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**MEDCCE**

**Metropolitan District Congress of Christian Education**

National Theme: “Growing Disciples for Christ”  
*Ephesians 4:15; Colossians 2:19; I Peter 2:2; Hebrews 5:12-13*

District Theme: “Strengthening Churches and Advancing the Kingdom Through Partnership” Hebrews 10:24-25

**Saturday, March 11, 2017**

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

8:45am ..... Worship Experience  
President’s Greetings

9:00am ..... Lecture: Rev. Dr. Floyd A. Davis  
Technological Alternatives in Communication  
Focus: Importance in use of Smartphones and Social Media

9:10am ..... Dean’s Directives

9:20am ..... Classes, Workshops, Seminars

11:00am ..... Reassembly in Sanctuary  
Greetings from Moderator / Host Pastor:

Nathan Johnson, D.D, Moderator & Host Pastor

Recognition of Pastors & Associate Ministers

Announcements

11:25am ..... Offering and Recognition of Churches

11:30am ..... Selection by MEDCCE’s Choir

Meditation for Ministry

Rev. Ed Williams, Pastor

Fellowship of Love Baptist Church

Invitation to Discipleship

Closing Song / Prayer

Benediction

## **MEDCCE President's Pen**

**As MEDCCE concludes another regular season of challenging, developing, and improving our standard of biblical literacy among our leaders, congregations and community I want to say thank you to the MEDCCE officers and staff, pastors, local church school superintendents, Christian education leaders, members at large and the community for your faithfulness.**

**We are a spiritually richer and better equipped to face the challenges of building the Kingdom of God.**

**I want to express sincere sentiments of gratitude to Pastor Nathan Johnson and the Tabernacle church family, Pastor Lee Winfrey and the Unity church family for their outstanding hospitality in hosting the MEDCCE sessions throughout this season.**

**I also want to say thank you to Pastor Wayne Little and the Corinthian church family for agreeing to host MEDCCE's Annual Session during the week April 24th, 2017. I want to invite you all to participate in this upcoming session by registering early for one of the very stimulating classes and you are invited to participate in the musical presentation that will kick off our week.**

**Thanks again to all the churches who have been faithful to your registration commitments, if you have not yet fulfilled your registration obligation, please do so now.**

**Again, thank you for your faithfulness,  
In HIS service,**

**Pastor Ron**

## **MEDCCE Financial Report**

# The Worship Experience

## **THE BIBLE SPEAKS:** Ephesians 4:1-6 (KJV)

<sup>1</sup> I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

<sup>2</sup> With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;

<sup>3</sup> Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

<sup>4</sup> There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

<sup>5</sup> One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

<sup>6</sup> One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

## **OPENING SONG:**

1. What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,  
Oh, what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer!
2. Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful,  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,  
Thou wilt find a solace there.

**INVOCATION:** Deacon Columbus Dixon  
Freedom Fellowship Baptist Church

## **CLOSING SONG:**

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.  
Leaning, leaning,  
Safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.  
Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.  
Leaning, leaning,  
Safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.  
What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.  
Leaning, leaning,  
Safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

## **Announcements**

MEDCCE 2017 Annual Session  
Week of 04/24/2017  
Corinthian Baptist Church  
Rev. Wayne Little, Host Pastor

National Baptist Convention USA, Inc.  
Congress of Christian Education  
Week of 06/18/2017  
St. Louis, MI

## **Dean's Office Announcement**

Our Annual Session - April 24-28, 2017 - is a Certified School. The School Number is 20739S. Pre-Registration has begun, and we are looking forward to your participation to help make this another successful session. You can find more information on the District Website, and in the Dean's Office. Please pre-register your children/youth as well. We are offering CPR/ First Aid/ AED Training this year at a cost of \$35, which includes certification cards.

## **District Announcement**

Metropolitan Missionary Baptist District Association  
Spring Inspirational Meeting

Thursday, March 16, 2017 – 7:00pm

Host Church  
Prince of Peace Baptist Church  
12650 Linwood; Detroit, MI 48238  
Rev. Kenneth Ricks, Host Pastor

Inspirational Meeting Preacher  
Rev. Dr. Kevin H. Johnson, Sr.,  
New Salem Baptist Church

## **Church Etiquette**

Upon entering the sanctuary, please dispose of all gum, candy, and food.

