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FEATURING: Church Ministry Leadership Seminars and Dean Certification Fast-Track

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Online and Mail-in Registration begins June 1, 2018



ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The *Fortieth Annual SSPB Conference* will convene December 3-5, 2018, at Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center in Nashville, Tennessee. The three-day conference attracts delegates from all over the U.S.A. Over its 39-year history, the *Conference* has proven itself as a premier gathering of thousands of Christian educators. These pastors, teachers, church leaders, and people with a passion for the work in Christian Education come together to take part in educating, celebrating, and collaborating towards God's reign in our lives.

This *Conference* provides a three-day immersion experience of Christian education that weds faith with practice through a dynamic range of plenary speakers, class and seminar leaders, workshop presentations, and worship experiences. Conferees will be challenged and inspired by more than 30 class offerings. Some of the highlights of this year's *Conference* are the overlapping in-depth Church Ministry Leadership Seminars and the Dean Certification Fast-Track Program.

The annual SSPB Conference organizers' goal is to provide a conference that models and provides an opportunity to try new approaches and embrace new technology, to implement new and diverse methodologies, and to be creative with our systems of delivery. We strive to keep the church relevant and relational as we build up the body and maintain unity of the Spirit so that it can function as a well-developed, well-trained body that participates in the creating, sustaining, and redeeming work of Jesus Christ.

Whether you attend the *Conference* year after year or are new to our event, we look forward to seeing you in December.

KEYNOTE PREACHERS AND LECTURERS



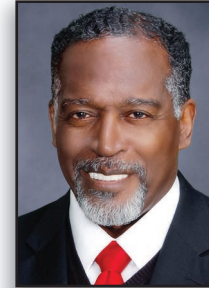
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DECEMBER 2018 CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

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2:00 PM–7:00 PM Registration

MONDAY

3

6:00 AM–6:00 PM Registration

7:00 AM–9:30 AM Concurrent
Class Sessions

7:30 AM–9:30 AM Church Ministry
Leadership
Seminars

10:15 AM Lecture

11:00 AM Sermon

12:00 PM–1:00 PM Lunch and
Learn Workshops

1:30 PM–4:00 PM Concurrent
Class Sessions

1:30 PM–4:30 PM Church Ministry
Leadership
Seminars

7:00 PM Evening Worship

TUESDAY

4

7:00 AM–9:30 AM Concurrent
Class Sessions

7:30 AM–9:30 AM Church Ministry
Leadership
Seminars

10:15 AM Lecture

11:00 AM Sermon

12:00 PM–1:00 PM Lunch and
Learn Workshops

1:30 PM–4:00 PM Concurrent
Class Sessions

1:30 PM–4:30 PM Church Ministry
Leadership
Seminars

7:00 PM Evening Worship

WEDNESDAY

5

7:00 AM–9:30 AM Concurrent
Class Sessions

7:30 AM–9:30 AM Church Ministry
Leadership
Seminars

10:15 AM Lecture

11:00 AM Sermon

12:00 PM–1:00 PM Lunch and
Learn Workshops

1:30 PM – 4:00 PM Concurrent
Class Sessions

1:30 PM – 4:30 PM Church Ministry
Leadership
Seminars

7:00 PM Commencement

SYNOPSIS OF CLASSES

CHURCH LEADERSHIP DIVISION

PASTORS' AND MINISTERS' SUBDIVISION

The Pastors' and Ministers' Subdivision is designed to aid pastors in understanding their role of moving people from membership to discipleship. Pastors will listen to strategies and share in discussions with other pastors regarding ministry for the twenty-first century. The afternoon sessions open each day with a joint session of preaching by venerable NBC USA pastors of the age.

The Pastor's Alternative for Teacher Certification (PATC) is an alternative to Phase I of the Certificate of Progress Program (COPP) designed to provide an avenue for teacher certification for pastors with at least five years of pastoral experience. The student will receive a certificate for completing the PATC. The Pastor's Advanced Training Program (PATP) is an extended advanced study program intended for pastors and consists of Phases II-IV. If enrolled in this program, on completion of the phases the student will receive a Diploma of Pastoral Studies. A pastor may take these classes for general continuing education without enrolling for credit hours.

MORNING CLASSES

Church Growth: Pathway to Excellence in Small Churches (PATP)

This course will focus on understanding the dynamics of small and medium size churches and using that knowledge to grow the church. Various biblical principles and church growth strategies will be studied to build an effective and flourishing ministry. **Credit Option:** This course will be accepted as an equivalency credit for course 9924, Congregational Leadership in the 21st Century.

Instructor: Dr. Michael W. Wesley Sr., Birmingham, AL

The Issues Surrounding the Church and Politics (PATP)

This course will address the issues surrounding the church and politics, in general, and the African-American church. The need for the church's prophetic voice in addressing the concerns that challenge our people today will be discussed in this course. **Credit Option:** This course will be accepted as an equivalency credit for course 9922, The History and Continuing Role of the African-American Church in America.

Instructor: Dr. Gregory K. Moss Sr., Charlotte, NC

Pastoral Care and Counseling (PATP)

This course will provide pastors and grief ministry leaders with tools and resources to minister to people who experience life crises. **Credit Option:** This course will be accepted as an equivalency credit for course 8058, Developing a Christian Counseling Ministry.

