



**Eighth Episcopal District
African Methodist Episcopal Church
Department of Christian Education**

March 18, 2011

To the Membership of the Eighth Episcopal District

Greetings:

Our Christian Education Congress will convene on July 18-21, 2011 at the University of Southern Mississippi. After reviewing the evaluation sheets we have structured the classes to attempt to meet the needs of the majority. Some schedules may also be changed, as well as procedures, registration packets and class assignments. *We are hoping that as members of the Eighth Episcopal District we can all work together in harmony. This meeting should be a time where we all work together to be advocates for Christian Education.*

Please take time to review the following information.

1. All persons attending the Congress **must** register. Pre-registration- up to July 15, 2011 is **\$140.00** per person for those staying on campus and **\$130.00** for off-campus registrants and those registrants who are staying in the Adult Hall facilities. A special rate of **\$100.00** per person will be provided for those 12 and under who are staying on campus and **\$80.00** for youth staying off- campus. After this date, an additional fee of \$10.00 will be assessed to all late registrations. Registration forms and information may be **downloaded from the website and faxed or mailed. Website- ced.8thdistrictamec.com**. There is a one- day special registration fee of \$25.00 for those persons who are only able to attend one –day session of the Congress due to job restrictions, emergencies, etc. These persons will receive a colored, dated badge that will have the specific date and name printed on them. No one will be able to attend workshops, events or have meals unless they have on a badge. Each badge is used only for the one (1) day that you attend. We have acquired persons who have volunteered to monitor the hallways and classes, so that uninvited guests and others without badges will be required to report to the registration desk.
2. According to Bishop Tyler Guidry and the Connectional Church, all chaperones must be screened (background check) in their local city or state. They must submit the results to the Department, which will be on file at the Eighth Episcopal District Office.
3. We are in need of persons to be Dorm Monitors for the Boys Dormitory and the Girls Dormitory. They will be provided with special badges, so that all residents will be aware of their presence. Please contact us if you would like to volunteer.
4. This year we will have three (3) classes each day in the morning. Our workshops will be in “Tracks” (See Class Cards). Our young people, **ages six (6) and under** (Track A) will **remain** in their classrooms for all three (3) class periods. (The teachers will move to these classrooms) Young people, **ages 7-9** (Track B). Track C includes classes for young people who are **ages 10-12**. Those participants who are **ages 13-18** are in Track D. Track E will include classes for all adults **ages 19 and above, who are not clergy**. Track F will include classes for all members of the **clergy**.

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5. The Recreation Center will be available after Lunch each day. **No one under the age of 16 is allowed on the 2nd floor of the Payne Recreation Center.** Additional rules and Regulations for the Congress will be distributed during the Orientation Meeting on Monday, July 19 at 4:00 p.m.

We are looking forward to an inspirational and motivating Congress. We need the cooperation of all the members of the various departments, our young people, all laity and our clergy members to make this educational venue a success. Once again, let us work together in love, sincerity and joy, so that when we leave the Christian Education Congress, we will have gained spiritual strength, a renewed spirit, and have retained information so that we can become a resource for our Conferences, Presiding Elder Districts, and our local churches.

Please find enclosed the information guide, registration sheets, class cards, chaperone letter, young people's list, and the high school/college graduate forms.

Mail all registration forms and checks to:

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Yours in Christ,

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