

# **MEDCCE**

## **Metropolitan District Congress of Christian Education**

National Theme: "Making Disciples for Christ"

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### **Saturday, September 19, 2015**

Tabernacle Baptist Church

2080 West Grand Blvd.

Detroit, MI 48208

Nathan Johnson, D.D, Moderator & Host Pastor

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

9:00am ..... Lecture Period  
Topic Focus: Working Together as Brothers and Sisters to Advance the  
Kingdom of God

Presenter: Nathan Johnson, D.D, Moderator & Host Pastor  
Metropolitan District Baptist Association

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 Youth and Young Adult Choir

Meditation for Ministry

Rev. Dr. Lee Winfrey

Unity Baptist Church, Detroit, MI

Invitation to Discipleship

Closing Song

Prayer

## **The Worship Experience**

Worship Leader/Facilitator: Sister Letitia Magee

### **THE BIBLE SPEAKS:** Psalm 100

100 Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.

<sup>2</sup> Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

<sup>3</sup> Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

<sup>4</sup> Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

<sup>5</sup> For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

### **OPENING SONG:**

1 The Lord has need of workers, to till His field today,  
So kindly He has led me to walk in wisdom's way;  
I pray for grace to help me with all my heart to say,  
O blessed Saviour, count on me.

Refrain:

Count on me, count on me,  
For loving-hearted service glad and free;  
Yes, count on me, count on me,  
O blessed Saviour, count on me.

2 I count on Thee, dear Master for cleansing in Thy blood,  
For constant streams of blessing, a never-failing flood;  
To ever-new fruition I see Thy mercies bud,  
O blessed Saviour, count on me. [Refrain]

3 Now gird me for the battle when evil pow'rs oppose,  
And give me faith and courage to conquer o'er Thy foes;  
I pledge Thee my allegiance, my soul no other knows,  
O blessed Saviour, count on me. [Refrain]

4 I'll bear another's burden along a lonely way,  
Or teach that burden-bearer with confidence to pray;  
In service ever loyal at home or far away,  
O blessed Saviour, count on me. [Refrain]

**INVOCATION:** Deacon Evans Holman  
New Westside Central Baptist Church  
Metropolitan Baptist District Laymen's President

**CLOSING SONG:**

1 All to Jesus I surrender,  
all to Him I freely give;  
I will ever love and trust Him,  
in His presence daily live.

Refrain:

I surrender all, I surrender all;  
all to Thee, my blessed Savior,  
I surrender all.

2 All to Jesus I surrender,  
make me, Savior, wholly Thine:  
let me feel Thy Holy Spirit,  
truly know that Thou art mine. [Refrain]

3 All to Jesus I surrender,  
Lord, I give myself to thee;  
fill me with Thy love and power,  
let Thy blessing fall on me. [Refrain]

## **MEDCCE President's Pen**

Good Morning and Welcome to the 2015/2016 season of the Metropolitan District Congress of Christian Education. Certainly, I join you in the excitement and anticipation of great joy as we cast upon this new season of systematically studying God's Word. I want to thank you all for your participation, and I invite you to reach out to others at your Churches, family and community to join us in this great work of God.

I want to welcome our newly elected Moderator, Nathan Johnson, D.D., and please know that you have the support of the MEDCCE Team. May I also take this opportunity to say thank you to Rev. Dr. Oscar King, III for his unwavering support of MEDCCE during his tenure as Moderator of Metropolitan Baptist District Association. This will be an exciting and productive season. We have listened to your concerns and request and the Dean's office is offering a full array of classes to fit the needs of everyone.

We again want to say thank you to Nathan Johnson, D.D, Moderator & Host Pastor and the Tabernacle family for inviting us back this year and we appreciate the faithfulness, courtesy, and support of the entire Tabernacle Team.

Thanks to the entire team of MEDCCE Officers and Staff who have pledged their support to make this a very positive and productive season. The Dean's office lead by Sister Toniya King has been hard at work and the fruit of their labors will be evident.

Our pledge is to provide excellence in Christ-centered education in partnership with our member Churches and enhance the spiritual development of our members; to be intentional in addressing the needs and concerns of our youth and young adults. We invite our young adults to become a part of the MYA choir under the direction of Sister Letitia Magee, it promises to be great. You are invited to plan your MEDCCE season with us. October 10<sup>th</sup> will be our Carver Camp Rally, you will want to be a part of supporting this great event. November 14<sup>th</sup>, we will host our Youth Rally, come on, show off what the Lord is doing with your youth. January 18, 2016 we will sponsor the MEDCCE Skating Fellowship, come have fun and enjoy the fellowship. February 13<sup>th</sup> will be the African/American Heritage Celebration and Luncheon which will be hosted at Church of Our Father Baptist Church, Rev. Burnard Byles, Pastor. March 12<sup>th</sup>, we close out our regular season of study and training. April 12-15, 2016, we conclude our season with the Annual Session at the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Rev., Dr. Louis Forsythe, Pastor.