Instructor: Dr. Nevalon Mitchell, Bowie, Maryland

Pastor's Alternative for Teacher Certification (PATC)

This course is designed to provide an avenue for teacher certification for pastors with at least three to five years of pastoral experience. Admission into the program requires a letter from the church that verifies five years in the pastorate, or letters from two or more churches



that constitute five years of pastoral experience. The course consists of an orientation to the work of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., The Sunday School Publishing Board, and the Division of Christian Education. A cursory examination of creative ways of teaching is a part of this course instruction.

Instructor: Rev. Carlos Williams, Chattanooga, TN

AFTERNOON JOINT SESSION

Pastoral Leadership Joint Session: Engaging the Wisdom of the Elders

This session is designed to engage participants in conversation with two of our convention's venerated pastors. Topics will include: mentoring the next generation of pastors and congregational leaders and preaching and pastoring the next generation.

Facilitators: Dr. L. K. Curry, Chicago, IL and Dr. Marcus D. Cosby, Houston, TX

AFTERNOON CLASSES

Prophetic Preaching Seminar (PATP)

This seminar will focus on themes and crafting sermons that reflect a prophetic preaching tradition. **Credit Option:** This seminar will be accepted as an equivalency credit for course 9908, Narrative Preaching and 9909, Fundamentals of Preaching in the African-American Church.

Instructor: Dr. Marvin A. McMickle, Rochester, NY

9902—The Spiritual Life of the Minister: Equipping the Heart, Mind and Soul for Christian Ministry (PATP)

This course will explore the dimensions of spirituality that should characterize the life of the faithful minister. Deal with his devotional life, his family relationships, and his time of study and meditation. Share with the minister those activities that will keep him in touch with God and keep him ready to serve people effectively.

Instructor: Rev. Joseph Tribble, Nashville, TN

9912—Seminar for Young Ministers: Equipping a New Generation of Preachers and Pastors (PATP)

This course will discuss practical matters as church administration, staff relationships, community leadership, ministerial ethics, work with congregational leadership, and review the traditional and the contemporary roles of associate and assistant ministers. **Credit Option:** This course will be accepted as an equivalency credit for course 9911, The Role of the Associate/Assistant Minister.

Instructor: Rev. James McCarroll, Murfreesboro, TN

CHURCH MINISTRIES SUBDIVISION

The Church Ministries Subdivision provides in-depth opportunities for training of church leaders in specific areas of ministry in the local church. Lectures and workshop modules will be used to maximize timely information and subject materials. The areas of ministry highlighted for this 40th annual conference are Christian Education, Christian Stewardship, Intergenerational Ministry, Young Adult Ministry, and Women's Ministry. These classes are both informational and inspirational.

MORNING CLASSES

Christian Education Ministry: Equipping and Engaging a New Generation

This course is designed to provide Christian educators with practical strategies/resources for mission and ministries. Various lectures and modules have been planned to complement the biblical text for our contemporary challenges as educators in the twenty-first century. **Credit Option:** This course will be accepted as an equivalency credit for course 6013, Organizing the Church for Christian Education.

Instructor: Dr. Carol T. Mitchell, Omaha, NE

Young Adult Ministry: Equipping and Engaging a New Generation

What does it look like for local churches to be truly committed to reaching young adults aged 18-35 in-and-outside of their congregations? What are the essentials of a highly effective Young Adult Ministry? Come and discover innovative and practical ways that any congregation can reach, engage, and minister to and with young adults in both their churches and communities. **Credit Option:** This course may be accepted as an equivalency credit for course 2060, Reaching and Keeping Those Under 40, or 2061, Millennials in Ministry.

Instructor: Rev. Nicole Guns, Norfolk, VA

2096—The Christian Education Director: Equipping New Leadership

This course will examine the role and responsibility of the Christian Education Director. Acquaint the participant with strategies on how to work with the pastor and congregation leadership in planning, evaluating, and coordinating a comprehensive Christian Education Ministry.

Instructor: Dr. Albertine Marshall, Atlanta, GA

AFTERNOON CLASSES

Debt Free Living

This course is designed to introduce students to dfree® a transformational, lifestyle movement that promotes financial freedom through values-based principles and practical approaches to financial management. Thousands of churches, organizations, and individuals around the world have used the dfree® strategy a way toward financial freedom. Learn how to use these strategies and principles in your personal life, organization, and church. **Credit Option:** This course will be accepted as an equivalency credit for 2007, Christian Stewardship.

Facilitator: Dr. DeForest B. Soaries, Jr., Somerset, NJ

Developing Women's Ministry Leadership

This course will look at traditional and contemporary roles of women leaders in the Christian Church and community. Participants will examine how women lead and how they can prepare the next generation of Christian women leaders. **Credit Option:** This course will be accepted as an equivalency credit for 8047, Developing a Women's Ministry

Instructor: Mrs. Cynthia P. Smith, Detroit, MI

Intergenerational Church Leadership: Modeling Collective Leadership Across All Generations

Drawing on the lessons of leaders and churches that have already discovered ways to work effectively with multigenerational ministry teams, this leadership training course will explore and help you implement proven, practical techniques for thriving in the five-generational

church. Join us for a highly interactive, fun, learning experience where you will discover and apply best practices for managing all the generations in today's ocean of talent that join our churches! **Credit Option:** This course will be accepted as an equivalency credit for SP0010, Making Christian Education a Lifelong Experience.

Instructor: Dr. Nathaniel Brooks, Birmingham, AL

CURRICULUM SUBDIVISION

This subdivision is designed to prepare and equip participants with training and practical insights into developing, organizing, and implementing curriculum-based ministries and resources.

