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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, February 11, 2017**

Unity Baptist Church  
7500 Tireman; Detroit, MI 48204  
Rev. Dr. Lee C. Winfrey, Sr., Host Pastor  
Nathan Johnson, D.D, Moderator

8:45am ..... Worship Experience  
President’s Greetings  
8:55am..... Dean’s Directives  
9:15am ..... Classes, Workshops, Seminars  
10:30am ..... Reassembly in Sanctuary

Greetings from Moderator: Nathan Johnson, D.D.  
Greetings from Host Pastor: Rev. Dr. Lee C. Winfrey, Sr.  
Recognition of Pastors & Associate Ministers

10:35am ..... Children’s Presentation  
10:45am ..... Youth Presentation  
10:55am ..... Offering and Recognition of Churches  
Selection by MEDCCE’s Youth & Young Adult Choir  
African-American Heritage Sermon  
Rev. Reginald Smith  
Union Grace Baptist Church, Southfield, MI

Invitation to Discipleship  
Closing Song  
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?

## MEDCCE Financial Report

# The Worship Experience

**THE BIBLE SPEAKS:** Psalm 33:1-9 King James Version

33 Rejoice in the LORD, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright.

<sup>2</sup> Praise the LORD with harp: sing unto him with the psaltery and an instrument of ten strings.

<sup>3</sup> Sing unto him a new song; play skilfully with a loud noise.

<sup>4</sup> For the word of the LORD is right; and all his works are done in truth.

<sup>5</sup> He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

<sup>6</sup> By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

<sup>7</sup> He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses.

<sup>8</sup> Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

<sup>9</sup> For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.

## **OPENING SONG:**

Lift every voice and sing, Till earth and heaven ring, Ring with the harmonies of Liberty; Let our rejoicing rise High as the list'ning skies, Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song 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.

Stony the road we trod, Bitter the chast'ning 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 fathers sighed?

We have come over a way that with tears has been watered. We have come, treading our path through 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.

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.

**INVOCATION:** Metropolitan District Laymen

## **CLOSING SONG:**

When Israel was in Egypt's land,  
let my people go;  
oppressed so hard they could not stand,  
let my people go.

*Refrain:*

Go down, (go down) Moses, (Moses)  
way down in Egypt's land;  
tell old Pharaoh  
to let my people go!

"Thus saith the Lord," bold Moses said,  
let my people go;  
"if not, I'll smite your first-born dead,"  
let my people go.  
(Refrain)

No more shall they in bondage toil,  
let my people go;  
let them come out with Egypt's spoil,

let my people go.  
(Refrain)

Prayer; Scripture Reading; and Invitation to Discipleship.

### **Announcements**

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

National Baptist Congress of Christian Education  
St. Louis, Missouri  
June 19 – June 23

### **District Announcement**

**What:** Wolverine State Congress Jesus Is Love Banquet  
**When:** February 25, 2017  
**Where:** American Serbian Hall  
19940 Van Duke  
Detroit, Michigan 48234  
**Tickets:** \$20.00  
**Contact:** Michelle Pryor, Director  
Metropolitan District Young People's Department

Young people are needed to model in the fashion show.  
Categories: 1) School; 2) Church; 3) Dinner

Metropolitan needs someone to present, in their own way, concerning the theme. Contact Sister Michelle Pryor if interested.

### **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:

**WORSHIP EXPERIENCE:**

Meeting was brought to order at 8:45 a.m. Greetings from Pastor Ronald Burks.

**OPENING:**

Scripture – Ephesians 4: 20-24

Song – Hold to God’s Unchanging Hand

Prayer – Dr. King

Song - Go Tell It On the Mountain

Lecture brought forth by Rev. Dr. Floyd Davis- **Technological Alternatives in Communication**

**DEAN'S DIRECTIVE: Toniya King**

If any students have completed any Phases of the COPP during the session time frame are asked to inform Dean’s office. If any students have completed the courses for the Dean’s certification or Pastor’s Alternati Training Course please submit your name.

11:00 a.m. - Reassembly in the sanctuary

Greetings from Moderator/Host Pastor Nathan Johnson.

Recognition of Pastors & Associate Ministers

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

2nd Vice President, Sis. Patricia Suber gave the following announcements:

MEDCCE Annual Skating Fellowship will be on Monday, 1-16-17 at Northland Skating Rink. Tickets are \$5.00. Individuals may see Sister Thigpen for tickets.

The African American Heritage Celebration Luncheon will be held on Saturday, 02-11-17

at Unity Baptist Church, Rev. Lee Winfry, Sr., Host Pastor. Tickets are \$25.00; see

Sis. Ann Bell.

MEDCCE 2017 Annual Session week 04/24/17, at Corinthian Baptist Church, Hamtramck, MI, Rev. Way Little, Host Pastor.

**DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENT:**

The Wolverine State Congress Jesus is Love Banquet will be held on 2-25-2017 at the American Serbian I located at 19940 Van Dyke, Detroit, MI 482354. Tickets for the banquet is \$20.00. Young people are nee model in the fashion show; Categories are: School, Church and Dinner. Contact person is Michelle Pryor-Director of Metropolitan District Young People’s Department.

