



Report for the
Commission on Christian Education

2:15 pm- 3:15 pm | Tuesday, June 20, 2017

Hilton Los Angeles Airport

Presiding Officer/Chairperson

Bishop David R. Daniels

General Officer

Christian Education Department Executive Director: Rev. Dr. Garland F. Pierce

Connexional Officers

Richard Allen Young Adult Council President: Ms. Martinique Mix
Christian Debutante-Master Commission Administrator: Mrs. LyndaJo Jones Watson
Music and Christian Arts Ministry Director: Rev. Anthony B. Vinson Sr.
Association of African Methodist Episcopal Scouts Director: Mr. Clarence Crayton

Organization of the Commission

Vice Chair: Rev. Dr. Reginald Blount (4th)

Secretary: Giselle M. Lindsay (3rd)

Actions Taken

Report from Christian Education Director Pierce

Highlights included:

- *Church School and Bible Study Resources* have been enhanced; Production timeline has been lengthened to allow for sufficient time for thorough development of content and editing for quality control; New writers have been added to the Writers Guild
- *Daily Spiritual Vitamins (DSVs)* are still being prescribed; The DSVs are daily focal scripture for meditation and reflection; New additions include a more attractive & inviting format, a prompt for prayer and/or reflection, the incorporation of the connexional quadrennium themes, and other significant denominational and global themes and observances; DSVs are now offered on multiple platforms—email, website, Twitter, and Facebook
- *People of the Anvil* is now available in Spanish, French, and Portuguese. They can be found on the Christian Education website for free. Translations into Dutch and Haitian Creole are in production
- *CED Website and Social Media* accounts were redesigned; New information and features have been added to the website, including a free resources session, an enhanced online bookstore, a section for sharing creative ideas for the teaching ministry, and dedicated collaborative spaces for the various Ministries of Christian Education

- *The Journal of Christian Education* continues to be a resource for sharing ideas, information, and resources for the teaching ministry; The Journal needs new subscribers and new submissions
- *Annual Ministries in Christian Education Training and Planning Meeting* was held April 20-22, 2017 in Nashville, Tennessee. Thank you to Greater Bethel AME Church- Nashville and the 13th Episcopal District for their support of this event
- *2019 Christian Education Summit* will occur in Cape Town, South Africa, February 17-19, 2019. It will be a rich time of worship, fellowship, networking and shared learning; More information is forthcoming.
- *Ecumenical Faith Formation* has been a top priority this year; Collaborated to produce a 2017 Liberation and Unity, Lenten Devotional Meditation and Guide Book with the AMEZ and CME churches; the Director participated in the World Methodist Conference and Council and was named as an AME representative to the World Methodist Council and its Education Committee; the Director participated in a consultation on mission formation in Matanzas, Cuba, sponsored by the Commission on World Mission and Evangelism (CWME) of the World Council of Churches (WCC)
- *TEACH, Inc.* is a non-profit corporation operated by the CED; it is an avenue to secure additional funding for faith formation, leadership development, and resource development; TEACH, Inc. will participate in partnerships with agencies that have similar interests including but not limited to youth serving agencies and will utilize governmental and foundation funding as appropriate to its purposes
- *Vincent F. Foster Trust Fund* has been maintained; it will continually provide supplementary funds to enhance the work of the CED. The balance of the Fund at the end of the 2016-2017 fiscal year (ending March 31, 2017) was \$153,123.64.
- *Commission on Ministry Recruitment and Development* with the consultation of Director Pierce is exploring the of processes, policy, and procedures related to discernment for Christian vocations and ministry as well as professional development and continuing education

Report from Richard Allen Young Adult Council President Mix

Highlights included:

- Several members attended the World Methodist Conference and Council in Houston, TX
- RAYAC members attended the International Methodist Young Leaders Seminar (IMYLS) held at the WMC. President Mix was reappointed to the WMC
- RAYAC Board members worked with districts to establish or re-establish Episcopal District RAYACs
- RAYAC leadership worked with the AMEZ, CME and UMC young adults to host the First Pan-Methodist Young Adult Conference, held in Atlanta, GA

Music and Christian Arts Ministry Director Rev. Vinson

Highlights included:

- Music and Christian Arts Ministry is grateful to have been a part of the 50th Quadrennial Session of the General Conference of the AME Church.
- They release their second CD: Celebrating 200 Years of the AME Church
- They are proud to have been a part of the historic first live recording session at the seat of the General Conference.