AFTERNOON CLASS

Living the Baptist Faith

Why be and stay a Baptist? This is a critical question as many churches and individuals struggle with what it means to be Baptist in an age of rising non-denominationalism. This class is designed to help participants in knowing, understanding, and embracing their unique Baptist identity, history, doctrines, beliefs, and wonderful distinctive. The class will introduce students to a new and improved Living the Baptist Faith (formerly Baptist Training Union) training series, which includes new and exciting tools, and approaches that meet the needs of today's church. **Credit Options:** This course will be accepted as an equivalency credit for Certificate of Progress Program (COPP) course 2011, Baptist Doctrine; or, Pastors' Advanced Training Program (PATP) course 9906, Baptist Beliefs and Practices.

Instructor: Rev. James R. Banks II, Buffalo, NY

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP DIVISION

CERTIFICATION SUBDIVISION

This subdivision is designed to acquaint moderators, congress presidents, state directors, deans, and instructors with the policies and procedures governing Christian Leadership Schools that function under the auspices of the local church, district, state, or the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. Courses in this section will assist students in completing the Certificate of Progress Program (COPP) and address the process and requirements for leadership school accreditation and certification/recertification of deans and instructors.

MORNING CLASSES

1104—James

The study of the letter of James, with emphases on authorship, date, theme, and recipients will offer an excellent tool for students looking for a more practical application of their faith.

Instructor: Rev. Terrance Chandler Harrison, Nashville, TN

2097—Rethinking Christian Education for Contemporary Innovations

This course will examine the current trends, methodologies, and practices in Christian education to determine their validity and alliances with the Scriptures. (Requirement for Instructor Recertification)

Instructor: Dr. L. D. Tate, Florissant, MO

2099A—Dean Certification (Part I)

This course will review the history of Christian education in the life of the National Baptist Convention, USA., Inc. Primary emphasis will be centered on the Certificate of Progress Program and its objectives (COPP), its founders, and its objectives. Students will also be introduced to the availability and concept of Specialization training. The course will include such vital information as enlistment and training of staff. The concept of dean of record (DOR) will be introduced. Students will become familiar with forms and procedures necessary for the management of schools, classes and student progress.

Instructor: Rev. Benjamin E. V. Lett, Athens, GA

2099C—Dean Certification (Part III)

This course will review forms and administrative procedures in the planning and supervision of the Christian Leadership School. Students will be alerted to "hot spots" to be avoided by deans and presidents, in the planning and supervision of the school as it progresses. Likewise, the students will learn steps for advising and monitoring individual students, through the phases and programs of the Christian Leadership School system.

Instructor: Dr. Evans Spagner, Watchung, NJ

2100—Guidelines for Recertification of Deans

This course is designed for deans seeking recertification. Deans are required to be recertified every five (5) years. Students will discuss the roles and responsibilities of deans and their relationship with state directors. Contemporary issues in Christian education, trends, and methods will be addressed as a portion of this course.

Instructor: Rev. Rory L. Thompson, Houston, TX

7014—Equipping Laypersons to Serve

This course will emphasize the importance of the work and the ministry of the laypersons in the church and how their work will help their church to grow and be of service not only in the church but also in their community.

Instructor: Dr. Jesse T. Williams Jr., Brooklyn, NY

AFTERNOON CLASSES

1061—Survey of Haggai

This course will probe the Old Testament prophetic book written to encourage the people of Israel, who had returned to their native land after the captivity in Babylon. Students will learn that even though this is a short book, it is filled with challenges and promises, reminding us of God's claim on our lives.

Instructor: Dr. Geoffrey V. Guns, Norfolk, VA

2015 Foundation of Christian Ethics (Phase 4)

This course will focus on understanding the philosophical and Christological approaches to Christian ethics. Students will engage in biblical principles for decision making and conduct for living.

Instructor: Dr. Robert Scott, Charlotte, NC

2099D—Dean Certification (Part IV)

This, the final phase of the course training will prepare the students for internship and the administration of their first school, and for advising and guiding individual students through CLS programs. Students will review the entire program of instruction.

Instructor: Rev. Benjamin E. V. Lett, Athens, GA

7010 Introduction to Discipleship: Developing a Culture of Discipleship

This course will provide biblical principles and strategies for making disciples. Students will examine the character traits of a healthy disciple while looking at the overall examples of Jesus.

Instructor: Dr. Paul Lee, Philadelphia, PA

7024—Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts

This course will help students to understand who God has uniquely made them to be. Work through a spiritual gift assessment that will help them to discover their spiritual gift(s). Their discovering their spiritual gift(s) will prepare them to move into a significant area of service where they best fit into the body of Christ.

Instructor: Dr. James Blackburn, Buffalo, NY

8035—The African-American Church and Social Justice

This course will investigate the lives, theology, and methods of the great servants of God who dedicated their lives in the struggle for the liberation of people. Discuss the role of the African-American church in the struggle for the liberation of people.

Instructor: Rev. Thomas Bessix Sr., Lewisville, TX

SPECIALIZATION EDUCATION STUDIES PROGRAM SUBDIVISION

The Specialization Education Studies Program (SESP) is an advanced study program intended for those students who have completed the four phases of the Certificate of Progress Program (COPP). It is designed for those persons desiring to focus on a selected area of Christian ministry. However, any interested delegate can register for specialization courses.

MORNING CLASSES

SP0001—Understanding the Bible

This course will provide the student with a historical overview of the origin and purpose of the Bible. Students will discover the purpose of both the Old and New Testament. NEW Credit Options: This course will be accepted as an equivalency credit for COPP course 1004 Effective Bible Reading.