Churches, Pastors, CE leaders, please make sure your Church registers for this season as early as possible. The registration is \$300 (\$100 of the registration will be your Carver Camp donation through MEDCCE).

Be Blessed, Pastor Ron

## **Announcements / Calendar of Events**

Rev. Dr. Oscar R. Carter, Sr. is retiring. Pastoral Celebration Banquet is Sunday 09/27/2015 at 6pm at Sheraton Metro Detroit Hotel. Tickets are \$50. Please contact Vernice McGough at 313-580-4759 (9am-5pm) for tickets.

Have you completed all four phases of the Certificate of Progress Program (COPP), or have been exempt from COPP? You are invited to attend an Orientation on the Specialization Program. It will be held on Tuesday, October 6, 2016 at Elyton Baptist Church, 8935 St. Cyril St., Detroit, MI 48213 from 6:00-8:00 pm.

**Please note: The Orientation is FREE.**

MEDCCE Carver Camp Rally  
Saturday 10/10/2015

Metropolitan Baptist District Inspirational Meeting  
Thursday 11/19/2015 at 6:30pm  
Church of Our Father Baptist Church  
Rev. Burnard Byles, Host Pastor

MEDCCE Skating Fellowship  
Northland Skating Rink  
Monday, 01/18/2016 6pm-9pm

MEDCCE  
African-American Heritage Celebration and Luncheon  
Saturday, 02/13/2016  
Church of Our Father Baptist Church  
Rev. Burnard Byles, Host Pastor

Metropolitan Baptist Annual Session  
Week of April 11, 2016  
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church  
Rev. Dr. Louis Forsythe, II, Host Pastor

2016 Congress of Christian Education  
June 20-24, 2016  
Tampa, FL

**MINUTES: March 14, 2015**  
**Recorder: Sis. Verna E. Green**

**This session began in the Worship Experience led by Sis. Bessie Carter, Worship Leader.** The Bible Speaks: Luke 23:32-34. Opening Song: "Down At the Cross"; Invocation by Deacon Franklin Mills, (Past President of MEDCCE) Russell Street MBC. Closing Song: "O How I Love Jesus". **Greetings from President, Rev. Ronald Burks with "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"**. He then thanked the Worship Committee. Protocol was established. He said, we thank God Pastor Floyd Davis is back with us; for each of you and your support this congress year. He said as we come to the end of our regular second Saturday sessions for the year 2014-2015, I trust that you have benefited from your course of study. He then thanked the pastors/churches for their support and for encouraging their member to come out. He thanked Rev. Dr. Nathan Johnson and the Tabernacle family for hosting our second Saturday MEDCCE sessions. He thanked all officers, staff and instructors for their faithfulness. He said the Annual Session will be held April 14-17, 2015 at Unity Baptist Church. Followed by: Greetings from Moderator, Rev. Dr. Oscar King, III. He had to leave early to attend the installation of the new president of the Ecumenical Theology Seminary. Rev. Dr. Oscar Carter, Sr. provided information regarding the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Sunday Publishing Board Midwest Region Conference to be held at Tabernacle Baptist Church, May1-2, 2015.

**Lecture Period: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Rev. Dr. Floyd Davis introduced the Lecturer, Sis. Stephanie Williams, Director of Children's Dept.** Her presentation centered around College Preparation, Financial Aid, and Scholarships. Handouts were available.

**Dean's Directives for Classes, Workshop and Seminars: Dean Priscilla Turner greeted all.** She reminded all COPP students who will be graduating in June 2015, that the deadline for getting all information to the dean is in April. She then said that some students (she identified those classes) have not completed their registration information and you need to come to the dean's office to complete the process. She said as I come to the close my tenure as dean of this great congress, I am truly grateful for all the support that each of you have given to us. We have the best faculty this side of heaven. Class Dismissal

**Reassembly:** Greetings from Moderator, Rev. Richard Richardson. Rev. Dr. Oscar Carter brought greetings on behalf of Host Pastor, Rev. Dr. Nathan Johnson. Pastors and Associate Ministers were recognized by 2nd Vice President, Sis. Patricia Suber.

**Offering and Recognition of Churches conducted by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Sis Patricia Suber** Church count tabulated by Corresponding Secretary, Sis. Tara Hamilton. Church attendance as follows: 1<sup>st</sup>Place: Palestine (32); 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Tabernacle (17); 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Dexter Ave. (15). **Distant Attendance:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place: People's Comm. (Westland) (16); 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Beulah (Westland) (10). Trophies will be presented at the Annual Session. **Churches: 26; Pastors & Ministers: 14; Officers: 17; Faculty:13; Total Count:179.**

**Selection: MEDCCE's Youth & Youth Adult Choir " I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"**

**Meditation for Ministry:** Rev, Richard R.White, III. Pastor of Dexter Ave. B.C. Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:16, Meditation Topic: "Give God Thanks". Rev. Richard Richardson gave the Invitation to Discipleship. Closing Song: "Is Your All On the Altar?". Rev. Richard R. White, III gave the Benediction.

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**Classes for September 2015 – March 2016**

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

Nathan Johnson, D.D, Host Pastor

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

**National Theme: "Making Disciples For Christ"**

**Matthew 16:24-26, I Timothy 2:11-13, Psalm 49:6-9, Matthew 10:38**

| <b>#</b>           | <b>COURSE NAME</b>  | <b>INSTRUCTOR</b>   | <b>ROOM #(S)</b>   |
|--------------------|---|---|--------------------|
| <b>1004</b>        | Effective Bible Reading #1  | Reverend Patricia Mobley  | <b>CHAPEL</b>      |
| <b>1004</b>        | Effective Bible Reading #2  | Sister Joyce Hutcherson   | <b>2172-2174</b>   |
| <b>1007</b>        | Introduction to the Old Testament   | Reverend Beverly McCutcheon   | <b>2167-2169</b>   |
| <b>1086</b>        | Church History In Acts  | Sister Drena Hicks-Jones  | <b>2165</b>        |
| <b>1089</b>        | Survey of Romans  | Sister Priscilla A. Turner  | <b>2160</b>        |
| <b>1112</b>        | Survey of Revelation  | Reverend Dr. Floyd Davis  | <b>2163</b>        |
| <b>2007</b>        | Christian Stewardship   | Reverend Dr. Richard White, III   | <b>2171</b>        |
| <b>2011</b>        | Baptist Doctrine  | Reverend Dr. Edward R. Knox   | <b>2164</b>        |
| <b>2015</b>        | Foundation of Christian Ethics  | Reverend Dr. Bill Thompson  | <b>2168</b>        |
| <b>4014</b>        | Doctrine of Prayer  | Reverend Ronald C. Burks  | <b>2156-2158</b>   |
| <b>7024</b>        | Discovering Spiritual Gifts   | Reverend Eddie Sain, II   | <b>2173</b>        |
| <b>SP<br/>0019</b> | <i><b>SPECIALIZATION PROGRAM</b></i><br>Certificate of Leadership<br>Overcoming Leadership Distress | Reverend Dr. Anthony J. King, Sr.   | <b>2166</b>        |
| <b>WS</b>          | Equipping Ministers for Ministry  | Reverend Richard Richardson, Facilitator  | <b>2161</b>        |
| <b>WS</b>          | Minister's Wives and Widows   | Reverend Rosetta O'Neal, Facilitator  | <b>2159</b>        |
| <b>WS</b>          | Becoming An Effective Deacon  | Reverend Bernard Byles, Facilitator   | <b>2162</b>        |
| <b>2029</b>        | Children's Ministry   | Sister Stephaine Williams, Directress   | <b>Morris Room</b> |
|                    | Youth Ministry Session  | Sister Madlyne Dansby, Directress<br>Dr. Byron Douglass—Breakout Session<br>Deacon Eddie Davis—Breakout Session | <b>2176-2179</b>   |
| <b>Y WS</b>        | I Luh God. You Don't Luh God?<br>What's Wrong With You?<br><b>(**AGES 15-17 ONLY**)</b>             | Reverend Kenneth C. Pierce, II, Facilitator   | <b>2157</b>        |
| <b>YA WS</b>       | Chosen to Lead. Now What?<br>YOUNG ADULTS<br><b>(**AGES 18-35 ONLY**)</b>                           | Reverend Dr. Patricia Butler, Facilitator   | <b>2170</b>        |
| <b>WS</b>          | Metropolitan District Youth/Young Adult<br>Choir Workshop   | Sister Letitia MaGee, Facilitator   | <b>CHOIR STAND</b> |

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Finance Office--First Floor Coat Room Area**