Please turn off all cell phones.

Please limit walking. Walking is not allowed during the following intervals of service: Prayer; Scripture Reading; and Invitation to Discipleship.

**Metropolitan District Congress of Christian Education**  
**Minutes: Saturday, February 11, 2017 – Recorder: Sis. Tara Hamilton**

MEDCCE Church Attendance (2016-2017)	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	Total
Beulah Baptist Church (Westland)	8	9	18	5	5			45
Chapel Hill Baptist Church					1			
Christian Fellowship of Love Baptist Church	3		2	3	2	6		16
Church of Our Father Baptist Church	7	5	3	2	3	1		21
Corinthian Baptist Church	15	12	13	9	8	4		61
Dexter Avenue Baptist Church	15	8	32	11	9	15		90
Faithful Mt. Triumph Baptist Church	6							6
Fellowship of Love Baptist Church	13	20	18	16	17	16		100
Freedom Fellowship Church	8	13	34	9	9	8		81
Garden of Faith Baptist Church	8	2	12	6	8	7		43
Greater Morning Star Baptist Church (Mt. Clemens)								
Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church								
Greater Shiloh Baptist Church								
Greater St. John Baptist Church	3	5	9	6	7			30
Higher Power Baptist Church	8	8	8	8	8	8		48
Historic St. James Baptist Church	8	9						17
Hopewell Baptist Church		5	6					
Inkster Springhill Baptist Church								
Jude Baptist Church								
Macedonia Baptist Church	11	1	11	8	10	11		52
New Hope Baptist Church (Southfield)	20	20	17	1	11	1		70
New Hope Baptist Church (Wayne)								
New Mt. Moriah Baptist Church	2	2	2	2	2	2		12
New Salem Baptist Church	26	28	25	20	15	19		133
New Westside Central Baptist Church	6	12	10	6	7	10		51
Northwest Unity Baptist Church	9	8	8	11	7	15		58
Palestine Baptist Church	47	40	53	38	46	41		265
Peace Baptist Church								
People's Baptist Church	1	1	1	1	1	1		6
People's Community Baptist Church (Westland)		36	30					
Pilgrim Baptist Church (Binder)			1		1			
Pilgrim Baptist Church (Lumley)		1						
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church	9	5	15	6	7	9		51
Prince of Peace Baptist Church	13	15	22	10				60
Russell Street Baptist Church	5			7		8		20
St. Francis Baptist Church	2			3	3			8
St. Luke Tabernacle Community Baptist Church		4	2	3	5	4		
Steadfast Baptist Church	3	5	7	4	8	5		32
Tabernacle Baptist Church	44	53	40	43	38	30		248
Third Baptist Church	4	4		2	4	4		18
Truth Baptist Church	5	2	6	5	1	7		26
Twelfth Street Baptist Church	5	4	15	4	5			33
Union Grace Baptist Church								
United Prayer Temple Baptist Church								
Unity Baptist Church	33	36	62	34	25	32		222
Warren Avenue Baptist Church		3	2	2	2			9
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF DELEGATES</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>264</b>		<b>2031</b>

Session was called to order by Sister Patricia Suber, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.

Worship Experience led by Sister Patricia Suber, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Scripture: Psalm 33:1-9 (KJV).  
 Opening Song: Lift Every Voice and Sing. Invocation: Deacon Nathaniel Johnson, Obedient Baptist Church.

Greetings and protocol established by Rev. Ronald Burks, President.

Dean Rev. Dr. Kevin Johnson announced classroom assignments.

- The following Instructors are absent: Rev. Dr. Floyd Davis, Substitute Instructor is Rev. Dr. Lee Winfrey, Sr.; Rev. Kenneth Pierce, Substitute Instructor is Minister Eddie Cooper, Jr.; Sister Doniele Jackson, Substitute Instructor is Deacon Bryant Anderson.
- Written Assignments are due today for those who have missed class sessions.
- If there are any attendance issues, please see the Dean's Office Staff.
- MEDCCE Annual Session pre-registration forms are available. CPR class is \$35.00.