Instructor: Dr. Johnny Flakes III, Columbus, GA

SP0007—Systematic Theology

This course will cover fundamental Christian beliefs as contained in the Scriptures. In this study, students will be able to think critically about the Scriptures through discussions of broader themes such as theology, eschatology, anthropology, and soteriology.

Instructor: Dr. Christopher Davis, Memphis, TN



AFTERNOON CLASSES

SP0015—Church Administration

This course will reflect upon the purpose and objectives of the church administrator, and then lead the students in developing an administrative plan for the church in cooperation with the pastor. It will include an introduction to human resources, finance management, administrative and supervisory responsibilities.

Instructor: Rev. Leslie Stratton, Hendersonville, TN

SP0020—Leadership Strategies

This course seeks to bring the students to a definite awareness of the church's purpose by reexamining the church's goals, priorities, and organizational strategies. Students will examine various leadership practices, models, and concepts in search of more effective leadership outcomes.

Instructor: Dr. René Brown, Baton Rouge, LA

SP0023—Developing the Church for Christian Evangelism

This course is designed to awaken the gift of evangelism in the local church. It takes into consideration the various personalities in the church and seeks to develop these personalities based on their gifts, talents, and understanding of biblical teachings.

Instructor: Dr. Oliver K. Patterson, St. Louis, MO

DEAN CERTIFICATION FAST-TRACK

MORNING/AFTERNOON INTENSIVE

Principles and Procedures for Deans of Christian Education

The Division of Christian Education Accreditation and Credentials (DCEAC) recognizes changing trends in education. The Dean's Fast-Track Option is designed for those persons who have completed the COPP program and aspire to pursue dean certification at an accelerated pace.

Instructors: Dr. Edward O. Williamson, White Plains, NY
Dr. Carolyn C. Walker, Chicago, IL

Requirements and Registration for Fast-Track

Requirements for those who wish to register for the Dean Fast-Track (2099A-D) are as follows:

- You must have received the Certificate of Progress Program Diploma (COPP) or a Diploma of Pastoral Studies (PATP) or have met the alternative requirements by submitting a transcript for evaluation from a bible college or seminary to DCEAC. Either the diploma or the transcript evaluation acknowledgment from DCEAC must accompany the fast-track registration form.
- A Student Recommendation Form must be completed and signed by your certified (mentoring) Dean and accompany the fast-track registration form.
- You must purchase the CLS Manual (your resource for pre-work) and a subscription to the Informer. They both can be purchased on our website.

Participants will need to register for the fast-track option between June 1, 2018, and September 30, 2018. Registrations for fast-track will not be accepted if postdated after September 30, 2018.

If all requirements are met, the registered student will receive class assignments from the instructor by October 10, 2018. The assignments will be emailed to the student. The student is to complete all pre-work assignments before the Conference. The student must complete all in-class assignments and testing during the Conference. The student will still need to complete the mentoring requirements and any required writing.

The Fast-Track registration form can be downloaded from the SSPB Conference registration site along with a copy of the recommendation form. The registration for Fast-Track can be **mailed in, emailed or faxed and must include the fees and all documentation requirements.**

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CHURCH MINISTRY LEADERSHIP SEMINARS

As a ministry professional, you're constantly searching for inspiration and instruction to strengthen and expand your ministry. We understand. These Church Ministry Leadership Seminars will transform the way you think about Ministry and improve the way you and your teamwork.

- Comprehensive Certificate Programs
- Up-to-the-minute session topics
- A carefully selected roster of facilitators will open your eyes to new ideas by offering an unmatched combination of creative inspiration and tactical information
- An innovative program that addresses your needs as a leader and teacher of God's Word

In three days of intensive training, the Church Ministry Leadership Seminars are designed to strengthen and transform your Ministry in the following seminars:

- Building Strong and Healthy Family Ministries
- Deacons' Ministry Seminar
- Organizing and Maintaining Successful Welcoming Ministries
- Trustees' Ministry Seminar
- Sunday School Superintendents': Essentials of Leadership: Level One
- Sunday School Superintendents': Essentials of Leadership: Level Two
- Sunday School Superintendents': Essentials of Leadership: Level Three
- Sunday School Teachers': Essentials of Teaching: Level One
- Sunday School Teachers': Essentials of Teaching: Level Two
- Sunday School Teachers': Essentials of Teaching: Level Three

Registration fees cover: Plenary Sessions, Morning Lecture and Afternoon Modules, Seminar materials (Workbook and handouts)

SYNOPSIS OF SEMINARS

Building Strong and Healthy Family Ministries Seminar

This three-day seminar offers ministry leaders and persons searching for ways to launch, develop, strengthen, and increase the percentage of strong families and related ministries and initiatives in their church and community. These sessions will provide practical tools, proven biblical principles, and current resources that will aid them in implementing resilient and vibrant family ministries.

Credit Option: This seminar will be accepted as an equivalency credit for course 8037, Administering the Family Ministry Program.

Facilitator: Dr. Christopher Jackson, Nashville, TN

Deacons' Ministry Seminar

The Deacon's Ministry Seminar is designed to provide those persons who have been selected to serve as a deacon or who are currently serving as a deacon with training to be effective servants of the Christian church. Participants will explore the concept of Christian spirituality, discuss the process of the spiritual life, and develop a plan for their spiritual life. Participants will explore the role and responsibility of the church deacon as an extension of the pastoral ministry. Attention will focus on biblical texts that support and influence the ministry of the church deacon.

