

Mt. Zion Northeast Coast Missionary Baptist District Association of Florida, Inc.
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Dear Pastors, Churches, Congress Staff, Delegates/Messengers, & Friends,

I greet each of you in the Matchless, Miraculous, and Majestic Name of Our Lord and Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ. No doubt, He has continued to protect, preserve, and provide for us in and throughout times past and present. I am excited about our upcoming Congress of Christian Education. **Yes, the 55th Annual Session of the Mt. Zion Northeast Missionary Baptist District Association Congress of Christian Education will convene on Tuesday-Friday, July 14-17, 2026.**

This auspicious occasion will be held at Greater Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Daytona Beach, Florida. I/We are appreciative to Pastor William Robinson, III. and the entire Church Family of Greater Friendship Missionary Baptist Church for graciously serving as our Host Pastor and Church for this great occasion. For the benefit of those who will be traveling from a great distance, I have secured hotel rooms for my Church Delegates/Messengers at the Hilton Garden Inn Daytona Beach Airport. The phone number is (386) 944-4000 and the address is 189 Midway Avenue, Daytona Beach, Florida 32114. Complimentary Parking and Wi-Fi are included in your stay. Restaurants and many other stores are very close to the hotel.

The theme for this year, chosen by Moderator Mitchell, is **"Reclaiming Our Past, Empowering Our Future"**. The Congress will be called to order on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, during our opening session at 8:00am. A total of twelve classes/courses and workshops for all ages, which will be included in the forthcoming packet, will be offered and taught during the Congress. Teaching and instructional time will be held on Tuesday-Friday, July 14-17, 2026, from 8:45am-10:45am, with the additional workshops being taught/facilitated and given throughout the entire week. We will also have our Oratorical and Bible Bowl Competitions, along with our Scholarship Awards, and our Children' Pageant/Youth Rally. Churches must register and participate during the District Congress who have Youth participating in the various competitions.

Please note that everyone can take whatever class/course that they desire. However, you must be listed as a Delegate/Messenger under your District Church, or you may register as an individual Delegate/Messenger. Also, individuals who are not a part of our District may also register and participate in our Congress. I encourage all Churches and Delegates/Messengers to pre-register. More detailed information about registration will also be included in the forthcoming packet.

Information will also be sent out to the Congress Faculty and Staff concerning our planning and preparation meeting dates and times which will be held via zoom. The Annual Sermon, which is given by the previous year Host Pastor, will be given on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at 11:00am. Also, our District Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at 2:30pm in person. The Dean's Address is scheduled for Tuesday July 14, 2026, at 7:00pm and the President's Address is scheduled for Thursday July 16, 2026, at 7:00pm. I am asking all Officers, Pastors, Delegates/Congress Participants, and Guest to support our Dean and President in unity and love. If you are unable to attend, we ask that you take care of your obligations as warranted.

I am asking that each District Church support this year's Congress with your presence and participation in large numbers. Let us be unified and pray to the Lord for a Christ-Centered Congress. May He smile on and bless it to be impactful, informative, inspiring, Spirit-Filled, and Led. If you should have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me in one of the following ways below. May the Lord continue to bless each of you in all areas and aspects of your lives.

Humbly Submitted,

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