



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Christian Education Reimagined

Fall Convocation Report

November 12, 2020

First Episcopal District Department of Christian Education

The Rt. Rev. Gregory G. M. Ingram, Presiding Bishop

The Rev. Dr. Jessica Kendall Ingram, Episcopal Supervisor

The Rev. Marcellus A. Norris, Chairperson

The Rev. Jay B. Broadnax, Director

Christian Education Re-Imagined

Goals

- Staying true to Rev. Dr. Earl R. Jefferson's vision of holistic Christian Education, and of all components working together toward achieve a single mission.
- Retaining the elements that highlight the best and brightest of our young people.
- Adapting to our present circumstances and
- moving into our future.
- Unifying our efforts through the use of appropriate user- friendly technology

Virtual Founder's Day Contest

Essays

- Even in a digital/social media world, writing skills are still important!
- Our expanded essay contest is now open to contestants from grades 4 through 12
- Several topical options are offered. Through the questions:
 - Young people are challenged to consider their experiences during this season of crisis and imagine a post pandemic world.
 - Young people are challenged to reflect on their role as social activists. Young people must see themselves as part of the answer to what is wrong around them.

Virtual Founder's Day Competition

Poster Contest

- Imagery has a powerful affect on both reflection and formation of belief. Our poster contest brings the hearts of our young people to life!
- Six categories, grades 1-12
- Posters must conform to the sizing requirements in the guidelines.
- Posters will still be physically sent to the Episcopal District Director. Photos of the posters must be sent to the conference director.

Virtual Founder's Day Contest

Multimedia Contest

- Drama and movement empower young people to imagine themselves responding in real life situations!
- Young people will be creating videos of skits or messages in movement that visually interpret one of the topical options for the essay contest.
- Alternatively, they may create a skit that answers the question: “What would the founders of the African Methodist Episcopal Church say to today’s Black leaders?”
- Submissions may be submitted on a USB Flash Drive

Virtual Founder's Day Contest

All submissions must be received by
DECEMBER 4, 2020

Virtual Youth of The Year Contest

Goals

- The Youth of The Year Contest is a way of highlighting the excellence of our college bound high school juniors and seniors.
- Each year some of our most articulate, expressive and creative young people in each Annual Conference compete for a \$500 prize to support their academic endeavors.
- The contest is scored as follows:
 - 50 % : Examination on the contestant's knowledge of the AME Church and the Hymnal
 - 25 %: Essay on the theme “Reimagining Ministry: Serving This Present age”
 - 25 %: Creative Expression on the above theme (Dance, song, spoken Word, etc.)

Virtual Youth of The Year Contest

The Exam

- There will be ONE Youth of The Year Examination administered for the entire First Episcopal District. In order to accommodate all seven annual conferences, the exam will take place on Saturday, February 13, 2020 at 10 a.m. EST (11 a.m. AST).
- The exam will be completely online. Information about how candidates connect in to take the exam will be sent at the beginning of February.
- The exams will be scored by the Episcopal District Board of Christian Education, and results will be sent to the Chair and Director of Christian Education for each Annual Conference.

Virtual Youth of The Year Contest

Essay and Creative Sections

- The **Ten Minute Creative Sections** will be pre-recorded.
- Each Annual Conference will provide applicants information about where to send the recordings for that conference.
- Submissions will be evaluated by judges from that conference scored according to a standardized scale.
- Winners will be announced at a date set by each Annual Conference Board.

Thanks to Our Teams

Founder's Day Committee

- Rev. Diana Clark (Chair)
- Bro. Glenn Basco
- Rev. Jay Broadnax
- Rev. Maureen Clemendor
- Rev. Marcellus Norris
- Rev. Maxine Johnson
- Sis. Annette Webb

Youth of The Year Committee

- Rev. Dr. Marjorie Jones (Chair)
- Rev. Pamela Connelly
- Sis. Renee Goldsmith
- Sis. Ellen Miller
- Rev. Marcellus Norris
- Sis. Trina Walker
- Sis. Annette Webb

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING

Thanks to all Pastors, Christian Education
Workers, Parents and THE FIRST OF THE FIRST -
OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

Thanks to our Episcopal Team

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*“To serve the present age, our calling to fulfill
O may it all our powers engage to do our master’s will!”*