Credit Option: This seminar will be accepted as an equivalency credit for course 5012, How to Become an Effective Deacon.

Facilitator: Dr. Walter Solomon Sr., Anniston, AL

Organizing and Maintaining Successful Welcoming Ministries Seminar

This three-day seminar is designed for persons responsible for facilitating, coordinating, and/or directing their congregation's welcome ministries, which include ushers, parking-lot attendants, greeters, and new member orientation. These sessions will provide participants a comprehensive plan and easy-to-use tools with which to create a climate and culture of hospitality and to develop and maintain processes of follow-up, invitation, and intentional connection with guests and newcomers.

Credit Option: This seminar will be accepted as an equivalency credit for course 8017, The Ministry of Church Ushering.

Facilitator: Rev. Vernessa Barnes, Birmingham, AL

Trustees' Ministry Seminar

This three-day seminar will provide persons who have been selected to serve as trustees or who are currently serving as trustees an overview of their function as stewards of the property God has entrusted to their congregation. These sessions will offer numerous practical tips and tools and will review current resources that will assist trustees in wisely supervising and maintaining both the physical property and gifts made to the congregation—so that the ministries can be effective, and all legal requirements related to the property are satisfied.

Credit Option: This seminar will be accepted as an equivalency credit for course 6003, The Work of the Church Trustee.

Facilitator: Dr. Shelton Murphy Sr., Norfolk, VA

Sunday School Superintendents' Seminars

This is a three-year cohort seminar that grants a certificate of completion for each level. Persons completing the three-year program will be recognized in the graduation ceremony.

Essentials of Leadership: Levels One and Two

The Sunday School Superintendents' Seminars are designed to provide superintendents with practical training experiences that will strengthen their leadership skills, assist in selecting and developing Sunday Church School teachers, and expose them to SSPB curricula and other Christian education resources that aid them in building a vibrant and growing Sunday Church School.

Credit Options: These seminars will be accepted as an equivalency credit for Course 6018, Organizing the Church School/Sunday School (Level One) and SP0008, Christian Education Ministry to the Whole Church (Level Two).

Lecturers: Rev. Jerome Bell, Birmingham, AL, Dr. Michael O. Minor, Memphis, TN

Facilitators: Dr. Wilma N. Bachus, Kansas City, KS, Rev. Chantaye E. Knotts, Huntsville AL

Essentials of Leadership: Level One

Lecture Topics:

These sessions will cover the role and benefits of Sunday Church School, the roles of the pastor and superintendent, and how to communicate the Sunday Church School's purpose to church leaders and the congregation.

Module Topics:

These sessions will cover the following topics: "Superintendents—Reaching and Growing Your Sunday Church School"; "Organizing for Effective Learning"; "Job Descriptions Do Make a Difference"; "Recruiting and Keeping Volunteers"; "Sunday School Outreach: Plan and Organize for Growth"; and "Facilities that Facilitate Learning: Working with What You Have."

Essentials of Leadership: Level Two (Prerequisite: Essentials of Leadership-Level One)

Lecture Topics:

These sessions will focus on principles for growing one's Sunday Church School both qualitatively and quantitatively by addressing the following topics: "Rules of Winning"; "Producing Reproducers"; and "Growth Factors."

Module Topics:

These sessions will cover the following topics: "Keys to a Healthy Children's Sunday School"; "Keys to a Healthy Youth Sunday School"; and "Keys to a Healthy Adult Sunday School."

Essentials of Leadership—How to Grow Your Sunday School Exponentially: Level Three (Prerequisite: Essentials of Leadership-Levels One and Two)

This three-day seminar will help participants with proven strategies to strengthen and grow their Sunday church school ministry. They will uncover ways to promote and emphasize the value and urgent need for a thriving Bible study ministry, with and through your Sunday church school. Participants who complete the sessions will be qualified to train others and will be provided with reproducible, easy-to-use handouts, presentations, and materials to share with their local congregations.

Credit Option: This seminar will be accepted as an equivalency credit for course 7015, Growing the Church through the Sunday School.

Facilitator: Dr. Zandra L. Jordan, Stanford, CA

Sunday School Teachers' Seminars

This is a three-year cohort seminar that grants a certificate of completion for each level. Persons completing the three-year program will be recognized at the graduation ceremony.

Essentials of Teaching: Levels One and Two

The Sunday School Teachers' Seminars are designed to assist teachers in discovering and understanding creative teaching methods, learning styles, lesson-plan development, small-group dynamics, and student learning environments.

Credit Options: These seminars will be accepted as an equivalency credit for course 2023, Creative Ways of Teaching or course 2022, Teaching Your Teachers to Teach.

Facilitators: Dr. Mary E. McConnell, Kansas City, KS, Mrs. Lillian Holmes, Omaha, NE, Rev. Judith T. Lester, Brookfield, WS, Mrs. Sheryl McDowney, Richmond, VA

Essentials of Teaching: Level One

Lecture Topics:

These sessions will cover the following topics: "The Call to Teach"; "The Students You Teach"; and "Creating the Learning Environment."

Age-Level Track Options:

Module One: "Equipping Today's Youth and Children's Sunday School Teacher"

Module Two: "Equipping Today's Adult Sunday School Teacher"

Essentials of Teaching: Level Two (Prerequisite: Essentials of Teaching-Level One)

Lecture Topics:

These sessions will cover the following topics: "The Call to Teach"; "The Students You Teach"; and "Creating the Learning Environment."

