



Cincinnati Dayton Indianapolis District

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UPDATE: PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE EXTENDED: APRIL 8, 2023

PHASE 1 COMPETITIONS/EVENTS LISTED BELOW / SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKSHOP BOOK INFORMATION
MARTIAL ARTS WILL BE INCLUDED IN SS CONVENTION

TO: PASTORS, CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, AND MEMBERS OF CINCINNATI-DAYTON-INDIANAPOLIS DISTRICT

FROM: THE REVEREND LESHA AGNEW, PRESIDING ELDER
M. FAYE GODWIN, DIRECTOR, BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

RE: 2023 CINCINNATI-DAYTON-INDIANAPOLIS DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

THEME: *"Intentional Boldness: Let's Do It Again"*

Dear Pastors/Members of CDI District,

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus, The Christ! The 2023 Cincinnati-Dayton-Indianapolis Sunday School Convention is on the horizon and we look forward to participation from all Churches located in the Cincinnati Dayton Indianapolis District. Children, Youth, Young Adults, Senior Adults, Clergy, Laity, there is something for all of us. The Host City for this year's conference will be Dayton, Ohio, under the capable and dynamic leadership of Pastors and Churches in Dayton, Ohio area. ***CDI will partner with Crestview Baptist Church, Pastor Tim Kaine, and the Sunday School Convention will be held at Crestview Baptist Church, 6600 Salem Avenue, Clayton, OH 45315, which has a familiar theme at their Church, "Let Jesus Set You Free in 2023". We look forward to your participation and attendance.***

The Sunday School Convention will begin with Preliminary Competitions held at the Local Churches, beginning on March 19, 2023. Each Local Church will be invited to register to conduct preliminary competitions at their local church. The preliminary rounds will begin on March 19 and conclude on April 15, with results reported to Reverend Kimberly Hinds, Coordinator for Local Church Preliminary Competitions, via email at kkia290@gmail.com. Each local church will email to Rev. Kimberly Hinds, no later than April 15, 2023, with the results of their competitions. The outcomes of the preliminary rounds will be shared and announced at the Sunday School Convention, on Saturday morning, April 29, 2023, at Crestview Baptist Church and will conclude with the Sunday School Convention Celebration and Award Ceremony at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 29, 2023. **We will omit the March 15th deadline for registering for Phase I. Instead, we will keep it open until one week prior to the deadline for submitting Phase I Competition results.** **Registration will close on April 8th but Local Churches are still required to meet the deadline of April 15th for submission of all preliminary competition results from the Local Church.** The Events to be held during the Preliminary Phase 1 at the Local Church are the following: Creative Expressions (Dance, Poetry, Vocal, Instrumental, Gospel Rap Battle, Recitation), Essay/Oratorical, Quiz Bowl*, Spelling Bee. All other events will be held on April 29, at Crestview. *Quiz Bowl will be finalized on April 29 at Crestview. If the Local Church is only able to have



one (1) Quiz Bowl team for Children or Youth, the Team(s) will be able to participate/compete at the April 29 event. Martial Arts competition WILL BE included in this year's Sunday School Convention. Martial Arts and all other events and Local Church winners will compete in Dayton, OH on April 29.

The 2023 Cincinnati-Dayton-Indianapolis District Sunday School Convention registration and event forms and information are available online at www.cdidistrict.org. Registration is being conducted via JotForm. Each Local Church Pastor/Christian Education Leader should have received the registration Jotform with instructions on how to complete and return it. ***Forms for all events have been displayed, as well as other news concerning the conference, on the CDI District website. Please find attached a Flyer that we are posting on the Website. Please share with the members of your congregation and PROMOTE! PROMOTE! PROMOTE! The 2023 Sunday School Convention. Once you have downloaded the forms and rules for each competition, complete the forms and e-mail them to, kkia290@gmail.com, or 2ndcmecdi@gmail.com, or mail hard copies, along with your Local Church Cluster registration fees, no later than April 8, 2023.*** If you desire an electronic copy of the forms, please contact M. Faye Godwin at (317) 554-6460 no later than March 31, 2023. As this process for registration and information gathering may be somewhat new to some of us, we sincerely appreciate your prayers and patience as we strive to provide effective and efficient ministry to the Cincinnati-Dayton-Indianapolis District.

The theme for the 2023 Sunday School Convention is ***"Intentional Boldness: Let's Do It Again"***. On this journey of Boldness, we are encouraging Pastors, Ministers, Officers, Lay Members, Children, Youth, Young Adults, and Adults to plan to register, participate and attend in person on April 29, 2023. There will be Workshops for all ages, Convention presentations/events for all ages, food, fun, and fellowship as we practice the art of ***"Bold Enough"*** ministry. ***The Sunday School Workshops (for all ages) is entitled "7 Habits of Highly Effective Celestial, Distinctive, Ineffable CDI District". The books to be used for the Workshops are: "7 Habits of Highly Effective People", Stephen Covey, ISBN#978-0-7432-6951-3 (Adults); "7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens", Sean Covey, ISBN# 978-1-4767-6466-5 (Youth/Teens) and "7 Habits of Happy Kids", Sean Covey, ISBN# 978-1-4169-5776-8. Please obtain a copy of each book, which will be utilized for training for all age groups during the Conference. You may check your local bookstores or go online at www.amazon.com, or www.christianbook.com to order a copy.***

There will be no individual Sunday School Convention registration fee. However, each Local Church is responsible for payment of the Cluster Quarter Church Expense assigned. ***Please mail check/payment to Presiding Elder, Reverend Lesha Agnew, Post Office Box 6622, Cincinnati, Ohio 45206 or pay through the District's Givelify or Cash App.*** Our Goal for the 2023 Sunday School Convention is 400 registrants in attendance in Dayton, Ohio. Once the Local Church completes its competitions on April 15, 2023, please make plans to journey to Dayton, Ohio to compete and receive awards for your participation in Phase 1 and Phase 2 of Sunday School Convention 2023. We must ***"Go Be Free in 2023"***. *Elder Agnew is encouraging Churches to register all Clergy and Laity, including Children, Youth, Young Adults, and Adults. There is a category of competition/presentation for every member. Please participate in all ministry areas, including Sunday School Workshops, Creative Expressions, Quiz/Jeopardy Bowls, Spelling Bee, Essay/Oratorical, Kahoot Tech, Sporting (Basketball, Volleyball, Drill Team).

In order to continue to advance the Kingdom of God and our Great Zion, the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, we must be ***Bold Enough*** to stand together in unity and oneness of spirit to continue this 1000-mile journey which began with the **Brave, Obedient, Loving, Dependable (B.O.L.D.)** first steps of those 41 courageous Founding Men of the C.M.E. Church in 1870. Let us stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before us, so we can stand firm to allow our children, youth, young adults, and Seniors to stand on our shoulders to continue the journey.

Finally, the Jotform link for registration is attached to this email communication. This form can be used to register all individuals who plan to attend 2023 Sunday School Convention in Dayton, Ohio but also the participants who will take part in the Local Church events/competitions which will take place March 19-April 15, 2023 in our Local Churches.

In His Boldness!

Acts 28:31

"Proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance".