home,
Freedom after while, freedom after while
Freedom after while when I get home.

1. Jesus brought me out,
When I was a slave,
He reached down from above
His loving grace He gave.
2. He gave me peace and joy,
My heart doth overflow,
I'm going back to Jesus
I'll be a slave no more.
3. There'll be no dying there.
I'll be in my Savior's care,
There'll be no separation,
There'll be no discrimination,
4. With Jesus as my guide,
Safe in His arms I'll hide,
We'll be in peace forever,
Because God is on our side.

INVOCATION: Deacon Walter Presley
Tabernacle Baptist Church

CLOSING SONG: Lift Every Voice and Sing

1. Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring
Ring with the harmony of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a son full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us,
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.
2. Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet,
Come to the place for which our father's sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path thro' the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
3. God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by Thy might, led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.