Age-Level Track Options:

Module One: "Equipping Today's Youth and Children's Sunday School Teacher"

Module Two: "Equipping Today's Adult Sunday School Teacher"

Essentials of Teaching—Maximizing Your Curriculum: Level Three (Prerequisite: Essentials of Teaching-Levels One and Two)

This three-day seminar will provide comprehensive hands-on demonstrations of and tips on how to maximize the Sunday school curriculum. Participants who complete the sessions will be qualified to train others and will be provided with reproducible, easy-to-use handouts, related PowerPoint presentations, and curriculum samples to share with their local congregations.

Credit Option: This seminar will be accepted as an equivalency credit for course 2019, Guide to Curriculum Development, Evaluation, and Selection.

Facilitator: Ms. Michelle Thiery, Hampton VA

LUNCH AND LEARN WORKSHOPS

Audience: Open to all registered conferees

Timeframe: Monday–Wednesday, 12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m.

Registration Fees: Express Lunch and Workshop Materials are Covered

Transformative FAITH Sunday School Workshop

This workshop emphasizes the importance of Sunday school to the vitality of the local church and the spiritual maturity of Christians. It introduces church leaders, teachers and volunteers to the rich and engaging content of the Faith Series Sunday school curriculum product line. The workshop will provide comprehensive hands-on demonstrations of and tips on how to reach and teach students of varied age levels and through different learning styles. Come discover the tools, resources, and best practices needed to grow and maintain strong and vibrant Sunday Church Schools.

Facilitator: Rev. Judith T. Lester, SSPB Writer Faith Series

Vacation Bible School (VBS) Workshop

Vacation Bible School (VBS) continues to be one of the most effective evangelistic opportunities for churches. Learn more about administering a successful and exciting VBS by utilizing the SSPB VBS resources. Come and discover proven ways to recruit volunteers, train teachers, increase attendance, and communicate the biblical principles offered in the 2017 SSPB VBS for leadership, teachers, and volunteers, using our Vacation Bible School materials.

Facilitator: Rev. Joe Ella Darby, SSPB VBS Coordinator

Aspiring Writers' Workshop

This workshop will provide hands-on training that assists persons who are aspiring to be writers of SSPB literature. Participants will engage in discussions, gain practical tips, and learn ways they can best support the ambition of the SSPB to develop and provide our audience with the highest-quality Christian literature and resources. This is a special focus on how our written communications can and must meet the needs and challenges of the twenty-first-century church leaders, educators, and members.

Facilitators: Rev. Wellington A. Johnson Sr., SSPB Director of Publishing; Rev. Emmanuel Reid, SSPB Editor; Mrs. Tanae C. McKnight Murdic, SSPB Editor

Emerging Technology and the Church

Church Web sites, apps, live streaming, digital curriculum, online giving, and podcasts are but a few of the new ways that churches are using technology. How can your church utilize technology to meet the needs of your current members and gain new ones? This three-day seminar will help participants discover ways that churches of all sizes can utilize emerging technology, thus unlocking the potential to strengthen and expand the reach and quality of the church's ministry.

Facilitators: Ms. LaShell Wingfield, Norfolk, VA; Ms. Keisha Reynolds, Norfolk, VA

HOUSING INFORMATION

The Conference Returns to Gaylord Opryland

The *Conference* will take place at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center in Nashville, Tennessee. We have negotiated a preferred room rate at the hotel. Space in our room block is limited, so reserve your room right away. All room reservations should be conducted online through the conference Web site: www.sspbnbc.com—where there is a direct link to the hotel's online reservation system—or by calling the hotel directly. When you call the hotel to make reservations, please ask for the "Sunday School Publishing Board Group" for rate discounts. Hotel reservation deadline is November 1, 2018. Hotel cancellations must be received three (3) business days prior to the reservation date.

*Everyone who is booked for three nights or more will be entered in a SSPB Grand Prize Drawing.

In-room amenities will include the following:

- Resort savings card
- In-room wired and wireless high-speed Internet access
- Wireless high-speed Internet in public areas
- Designated complimentary in-room beverages
- Local and toll-free 800 telephone calls (20 minutes per call)
- Fitness Center access
- Scheduled Complex Shuttle Service

Headquarters Hotel Name	Distance to Conference Center	Single/Double Occupancy	Contact Information
Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center	Connected	\$154 + 15.25% Tax	2800 Opryland Drive Nashville, TN 36214 877.382.7299 or 615.889.1000



GENERAL INFORMATION

CONFERENCE ORIENTATION

Join us for an on-site orientation session on Sunday afternoon, designed to answer all your questions about the myriad of offerings at the conference. Connect over Coffee, Conversation, and Dessert!

COMMENCEMENT SERVICE

The commencement service will be held Wednesday, December 5, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. Please check with the Division of Christian Education Accreditation and Credentials for additional information.

CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS (CEU) CREDITS AVAILABLE

American Baptist College offers Continuing Education Units (CEU) for courses offered at The Sunday School Publishing Board's Conference of Christian Education. The registration fee for the CEU credit will be \$50. More information will be available at the Conference in Nashville.

LUNCH AND LEARN WORKSHOPS

The three-day Lunch and Learn Workshops are open to all registered conferees. Lunch and Workshop materials are included in the registration fee of \$75.

