

National Baptist Congress of Christian Education

An Auxiliary of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

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Our Congress – Our Team – God’s Vision

The National Congress of Christian Education is the arm that provides Christian Education for churches. It also provides resources for churches in meeting the needs of today’s Christians.

Dean’s Report

A total of 311 courses will be offered during the National Congress of Christian Education supported by approximately 504 staff and faculty. Letters confirming staff and faculty positions are being sent and all staff will be confirmed no later than March 1.

Director General Report

Working with the Conventions, Meetings & Planning Department, the placement grid for the National Congress class placements will be shared with the Indianapolis venues to confirm placements and provide final documentation from each hotel and the Indiana Convention Center. This process will be completed by the end of February.

Treasurer’s Report As a Congress, we did not meet our financial goals in 2010; however, we have paid about 90% of our Congress bills. We have a strategic plan for 2011 to eliminate our deficit, and we will also reduce our spending by 25% across the board. In 2011, the Congress is projecting a net gain. We are looking for a great Congress in Indianapolis.

Congress 2011

Registration is started for the June 2011 session of the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education in Indianapolis. Materials are available during the meeting this week. In addition, registration materials are being sent to more than 5,000 churches throughout the country. In addition, the following Mobile Registrations are scheduled:

February 8-9	Louisiana – Thibodaux, LA
February 22-23	Louisiana – Crowley, LA
March 3-5	Mississippi – Pontotoc, MS
March 22-23	Texas – Goodwill Baptist Church – Lufkin, TX
April 19-20	Arkansas Mobile Registration – Stuttgart, AR

Oratorical Contest – Wednesday, June 23, 2011 - 1:00 pm

The theme for the Oratorical Contest is “Living with Solid Rock Guidance” – Psalm 31:3. Ms. Roslyn L. Harvey, IL, is providing leadership for this initiative. This Oratorical Contest theme has been posted on the National Baptist Convention Web site and has been disseminated to the Convention State Presidents for distribution to their local associations and churches, encouraging their participation. The Oratorical Contest will be held in June during the Annual Session of the Congress.

Theme Books

Under the leadership of Dr. Carol T. Mitchell, writers for the theme books have been identified and started to prepare materials for the 2011 Theme books.

The 2011 National Congress theme is Solidarity with the Savior. The theme writers are:

- National Convention President Julius Scruggs
- National Congress President George Waddles, Sr.
- National Dean Elliot Cuff
- Executive Director of the Sunday School Publishing Board Dr. Kelly Miller Smith.

The selected scriptures that each writer will address are 2 Timothy 3:16, Colossians 3:16, Hebrews 4:12, and Proverbs 6:20, 21.

Lecturers and Discussion Leaders at the National Congress in Indianapolis will facilitate class sessions using the manuscripts in the Theme Book. Participants at the National Congress are required to purchase the Theme Book as it is a part of the curriculum for the week.

Outlines of each of the manuscripts will be shared at the Mid-Winter Board meeting with Lecturers and Discussion Leaders present. Full copies of the manuscripts will be sent to Lecturers and Discussion leaders in mid April.

New Initiative

- **Baptist Men and Women on the College Campus.** Spearheaded by Reverend Stan Hillard, this initiative will be phased in after the Marriage and Family, Singles and Superintendents Conferences are fully operational. The President has adjusted the strategic plan for initiatives in light of the new reality of the challenges of fiscal responsibilities. Plans are to gradually phase in new initiatives as He meets the demands of our annual session and other strategic needs of the Congress. The Congress is in Solidarity with the Convention's plan to strengthen the Conventions work in all areas. President Waddles has instructed the Congress team to work in every area with the mind-set that excellence and accountability can be achieved by deliberate and careful planning. Therefore the Baptist Initiative for College and Universities will continue to plan that work prayerfully so that by the end of this term our goal of touching young people on campus will begin to be realized.

Conferences - 2011

The following conferences are scheduled under the auspices of the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education:

Marriage and Family Conference - February 16-19, 2011 • JW Marriott Hotel • Houston, Texas

Leadership: Dr. Stan Hillard

If you are serious about your family, then this conference is for you! Today's families are in deep trouble. The demise of the home begins with the demise of the relationship between husband and wife. The divorce rate among Christians is no different from the divorce rate among non-Christians. The Church is responsible for teaching God's Word and God's will concerning marriage and family.

Superintendents Conference – March 18-19, 2011 • Baptist World Center • Nashville, TN

Leadership: Dr. Frances Davis and Mrs. Penny Howell Foster

Using the theme: “Be Transformed: Training Christian Education Leaders and Teachers for the 21st Century”, the Superintendent’s Conference is a specifically designed to reach Church School Superintendents, Directors of Christian Education, Leadership School Deans, and Christian Education Teachers

Singles Conference – April 7-9, 2011 • Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, 315 Winchester Road, Huntsville, Alabama. Conference Theme: “Living on a Solid Foundation” 1 Corinthians 3:11

This "Saved, Single and Satisfied With the Savior" Conference under the leadership of Dr. Stan Hillard will challenge singles to be saved, single and satisfied with Christ. Dynamic worship and singing as well as motivational speakers will inspire singles to strengthen their walk with Christ.

Congress 2012 – St. Louis, Missouri

We are working with Marsha DuPont, the Deputy Director of Conventions, Meetings & Planning, preliminary inroads are underway in the planning for the 2012 National Congress of Christian Education.