

Mt. Zion Northeast Coast Missionary Baptist District Association of Florida, Inc.
2023, 52nd Congress of Christian Education

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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 52nd Annual Session of the Mt. Zion Northeast Missionary Baptist District Association Congress of Christian Education will convene on Monday-Thursday, July 10-13, 2023.**

This auspicious occasion will be held at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church in Melbourne, Florida. Pastor Nathaniel Harris and the Macedonia Church Family have been gracious enough to serve as our Host Pastor and Church. The Congress Hotel is the Fairfield by Marriot, 4355 West New Haven Avenue, Melbourne, FL 32904 (321-722-2220). Be sure to mention and or include Mt. Zion Northeast Coast District to receive the special rate of \$139.00. Hot Breakfast, Complimentary Parking, and Wi-Fi are included in your stay.

The theme for this year, which was chosen by Moderator Michael Mitchell is **"Respect" (1 Thes. 5:12-13)**. The Congress will be called to order on Monday, July 10, 2023, during our opening session at 8:00am. A total of twelve classes/courses and workshops for all ages, which are included in the packet will be offered, and taught during the Congress. Eleven of them will be held on Monday-Thursday, July 10-13, 2023, from 9:00am-10:45am. The Workshop, entitled, Church Growth: **"How To Grow Your Church"**, taught by yours truly, will be held Monday-Wednesday, July 10-12, 2023, from 5:45pm-6:45pm. Out of the twelve, five will be COPP classes/courses.

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 and classes/courses are included in the packet.

Our Faculty and Staff Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 29, 2023, at 8:00pm via zoom. Then too, our District Board Meeting will be held on Monday, July 10, 2023, at 3:00pm in person. Also, the Dean's Address will be scheduled for Tuesday July 11, 2023, at 7:00pm and the President's Address is scheduled Thursday July 13, 2023, at 7:30pm. I am asking all Officers, Pastors, 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.

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,
Dr. Quintin P. Woods, Sr.
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Congress President
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How to Submit Registration

1. Log onto the Mt. Zion Northeast Coast Missionary Baptist District Website at www.mznecda.org, here you can submit your Church Delegates or Individual Registration
2. All District Church members should be registered by their Church.
3. All Churches (Delegates) and Individuals are encouraged to register online.
4. **Individual Registration (ONLY) *Not a member of a MZNEC District Church:** Please register online and pay registration fee of \$30 (Cash, Check or Money Order) in person at the Registration Office on the first day of attending the Congress. *All Checks or Money Orders payable to: Mt. Zion Northeast Coast Missionary Baptist District Association (Memo: 2023 Congress of Christian Education)
5. You will automatically receive an email confirmation of your registration within 24 hours, once all information has been reviewed for completion.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your Congress President, Dr. Quintin P. Woods, Sr. (256) 473-4791 or Congress Dean, Sis. Cheryl Brooks (321) 960-0419
Mt. Moriah Office Phone: (321) 725-1791 or Office Email: mt.moriah@mmbbc.org

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The following information is included in the 2023, 52nd Annual Session of the Congress of Christian Education packet. Please contact our Congress Dean, Sis. Cheryl Brooks **Office: (321) 725-1791 or Email: mtmoriah@mmbc.org** if you are missing any pages from the enclosed packet, questions or concerns.

Packet contains the following pages:

1. Letter from the President
2. How to submit Church Registration and Individual Registration Fees
3. Listing of COPP Courses and Workshops
4. Church Registration Form and Delegate Roster Sheet (ALL MZNEC District Churches and Members only)
5. Individual Registration Form (Only for individuals who is not a member of a MZNEC District Church)
6. Oratorical: Theme, Scripture and Guidelines (10th and 11th Graders Only)
7. Scholarship Criteria and Application (Deadline: Tuesday, July 11, 2022)

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Certificate of Progress Program (COPP) Courses and Workshops
Monday, July 10th thru Thursday July 13th, 2023

Classes and Workshops will be held “In-person” each morning from 9:00 AM to 10:45 AM.