SPECIAL MEAL PACKAGE OPTION

For an additional fee, an affordable three-day meal package (breakfast and lunch) will be made available during the registration process. For your convenience, the breakfast and lunches will be served in the main gathering area daily.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

Nashville International Airport is only ten minutes away via a round trip hotel shuttle service offered on the hour and half-hour. From baggage claim, proceed to the phone bank and press button #46 to request a pickup. Then proceed to the pickup area which is one level down at ground transportation.

COURTESY CARS

Courtesy cars will run between the airport and host hotel Sunday—Thursday. There will be transportation desks located at the airport in the baggage claim area and the lobby in the hotel.

PARKING

The parking rate for our guests will be \$7.00 self-parking rate per day.

If you have any questions, and you can't find the answers on the Website, please call us at 1.800.359.9398, or email ewilliams@sspbnbc.com.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration is required to participate in all plenary sessions, classes, workshops and sponsored events. We encourage you to use our online registration (www.sspbnbc.com). Confirmations are automatically generated and sent to the email address listed. Contact the Division of Christian Education Accreditation and Credentials at 1-800-359-9398, ext. 5795 or 5773, if you do not receive an email confirmation or to make sure you are registered. Only the email address listed on the registration form will be used for emailed confirmations. Please Note: No Phone Registrations.

EARLY REGISTRATION

Early registration begins June 1 through September 30, 2018. Early registration must be completed online (www.sspbnbc.com) or sent via mail (postmarked) by September 30, 2018.

REGULAR REGISTRATION

Regular online and mail-in registrations begin October 1, 2018. The cutoff date for regular registration is November 10, 2018 (for online and mail-in registrations).

ONSITE REGISTRATION

Onsite registration begins Sunday, December 2 through Monday, December 3, 2018.

CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY

Please notify SSPB of a cancellation by November 16, 2018. The registration fee will be refunded less a fifty-dollar (\$50) nonrefundable cancellation fee for individual registrations. Registration can be transferred to another person who will be attending the Conference. This transaction must be done in writing or on-site. The person registering must present the registered delegate's registration receipt. Conference registrations are NOT transferable to the next year. All cancellation requests must be in writing via email, fax or mail. **Refunds will be distributed after January 1.**

Use Coupon Code **SSPB2018** for discount for two classes. Coupon Code is for two classes only.

REGISTRATION FORM [ONE PER CONFEREE]

Please provide us with the requested information. Complete the registration form and return to Division of Christian Education, P.O. Box 70990, Nashville, TN 37207-0990. Major credit cards (AMEX, Master Card, and VISA) can be used for both online and mail-in registrations. Make checks and money orders payable to Division of Christian Education. A \$25 service charge will be applied to checks returned for insufficient funds. All registration confirmations will be emailed to the email address provided on the registration form unless notified otherwise. You may register online at www.sspnbc.com.

PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION

FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL	LAST NAME
ADDRESS	CITY/STATE/ZIP	
HOME PHONE NUMBER	OTHER [CELL] PHONE NUMBER	
E-MAIL ADDRESS [PLEASE USE THE E-MAIL ADDRESS WHERE CONFIRMATIONS ARE TO BE SENT]		

CHURCH/MINISTRY CONTACT

PASTOR'S FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	TELEPHONE NUMBER
PASTOR'S E-MAIL ADDRESS		
CHURCH/MINISTRY NAME		
ADDRESS	CITY/STATE/ZIP	
CHURCH/MINISTRY E-MAIL ADDRESS	CHURCH/MINISTRY PHONE NUMBER	

Complete when registering for the CLS Dean's Fast-Track (Complete the CLS Dean information only if you are enrolled or plan to enroll in COPP.)

DEAN OF RECORD'S NAME	
DEAN OF RECORD'S ADDRESS	CITY/STATE/ZIP
DEAN OF RECORD'S PHONE NUMBER	DEAN OF RECORD'S E-MAIL ADDRESS

SELECT THE PROGRAM IN WHICH YOU ARE ENROLLED

- Church Ministry Leadership Seminar
- COPP Specialization
- CLS PATC
- CLS Dean Certification PATP

PAYMENT INFORMATION

CHECK OR MONEY ORDER CREDIT CARD: VISA MASTERCARD AMEX

NAME ON CARD

CARD NUMBER

EXP. DATE

VERIFICATION CODE:

SIGNATURE

CREDIT CARD BILLING ADDRESS

Course Selection Options

1. You may select a **Church Ministry Leadership Seminar**;
2. **Dean Certification Fast-Track**; or
3. Select up to **Two Classes** [one morning and/or one afternoon class].

I am registering for the following: (Place a check in the box of your selection.)

OPTION 1: Church Ministry Leadership Seminar

- Building Strong and Healthy Family Ministries Seminar
- Deacons' Ministry Seminar
- Organizing and Maintaining Successful Welcoming Ministries Seminar
- Trustees' Ministry Seminar

- Superintendents' Seminar: Essentials of Leadership-Level I
- Superintendents' Seminar: Essentials of Leadership -Level II
- Superintendents' Seminar: How to Grow Your Sunday School Exponentially-Level III
- Teachers' Seminar: Essentials of Teaching-Level I (Choose Age level)
 - Children and Youth Sunday School Teacher
 - Adult Sunday School Teacher
- Teachers' Seminar: Essentials of Teaching -Level II (Choose Age level)
 - Children and Youth Sunday School Teacher
 - Adult Sunday School Teacher
- Teachers' Seminar: Maximizing Your Curriculum-Level III

OPTION 2: Dean's Fast-Track (2099 A-D)

- Dean Certification Fast-Track—Section 1
- Dean Certification Fast-Track—Section 2