- MCAM is eagerly anticipating the 2017 Music and Christian Arts Conference that will take place August 15-18 in Atlanta, GA
- MCAM needs people to advocate for MCAMs in the Episcopal Districts

Association of African Methodist Episcopal Scouts Director Crayton

Highlights included:

- AAMES had a record number of members join —60; has at least 1 scout unit in every Episcopal District
- Held a Quadrennial Camporee at Camp Hart, in Pennsburg, PA on July 3-9, 2016; they had 75 youths; 120 people total
- AAMES is working on a handbook to pass down to future generation scouts
- AAMES have started planning for the 2018 Christian Education Congress and the Christian Education Summit in Cape Town, South Africa, February 2019.
 - Striving to have every Episcopal District to send 1 Boy scout and 1 Girl Scout to the Christian Education Summit

Christian Debutante-Master Commission Administrator Watson

Highlights included:

- CDMC has been in existence for 65 years; the best kept secret of the AME church
- CDMC is proud to be self-supported and has CDMC Commissioners in 11 of the 13 stateside districts
- New website and new brochure have been created
- Additional topics to the CDMC Manuel are in development. New topic include My Civic Duty, Church Etiquette, and Finances.

We also had special guests in attendance:

- Bishop Frank Cummings
- Former CED Director Dr. Kenneth H. Hill
- Former CED Director Dr. Daryl B. Ingram

Recommendations

- AME members, particularly church leaders, pastors, clergy, and Christian educators at each level of the church, sign-up for the Daily Spiritual Vitamins
- Episcopal Districts will support TEACH, Inc. as a non-profit partner with the Department of Christian Education for character, resource, and leader development
- Former CED Director Dr. Daryl B. Ingram be on the Board of Trustees for the Vincent F. Foster Trust Fund
- Each Church School be encouraged to subscribe to The Journal of Christian Education
- Each Episcopal District be encouraged to incorporate the Disciple Bible Study Series in its Christian Education offerings.
- Leaders in the music and Christian arts ministries of the AME Church as well as pastors, ministers, and others attend the 2017 Music and Christian Arts Ministry Conference, August 15-18, 2017.
- Persons with gifts and interest in writing (particularly curriculum development) be encouraged to join the Writers Guild

- AME members submit articles related to Christian education themes, best practices, and events to The Journal of Christian Education for publication.
- AME members on social media, particularly church leaders, pastors, clergy, and Christian educators at each level of the church, connect to the Department's Twitter (@ame_ced) and Facebook.
- AME members, particularly church leaders, pastors, clergy, and Christian educators at each level of the church, purchase the 2017 Advent/Christmas Devotional Meditation Guide produced jointly by the Christian Education Departments of the AME, AMEZ, and CME Churches.
- Episcopal Districts encourage strong participation in the 28th Christian Education and Youth Congress to be held June 2018, immediately following the Council of Bishops and General Board meetings, Atlanta, GA,

Commission Members in Attendance

1 st : Wanda Duckett*	11 th : Jamarien P. Moore (YA)
2 nd : William Boykin*	12 th : Rev. Larry Banks
3 rd : Giselle Lindsay (YA)	13 th : Rev. Troy Thomas
4 th : Rev. Dr. Reginald Blount	14 th : Garfield Mason*
5 th : Tamika Jones	15 th : Ntomethemba Rachel September*
6 th : Charles Murphy	16 th : DaRosa Bigford*
7 th : Vergie Tennison	17 th : Rev. Martin C. Chama*
8 th : Rev. Keith Sanders (YA)*	18 th : Dudu Motjotji*
9 th : Jeremy Joseph (YA)	19 th : Mpumi Dlamini*
10 th : Kendra Hill-Daughton (YA)*	20 th : Kwandokuhe Khumal (YA)*

*: Indicates this person was absent