**RECOGNITION OF CHURCHES FOR THEIR MEDCCE ATTENDANCE:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Palestine with 46 delegates

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Tabernacle 38 delegates

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Unity Baptist Church, 25 delegates

1<sup>st</sup> Place Distant Church – Beulah Baptist Church with 5 delegates

Pastors - 17 Present

Officers - 11 Present

Instructors - 22 Present

Dean - 7 Present

Churches - 29

Delegates - 259 delegates present

Selection by MEDDCE Choir - “I’m Chasing After You”.

The Word was brought forth by Rev. Dr. Yvette Griffin, Pilgrim (Binder) Baptist Church – Scripture Mat 7 - “9 Christian Relationship”

Invitation to Discipleship, Song/Prayer and Benediction was given.

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			10
Church of Our Father Baptist Church	7	5	3	2	3			20
Corinthian Baptist Church	15	12	13	9	8			57
Dexter Avenue Baptist Church	15	8	32	11	9			75
Faithful Mt. Triumph Baptist Church	6							6
Fellowship of Love Baptist Church	13	20	18	16	17			84
Freedom Fellowship Church	8	13	34	9	9			73
Garden of Faith Baptist Church	8	2	12	6	8			36
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			40
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			41
New Hope Baptist Church (Southfield)	20	20	17	1	11			69
New Hope Baptist Church (Wayne)								
New Mt. Moriah Baptist Church	2	2	2	2	2			10
New Salem Baptist Church	26	28	25	20	15			114
New Westside Central Baptist Church	6	12	10	6	7			41
Northwest Unity Baptist Church	9	8	8	11	7			43
Palestine Baptist Church	47	40	53	38	46			224
Peace Baptist Church								
People's Baptist Church	1	1	1	1	1			5
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			42
Prince of Peace Baptist Church	13	15	22	10				60
Russell Street Baptist Church	5			7				12
St. Francis Baptist Church	2			3	3			8
St. Luke Tabernacle Community Baptist Church		4	2	3	5			
Steadfast Baptist Church	3	5	7	4	8			27
Tabernacle Baptist Church	44	53	40	43	38			218
Third Baptist Church	4	4		2	4			14
Truth Baptist Church	5	2	6	5	1			19
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			190
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>1767</b>

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!

## Metropolitan District Congress of Christian Education

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Classes for February 11, 2017

Unity Baptist Church, 7500 Valmon D. Stotts Blvd. (Tireman), Detroit, MI

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#	COURSE NAME	INSTRUCTOR	ROOM #(S)
1001	Introduction to the Bible #1	Sister Joyce Hutcherson	#35 (UL)
1001	Introduction to the Bible #2	Sister Priscilla A. Turner	#33 (UL)
1007	Introduction to the Old Testament	Reverend Beverly McCutcheon	#39 (UL)
3007	History of Baptists	Reverend Will J. Hawk	#11 (LL)
3008	Theology & History of Christianity	Reverend Dr. Floyd Davis	#36 (UL)
4012	The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit	Dr. Willie White	Chapel (1F)
5012	Becoming An Effective Deacon	Reverend Bernard Byles	Toddler Room (LL)
7010	Introduction to Discipleship	Reverend Dr. Richard White, III	Library (UL)
9018	The Ministry of Church Nursing	Dr. Toni Grant	#13 (LL)
9035	The African-American Church and Social Justice	Reverend Leroy Burden	Choir Room (LL)
9008	Public Speaking	Reverend Dr. Patricia Butler	#12 (LL)
9024	Computers in the Life of the Church	Reverend Kimberly Elyse, Ph.D.	#37 (UL)
9909	Fundamentals of Preaching in the African-American Church	Reverend Richard Richardson	#32 (UL)
SP 0015	<b>SPECIALIZATION PROGRAM</b> Certificate of Leadership Church Administration	Reverend Dr. Anthony J. King, Sr.	Ushers Room (LL)
WS	Say Yes to No Debt	Reverend Ronald C. Burks	Infant Nursery (LL)
WS	Children's Ministry (Ages 10 & Under) (Ages 11-12)	Sister Stephaine Williams, Directress Sister Doniele Jackson-Breakout Session	Head Start-Level 1 Head Start Level 2 #25
WS	Children & Youth Workers - Adult Practicum	Reverend Pecola Bell	Head Start-Level 1
WS	Youth Ministry Session	Sister Madlyne Dansby, Directress Deacon Eddie Davis—Breakout Session Rev. Maurice Jackson – Breakout Session	Head Start-Level 2 #24
Y-WS	Life... What's Up With Yours? (**AGES 15-17 ONLY**)	Reverend Kenneth Pierce, II, Facilitator	#15 (LL)
WS	Metropolitan District Youth/Young Adult Choir Workshop	Rev. Mario Marcus, Facilitator	Sanctuary

President/Dean's Office: Board Room

Moderator: Ministerial Office

Finance Office: Administrative Office

\*\*\*UL = Upper Level; LL = Lower Level; 1F = First Floor\*\*\*

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**CHURCH REGISTRATION AND CARVER CAMP DONATIONS**  
**As of January 31, 2017**