Sister Patricia Suber, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President provided luncheon directives.

Dean Rev. Dr. Kevin Johnson provided dismissal instructions.

Reassembly: Rev. Dr. Lee Winfrey, Sr. opened with song "I am on the Battlefield for My Lord".

Greetings from Nathan Johnson, D.D., Moderator and Rev. Dr. Lee Winfrey, Sr., Host Pastor.

Recognition of Pastors and Ministers led by Rev. Ronald Burks, President.

African American Heritage Celebration Children's Presentation, Matthew 28:19, led by Sister Williams highlighting Historical Figures, Rev. Florence Muffett, Russell Street Baptist Church.

African American Heritage Celebration Youth Presentation, led by Sister Madlyne Dansby. Mistress of Ceremony: D'Ja Stokes, Fellowship of Love Baptist Church. Michael Whitehead, Palestine Baptist Church, highlighted his Uncle Lawrence Armstrong; KaShawn Richardson, New Westside Central Baptist Church, highlighted his Pastor, Rev. Richard Richardson; and Armira Karl, Macedonia Baptist Church presented a message "As African American's we should Strive for the Best", Philippians 3:14. This trio led a song: "Sing Every Praise".

Offering and Prayer led by Rev. Ronald Burks, President.

Announcements and Luncheon Directives led by Sister Patricia Suber, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.

Recognition of Churches by Rev. Ronald Burks, President. 264 total delegates present from 24 Churches. 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Palestine Baptist Church with 41 delegates; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Unity Baptist Church with 32 delegates; and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Tabernacle Baptist Church with 30 delegates.

African American Heritage Celebration Sermon, Rev. Reginald Smith, Union Grace Baptist Church, Southfield, MI. Scripture: Deuteronomy 31:1-8, highlighting verse 7. Sermon Title: "Building a Bridge to the Future"

**MEDCCE**  
**CHURCH REGISTRATION AND CARVER CAMP DONATIONS**  
 As of February 28, 2017

**Metropolitan District Congress of Christian Education**

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**Classes for September 2016 – March 2017**

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)
1001	Introduction to the Bible #1	Sister Joyce Hutcherson	2172-2174
1001	Introduction to the Bible #2	Sister Priscilla Turner	2168-2170
1007	Introduction to the Old Testament	Reverend Beverly McOutcheon	2160-2162
3007	History of Baptists	Reverend Will J. Hawk	2164
3008	Theology & History of Christianity	Reverend Dr. Floyd Davis	2173
4012	The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit	Dr. Willie White	Chapel
5012	Becoming An Effective Deacon	Reverend Bernard Byles	2163
7010	Introduction to Discipleship	Reverend Richard White, III	2156-2158
8018	The Ministry of Church Nursing	Dr. Toni Grant	2165
8035	The African-American Church and Social Justice	Reverend Leroy Burden	2167-2169
9008	Public Speaking	Reverend Dr. Patricia Butler	2157
9024	Computers in the Life of the Church	Reverend Kimberly Elyse, Ph.D.	2153
9909	Fundamentals of Preaching in the African-American Church	Reverend Richard Richardson	2161
SP 0015	<b>SPECIALIZATION PROGRAM</b> Certificate of Leadership Church Administration	Reverend Dr. Anthony J. King, Sr.	2175
WS	Say Yes to No Debt	Reverend Ronald C. Burks	2166
WS	Children's Ministry	Sister Stephaine Williams, Directress Sister Doniele Jackson-Breakout Session	Morris Room Choir Room-R
WS	Children & Youth Workers - Adult Practicum	Reverend Pecola Bell	Morris Room
WS	Youth Ministry Session	Sister Madlyne Dansby, Directress Deacon Eddie Davis—Breakout Session Reverend Maurice Jackson—Breakout Session	2176-2179
Y-WS	Life... What's Up With Yours? (**AGES 15-17 ONLY**)	Reverend Kenneth Pierce, II, Facilitator	Choir Room-L
WS	Metropolitan District Youth/Young Adult Choir Workshop	Reverend Mario Marcus	Choir Stand

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