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Greetings to you all:

It is another year for us to meet, greet, and fellowship at the Annual Congress of Christian Education 2017 Professional Development Institute for Chaplains that will convene from June 19-23, 2017 in the beautiful city of St. Louis, Missouri, I welcome all of our chaplains and bi vocational pastors who are doing a great job in the military, in the health care system, in the penal system, in the Department of Veterans Affairs, and in other settings as you display your vast knowledge and expertise as the very best clinicians and spiritual leaders in our nation and the world as National Baptist Chaplains. I am so very proud of each one of you and pass on the same words of thanks from our National President, Dr. Jerry Young and the membership of The National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

Our theme for this year is: “Debunking the Stigma of Mental Health in the Black Church”. Distinguished clinical and spiritual leaders will provide the training and educational insights. Dr. Shirley Alexander and Dr. Kimberly Smith will address the challenges that African American women face as chaplains, pastors and bi- vocational leaders. Dr. Tony King and Mr. Maurice Mitchell will provide clinical and spiritual insights to the assessment and identification of the mental health challenges that African American churches face and what can be done to

overcome these challenges. We are extremely happy to have these great leaders as presenters for our 2017 Professional Development Institute. Please remember that The National Baptist Congress of Christian Education and The Professional Institute for Chaplains is the only mandatory meeting that is required of all chaplains to maintain your endorsement and good standing with NBC USA, Inc. The annual \$250.00 annual endorsement fee is required and due during the session.

I look forward to sharing in a fruitful time with you as we continue to move forward together, "Envisioning the Future Exceptionally as We Equip Disciples for Christ."

Yours Because of Calvary,

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2017 Professional Development Institute for Chaplains COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Title: Professional Development Institute for Chaplains
Instructor: Dr. Nevalon Mitchell, Jr.
Date: June 18-22, 2017
Course Number: 9913
Course Description: This course provides professional and personal development training and updates through class participation, presentations, and didactic learning with an emphasis on professional chaplains training in a military, Department of Veterans Affairs, or other Institutional settings.

Course Objectives :

1. Provide chaplains, pastors and participants with the tools needed to assist in the identification of potential problems with addictions and mental health issues;
2. Provide clinical and spiritual insight into the emotional and physical suffering that threatens the wellness of the chapel, the church, the family system, and community;
3. Provide basic skills and working knowledge necessary for identifying and assessing mental health challenges; substance abuse, addictions, depression, grief, and trauma;
4. Assist the participants in the identification of potentially harmful personal issues that may strengthen or harm their ministry;
5. Provide clinical, biblical, and spiritual guidelines to enable a theological understanding of pastoral care and counseling in a variety of settings;
6. Provide instruction on the Twelve Steps and their biblical comparison for use in the chapel, church, and group settings; and
7. Provide an overview of the new vision for the chaplains, ministers and others who are endorsed by The NBC USA, Inc.



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Recommended Readings:

Ralph D. Winter & Steven C. Hawthorne (Editors), Perspectives on the World Christian Movement.

Gary R. Collins, Christian Counseling: A Comprehensive Guide, Third Edition.

My Personal Goals and Objectives for Class Participants:

Assist every person, regardless of their ministry and/or station to think pastorally from a biblical, theological, and behavioral science perspective; to know and use listening skills and reflective questions; to learn the value of working cooperatively and collaboratively in every ministry setting by moving from a potential position of annihilation to amalgamation.

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In His Peace,

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Congress of Christian Education

Chaplains Institute Professional Training

June 18 – 22, 2017

St. Louis, Missouri

Agenda

Monday June 18, 2017

Registration

Tuesday June 19, 2017

0800-1100

Dr. Nevalon Mitchell, Jr.

Welcome

Introductions

Ecclesiastical Endorsement Requirements

Registration Fees

Annual Endorsement Fees

1100-1200

Dr. Shirley Alexander

"Women in Ministry and Mental Health Issues in the Black Church"

Wednesday June 20, 2017

0800-0900

Dr. Shirley Alexander

"Women in Ministry and Mental Health Issues in the Black Church"

0900-1100

Dr. Kimberly Smith

"Holistic Interventions that address Mental Health Issues Among African American Women in the 21st Century Black Church"

1100-1130

DEPART FOR ENDORSER'S LUNCHEON

11:30 – 1:30

Special Luncheon for Chaplains, their spouses and guests

Thursday June 21, 2017

0800-1000

Mr. Maurice Mitchell

'Mental Health First Aid and its Impact on the Church"

1000-1200

Dr. Tony King

"Mental Health and the Stigma on the Church"

Friday June 22, 2017

0800-1100

Dr. Nevalon Mitchell, Jr.

"The Biblical Response to Substance Abuse, Mental Health, Suicide, and Trauma; How to Find Healing, Help, and Hope"

1100-1130

Certificates of Completion

1130-1200

Closing Remarks