OPTION 3: Courses

CHURCH LEADERSHIP DIVISION

Pastors' and Ministers' Subdivision

Morning Classes

- Church Growth: Pathway to Excellence in Small Churches
- The Issues Surrounding the Church and Politics
- Pastoral Care and Counseling
- Pastor's Alternative for Teacher Certification(PATC)

Afternoon Classes

- Prophetic Preaching Seminar
- 9902—The Spiritual Life of the Minister: Equipping the Heart, Mind, and Soul for Christian Ministry
- 9912—Seminar for Young Ministers: Equipping a New Generation of Preachers and Pastors

Church Ministries Subdivision

Morning Classes

- Christian Education Ministry: Equipping and Engaging a New Generation
- Young Adult Ministry: Equipping and Engaging a New Generation
- 2096—The Christian Education Director: Equipping New Leadership

Afternoon Classes

- Debt Free Living
- Developing Women's Ministry Leadership
- Intergenerational Church Leadership: Modeling Collective Leadership Across All Generations

Curriculum Subdivision

Afternoon Class

- Living the Baptist Faith

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP SCHOOL DIVISION (CLS)

Certification Subdivision

Morning Classes

- 1104—James
- 2097—Rethinking Christian Education for Contemporary Innovations
- 2099A—Dean Certification (Part I)
- 2099C—Dean Certification (Part III)
- 2100—Guidelines for Recertification of Deans
- 7014—Equipping Laypersons to Serve

Afternoon Classes

- 1061—Survey of Haggai
- 2015—Foundation of Christian Ethics
- 2099D—Dean Certification (Part IV)

- 7010—Introduction to Discipleship: Developing a Culture of Discipleship
- 7024—Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts
- 8035—The African-American Church and Social Justice

Specialization Education Studies Program Subdivision

Morning Classes

- SP0001—Understanding the Bible
- SP0007—Systematic Theology

Afternoon Classes

- SP0015—Church Administration
- SP0020—Leadership Strategies
- SP0023—Developing the Church for Christian Evangelism

Lunch and Learn Workshops

- Transformative FAITH Workshop
- Vacation Bible School Workshop
- Aspiring Writers' Workshop
- Emerging Technology and the Church Workshop

PRICING INFORMATION

Early Registration June 1–September 30, 2018	Pricing	
1 Class	\$135.00	
2 Classes	\$200.00	
PATC	\$160.00	
PATC and 1 Class	\$225.00	
CLS Dean's Fast Track	\$200.00	
Church Ministry Leadership Seminar	\$135.00	
Plenary Session	\$75.00	
Continuing Education Unit	\$50.00	
Breakfast and Lunch— Mon-Wed (Special Savings Meal Deal)	\$100.00	
Breakfast Only—Mon-Wed	\$60.00	
Lunch Only—Mon-Wed	\$60.00	
Lunch and Learn Workshop (includes a boxed lunch daily) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> VBS <input type="checkbox"/> Aspring Writers <input type="checkbox"/> Emerging Technology and the Church <input type="checkbox"/> Transformative FAITH Sunday School Workshop 	\$75.00	
Total Amount Submitted		

Regular Registration October 1–November 10, 2018	Pricing	
1 Class	\$160.00	
2 Classes	\$225.00	
PATC	\$185.00	
PATC and 1 Class	\$250.00	
CLS Dean's Fast Track	N/A	
Church Ministry Leadership Seminar	\$160.00	
Plenary Session	\$75.00	
Continuing Education Unit	\$50.00	
Breakfast and Lunch— Mon-Wed (Special Savings Meal Deal)	\$100.00	
Breakfast Only—Mon-Wed	\$60.00	
Lunch Only—Mon-Wed	\$60.00	
Lunch and Learn Workshop (includes a boxed lunch daily) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> VBS <input type="checkbox"/> Aspring Writers <input type="checkbox"/> Emerging Technology and the Church <input type="checkbox"/> Transformative FAITH Sunday School Workshop 	\$75.00	
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FAST-TRACK RECOMMENDATION FORM

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP SCHOOL DEAN CERTIFICATION FAST-TRACK RECOMMENDATION FORM

The Division of Christian Education Accreditation and Credentials (DCEAC) recognizes changing trends in Christian education. The Christian Leadership School (CLS) Dean's Fast Track Option is designed for those persons who aspire to pursue CLS Dean certification at an accelerated pace. Those who meet the requirements for the CLS Dean Fast Track Option are required to complete ten (10) hours of study.¹ All registrations for the Dean's Fast-Track should be mailed to the Division of Christian Education, P.O. Box 70990, Nashville, TN 37207-0990.

By signing below, you will adhere to all the requirements for the CLS Dean Certification Fast-Track Program.

CONTACT INFORMATION :

PRINT NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE

RECOMMENDATION :

By signing below, you attest that the above signee is capable of completing all assignments for the CLS Dean Certification Fast-Track Program.

PRINT NAME

DEAN NUMBER

SIGNATURE

DATE

A certified dean must sign this recommendation above.

¹See the New CLS Manual (revised edition) for additional requirements. You may contact SSPB Customer Care at 1-800-359-9398 or www.sspbnbc.com to order your CLS Manual.



HERE'S YOUR REWARD FOR READING TO THE END

You get a discount ticket. This brochure has been printed with the following discount: When you register for the **SSPB Conference**, you will receive a \$10 off coupon for a purchase of \$50 or more, for use in the SSPB Bookstore during the Conference. Discount is non-transferrable and may be used only during the 2018 Conference.

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