Morning COPP Classes

***Introduction to the Bible – Course #1001, Phase 1 Requirement**

Instructor: Dea. Willie Ghent

Course Objective: Introduce the sixty-six (66) books of the Bible, its origin, and the important events, periods, and personalities that led to the development of the Bible in its present form.

***The Synoptic Gospels – Course #1075, Phase 2 Requirement**

Instructor: Dr. Norman Gleason

Course Objective: Focus on the Synoptic Gospels – Matthew, Mark and Luke. Students will study the life and ministry of Jesus Christ as portrayed by these three writers. Through this comparative study, students will gain a more comprehensive understanding of Jesus’ ministry.

***The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit – Course #4012, Phase 2 Requirement**

Instructor: Rev. Audrey Jackman

Course Objective: Study of the person and work of the Holy Spirit. A thorough look at the corresponding doctrines that influence our understanding of the work of the Holy Spirit. Identify this doctrine of the church with a holistic understanding of salvation, with special emphasis on justification, redemption, and sanctification.

***Organizing the Church for Christian Education- Course #6013, Phase 4 Requirement**

Instructor: Sis. Barbara Moore

Course Objective: Focus on the various administrative and organizational skills needed to organize the Christian education department. Emphasis placed on structure, leadership, and staffing needs for Christian education.

***Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts – Course #7024, Phase 2 Requirement**

Instructor: Sis. Cora Gleason

Course Objective: Help student to understand who God has uniquely made them to be. Work through a spiritual gift assessment that will help them to discover their spiritual gift(s). Their discovering their spiritual gift(s) will prepare them to move into a meaningful area of service where they best fit into the body of Christ.

Morning Workshops for Youth & Children

***Teen Evangelism in Actions – Workshop #MZNECW-004 (Ages: 13-17 yrs)**

Instructor: Rev. Val Terry

Workshop Objective: Teach youth the importance of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ to all. Innovative ideas and strategies will be presented to give teenagers boldness and assurance to readily share their faith with their fellow teens.

***Bible Stories for Children – Workshop #MZNECW-005 (Ages: 6-9 yrs.)**

Instructor: Sis. Tramella Woods

Workshop Objective: Children will focus and learn about Jesus and other Biblical characters in the Bible.

***Helping Youth Appreciate Their African American Heritage – Course #MZNEC-003 (Ages: 10 and up)**

Instructor: Dr. Wendell Raulerson

Workshop Objective: Explore ways to assist youth in understanding sociocultural dynamics of African-American adolescents and how to give them an appreciation of their uniqueness and heritage.

Morning Workshops for All Ages

***Work of the Church Trustee – Workshop #MZNECW-001 (Adults only)**

Instructor: Sis. Linda Ramsey

Workshop Objective: Concentrate on the responsibilities of trustees. Introduce the work and role of trustees in the church. Explore and define Duties of trustee, including management, building maintenance, and fiscal controls.

***Doctrine of Prayer – Workshop #MZNECW-002 (Ages: 13 and up)**

Instructor: Sis. Linda Taylor

Workshop Objective: Teach on the fundamental purpose, principles and the power of prayer. Understand prayer as the channel of communication of the believer to the Father.

***Great Hymns of the Church – Workshop #MZNECW-006 (Ages: 10 and Up)**

Instructor: Bro. C. LaMonte Hogan

Workshop Objective: Make available a study on several of the great hymns of the church. The course investigates the history of the words and the music as well as the importance of the story in the song. Look at the meaning of the song for that day and make application of the song for the day.

Evening Workshop *Monday thru Wednesday 5:45pm – 6:45pm

***Church Growth Workshop: (How to Grow Your Church) – Workshop #MZNECW-007**

Instructor: Dr. Quintin P. Woods, Sr.

Workshop Objective: To look at and focus on some of the ways and methods to grow your Church.

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OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM

(Churches, Delegates, Officers and Pastors)

(Please TYPE or PRINT)

Church Name: _____

Church Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Church Phone #: _____

Pastor's Name: _____ Pastor's Phone #: _____

Church or Pastor's Email Address: _____

Please Note: Pastors/Churches please be sure to list "ALL" Delegates that will be registered under your Church to the Delegate Roster Sheet. This should include their names, email address, phone number and the course number (see course list). Church Delegates should not use the Personal Enrollment Form if they are registered under their Church.

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Delegate Roster Sheet (Please TYPE or PRINT)

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Individual Registration Form

**Name: _____ **Telephone #: _____

**Email Address: _____ Student #: _____

*If applicable (SSPB Student #)

**Mailing Address: _____

Monday July 10th – Thursday July 13th, 2023 (9:00 AM – 10:45 AM)

NOTE: Please check/choose "ONLY ONE" COPP Class or Morning Workshop, along with the evening Workshop

*COPP – Certificate of Progress Program

- _____ Introduction to the Bible – Course #1001, Phase 1 Requirement
- _____ The Synoptic Gospels – Course #1075, Phase 2 Requirement
- _____ The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit – Course #4012, Phase 2 Requirement
- _____ Organizing the Church for Christian Education - Course #6013, Phase 4 Requirement
- _____ Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts – Course #7024, Phase 2 Requirement

*Youth & Children Morning Workshops

- _____ Teen Evangelism in Action – Workshop #MZNECW-004 (Ages: 13-17 yrs)
- _____ Bible Stories for Children – Workshop #MZNECW-005 (Ages: 6-9 yrs.)
- _____ Helping Youth Appreciate Their African American Heritage – Workshop #MZNECW-003 (Ages: 10 and up)

* Morning Workshops

- _____ Work of the Church Trustee – Workshop #MZNECW-001 (Adults Only)
- _____ Doctrine of Prayer – Workshop #MZNECW-002 (Ages: 13 and Up)
- _____ Great Hymns of the Church – Workshop #MZNECW-006 (All Ages)

*Evening Workshop (All Church Leaders are encouraged to attend)

- _____ Church Growth: (How to Grow Your Church) – Workshop #MZNECW-007

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**PAID via: In-person _____ Check or Money Order # _____

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2023
Oratorical Theme, Scripture and Guidelines
For Intermediate (Grades 10-11):

THEME: G.L.E.A.M. (God Lit Everything Around Me)
(Key Scripture: Psalm 119:105, NKJV)

***Scripture:** The light shines in darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. (John 1:5, NIV)

Prompt: Out of the ashes, we rise. There's no one like You, none like You. Our God is greater, stronger, healer, and awesome in power. And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us? And if our God is with us, then what could stand against us?

Just a Thought:

Well, I can think of a lot of things and systems and the pandemic and the _____ that might try to stop us. You fill in your own blank. We can all keep the negative images in focus. I am not throwing shade. The knee downs, the putdowns, the let downs, the lockdowns, the breakdowns, and all the other ups and downs still show that nothing can stand against me shining.

I will rise up – yes! Even from these experiences to move myself and others towards God's light.

GUIDELINES

PURPOSE

To provide an opportunity for students to develop oration skills that will allow them to confidently share the Word as well as benefit them in their life endeavors. Likewise, the written speech reflects spiritual knowledge, development, and appreciation of God's Word as well as evidence of intellectual thinking and positive expression. Your speech should be about life, society or human nature/condition that needs to be turned toward God's love and light.

- Fosters Faith
- Encourages Christ-centered Communication
- Promotes Writing, Public Speaking, and Reading
- Builds Self-confidence

In-Person

The Oratorical Speeches will be held "In-Person" Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at Macedonian MBC, 2729 Lipscomb Street, Melbourne, FL 32901.

REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION

Oratorical participants must be:

- In the 10th or 11th grades (2023/2024 School Year)
- Home church must be apart of the MZNEC District Association
- Only one participation per Church

PRESENTATION

- Participants **are encouraged** to memorize the oration/speech. No sign-song tone, notes, props. Or any other aids are allowed
- The speech must be **prepared by the contestant and must be original**
- Orations are **not** to exceed five minutes and must be typed and double-spaced (Times New Roman font, size 12). **A minimum requirement of 300 words maximum of 800 words.**
- Include the total number of words at the bottom of your document.
- The speech must be logical, correct in form, relevant to the theme, and a response to the time based on the key Scripture and prompt. The speech will analyze your identity as a disciple who lives as light or who will move towards the Light.
- You are encouraged to use the **key Scripture** and at least **two other Scriptures** to support your position.

- You are encouraged to use statistical data to support your position.
- Any quotations or copyright material used in the speech must be properly identified.

The Presentation attire is as follows:

Males: Suit Coats with ties

Females: Dress or Suit with hosiery

DELIVERY

- Participants are to stand, state the topic and begin their memorized oration.
- Participants are not allowed to use introductions or reference protocols.
- Participants shall not state their names or any other identifying data during the oration.
- Participants shall avoid using a sing-song tone, sermonette format and avoid excessive gestures in their presentation. Likewise, no dancing, rapping, etc.
- Special props, costumes, clothing or prompts are not permitted.
- Any violations of the guidelines will automatically disqualify the contestant.

The participant's Oratorical Coordinator/YPD Director must submit on behalf of the participant the following:

- A copy of the typed speech
- A copy of the completed Contestant Entry Form

****All items must be received by Friday, July 7, 2023, at 11:59PM**

Via email to:

- Sis. Linda Taylor, MZNEC Oratorical Coordinator
Email: sundaymorndew@yahoo.com

Copy (CC)

- Sis. Cheryl Brooks, Congress Dean
Email: CLSDeanBrooks@mtmoriahmbcpb.org

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**2023 Mt. Zion Northeast Coast Missionary Baptist District Association
Contestant Entry Form**

Contestant's Name: _____

Grade Level in the Fall of 2023: _____

Address: _____
(Street Address, City, State, Zip)

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Church Name: _____

Pastor's Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Your Church's Youth Director: _____

Your Church's Oratorical Coordinator: _____

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CURTIS L. WIGGINS SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

1. The applicant must be a member of and active in a Missionary Baptist Church which is a member of the Congress of Christian Education and giving regular to support the work of the Congress.
2. A letter of recommendation from the Pastor, (If the church is without a Pastor, the letter should come from the Church Clerk) should be sent with the application.
3. Each applicant should submit a letter of church, school and community activities along with future goals and objectives.
4. Only one application from a church should be submitted during a session of the Congress of Christian Education.
5. Complete applications should be sent to the Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee, due no later than midnight on Tuesday of this year's Congress.
6. Applications will be acted upon and awarded during that setting of the Congress.
7. The applicant should present documented proof of enrollment to an institution of higher learning before receiving scholarship funds.
8. The Scholarship Committee will make its recommendation to the Congress dependent on the number of completed applications and funds available.
9. Applicants must apply for scholarship within one year after being awarded.
10. **Deadline for Scholarship application: Tuesday, July 11, 2023. (Midnight)**

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CURTIS L. WIGGINS SCHOLARSHIP Application

Date: _____

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Church Name: _____

Church Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Pastor's Name: _____

High School: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Enrolling College/University or Technical College: _____

****Please attach to this application a statement of your involvement in your local Church, District and State Congress. Also, include a letter of recommendation from your Pastor and/or Director of Christian Education. Please be brief.**

Applicants Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parents Signature: _____ Date: _____

RETURN THIS APPLICATION TO:

Mary E. Banks
704 Brothers Ave.
Melbourne, FL 32901-5513
(321) 723-8783