

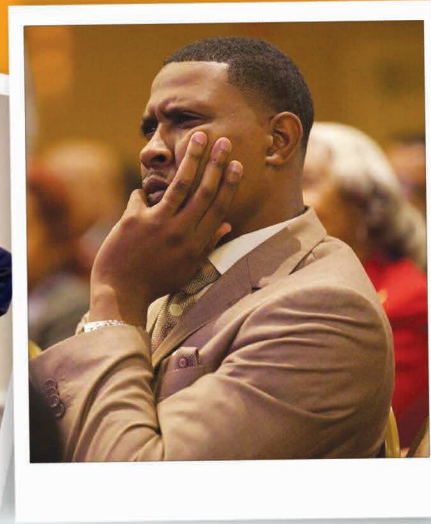
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## WELCOME TO THE THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SSPB CONFERENCE

The **Thirty-eighth Annual SSPB Conference** will convene December 5–7, 2016 at Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center in Nashville, Tennessee. Over its 37-year history, the SSPB Conference has proven to be a premier gathering of thousands of Christian educators. These pastors, teachers, church leaders, writers, and people with a passion for the work in Christian Education come together to take part in educating, celebrating, and collaborating toward the common goal of equipping today’s church to serve.

The SSPB Conference 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 from more than twenty-five class offerings. Some of the highlights of this year’s Conference are the overlapping in-depth Ministry Seminars and the new Dean Certification Fast Track (Hybrid) Program.

The Conference is unique in its nature through its efforts to include the following elements in every conference:

**Informational**—keeps those who serve in ministry on the cutting edge of areas that affect their ministry.

**Inspirational**—offers special worship experiences and offerings from God’s Word that will serve to inspire all who attend.

**Relational**—through class sessions and other planned events, the attendees will learn, grow, and be challenged and fed by the experiences of one another during the conference.

Please consider joining us in Nashville.

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## NEW for 2016 • DEAN CERTIFICATION FAST TRACK

The SSPB is proud to feature the new CLS Dean Certification Fast Track. This new certification process is for those persons who wish to complete the Dean certification classes during the SSPB Conference. Participants will need to register for this fast track between June 1, 2016 - October 1, 2016. In order to participate in the CLS Dean Certification Fast Track, participants will need to meet the following requirements:

- Have completed COPP or have a Bible College or Seminary degree (submit your transcript to the Division of Christian Education with registration.)
- Complete the Student Recommendation Form (see page 31.)
- Complete all pre-work assignments prior to the Conference.
- Complete all assignments and testing during the Conference.
- Purchase the 2016 CLS Manual and a subscription to the *Christian Education Informer*.

Instructors and Mentoring Deans (for the Fast Track only)

Dr. Carolyn C. Walker

Dr. Edward Williamson

## NEW for 2016 • OVERLAPPING MINISTRY SEMINARS

The Ministry Seminars will be held in conjunction with the Thirty-eighth Annual SSPB Conference. Seminar participants will be able to participate in all conference plenary and worship sessions at no additional cost.

As a ministry professional, you are constantly searching for inspiration and instruction to expand your ministry. We understand. In three days of intensive training, the all-new Ministry Seminars will transform the way you think about ministry and improve the way you and your team work.

- Comprehensive Certification 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.
- The seminars grant a certificate of completion. Persons who have completed this intensive instruction will be recognized in a special ceremony.

### **SUPERINTENDENTS' SEMINARS: ESSENTIALS OF LEADERSHIP (LEVELS ONE AND TWO)**

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## LEARNING DIVISIONS

To maximize your learning experience, the SSPB Conference has been divided into two key divisions. Each division has subdivisions broken up into classes that benefit our attendees.

### CHURCH LEADERSHIP DIVISION

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#### PASTORS MINISTERS SUBDIVISION

This 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 courses in this section include a joint session of preaching by one of our venerable NBC pastors of the age.

#### 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.

#### CHURCH MINISTRIES SUBDIVISION

This subdivision provides in-depth opportunities for training church leaders in specific areas of ministry in the local church. The areas of ministry highlighted for this 38th Annual Conference are Evangelism, Young Adult Ministry, Intergenerational Ministry, and Computer Technology. These classes are both informational and inspirational.

### CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP SCHOOL [CLS] DIVISION

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#### CERTIFICATION SUBDIVISION

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#### 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 attendee can register for specialization courses.

# SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

## SUNDAY, DEC. 4, 2016

**2:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.** Registration

**5:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.** Conference Orientation

## MONDAY, DEC. 5, 2016

**6:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.** Registration

**7:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.** Ministry Seminars

**7:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.** Concurrent Class Sessions

**10:15 a.m.–10:45 a.m.** Opening Plenary

**10:45 a.m.–11:00 a.m.** Morning Devotional

**11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.** Thematic Lecture

**12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m.** Lunch and Learn

**1:30 p.m.–4:00 p.m.** Concurrent Class Sessions

**1:30 p.m.–4:00 p.m.** Ministry Seminars

**7:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m.** Evening Worship

## TUESDAY, DEC. 6, 2016

**7:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.** Ministry Seminars

**7:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.** Concurrent Class Sessions

**10:15 a.m.–10:45 a.m.** Opening Plenary

**10:45 a.m.–11:00 a.m.** Morning Devotional

**11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.** Thematic Lecture

**12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m.** Lunch and Learn

**1:30 p.m.–4:00 p.m.** Concurrent Class Sessions

**1:30 p.m.–4:00 p.m.** Ministry Seminars

**7:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m.** Evening Worship

## WEDNESDAY, DEC. 7, 2016

**7:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.** Ministry Seminars

**7:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.** Concurrent Class Sessions

**10:15 a.m.–10:30 a.m.** Morning Devotional

**10:30 a.m.–11:00 p.m.** Thematic Lecture

**11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.** Sermon

**12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m.** Lunch and Learn

**1:30 p.m.–4:00 p.m.** Concurrent Class Sessions

**1:30 p.m.–4:00 p.m.** Ministry Seminars

**7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.** Commencement Service

## LUNCH AND LEARN WORKSHOPS

**Audience:** Open to all registered conferees

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

**Registration Fees:** Cover Lunch and Workshop Materials

### Vacation Bible School 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 Aspiring Writers Workshop

This workshop will provide hands-on training that assists persons 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. The Aspiring Writers Workshop has a special focus on how our written communications can and must meet the needs and challenges of twenty-first-century church leaders, educators, and members.

**Facilitators:** Rev. Wellington A. Johnson Sr., Rev. Emmanuel Reid, Dr. Karen Williams

### Social Media for Ministry Workshop

What is Social Media and why is it so important to the future of the church? How can it be used to increase participation in church attendance, Bible study, ministry events, and tithing? Workshop participants will gain a better understanding of Social Media for Ministry, digital age marketing strategies, and how Social Media affects the survival of the church and spreads the Gospel to all nations. The top 8 Social Platforms: Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, Instagram, YouTube, LinkedIn, Google+ and Blogs will be covered. Bring your smartphones, pads or tablets, and laptops!

**Facilitators:** Ms. LaShell Wingfield, Ms. Keisha Reynolds



## SCHEDULE AND SYNOPSIS OF SEMINARS

In three days of intensive training, the all new Ministry Seminars are designed to strengthen and transform your Ministry in the following areas:

**Superintendents' Seminars:** Essentials of Leadership (Levels One and Two)

**Teachers' Seminars:** Essentials of Teaching (Levels One and Two)

**Deacons' Ministry Seminar**

These seminars grant certificates of completion. All participants completing their prescribed seminar levels will be recognized in our graduation ceremony. (See page 5 for additional information on the seminars.)

### SUPERINTENDENTS' SEMINARS

#### 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 will aid them in building a vibrant and growing Sunday church school.

**Audience:** Sunday school superintendents, department heads, church staff leaders

**Lecturers:** Dr. James Blackburn, Rev. Jerome Bell, and Dr. Michael O. Minor

**Module Facilitators:** Dr. Wilma Bachus, Dr. Carol T. Mitchell, and Rev. Chantaye E. Knotts

**Credit Options:** These seminars will be accepted as an equivalency credit for Course 6018, Organizing the Church School/ Sunday School (Level One) and SPOO08, Christian Education Ministry to the Whole Church (Level Two).

**Materials:** Workbook and handouts (provided)

**Registration fees cover the following:** Plenary Sessions, lectures, and class modules.

#### SUPERINTENDENTS' SEMINAR: ESSENTIALS OF LEADERSHIP (LEVEL ONE)

##### MORNING 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.

## SCHEDULE AND SYNOPSIS OF SEMINARS

### AFTERNOON 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.”

### SUPERINTENDENTS’ SEMINAR: ESSENTIALS OF LEADERSHIP (LEVEL TWO)

#### MORNING 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.”

### AFTERNOON 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.”

### TEACHERS’ SEMINARS

#### 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.

**Audience:** Sunday school teachers, teaching assistants, and volunteers

**Lecturers:** Dr. Mary McConnell, Dr. Zandra L. Jordan, and Rev. Kenneth Allen

**Module Facilitators:** Mrs. Lillian Holmes, Rev. Judith T. Lester, and Mrs. Sheryl McDowney

**Credit Options:** These seminar tracks will be accepted as an equivalency for Course 2023, Creative Ways of Teaching or for Course 2022, Teaching Your Teachers to Teach (Level One) and Course 2029–2031, Teaching Children, or Course 2045, Teaching Youth, Course 2061, Teaching Young Adults, or 2067, Teaching Adults (Level Two).

**Materials:** Workbook and handouts (provided)

**Registration fees cover the following:** Plenary Sessions, lectures, and class modules

## SCHEDULE AND SYNOPSIS OF SEMINARS

### TEACHERS' SEMINAR: ESSENTIALS OF TEACHING (LEVEL ONE)

#### LEVEL ONE MORNING LECTURE TOPICS:

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

#### LEVEL ONE AFTERNOON TRACK OPTIONS:

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

Module Two: "Equipping Today's Youth Sunday School Teacher: Level One"

Module Three: "Equipping Today's Adult Sunday School Teacher: Level One"

### TEACHERS' SEMINAR: ESSENTIALS OF TEACHING (LEVEL TWO)

#### LEVEL TWO MORNING LECTURE TOPICS:

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

#### LEVEL TWO AFTERNOON TRACK OPTIONS:

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

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

### DEACONS' MINISTRY SEMINAR

The Deacons' Ministry Seminar will provide those persons who have been selected to serve as deacons or who are currently serving as deacons with training to be effective servants of the Christian church.

**Audience:** Deacons

**Lecturer/Facilitator:** Dr. Geoffrey V. Guns

**Credit Option:** This seminar will be accepted as an equivalency credit for Course SP0020, Leadership Strategies.

**Materials:** Workbook and handouts (provided)

**Registration fees cover the following:** Plenary Sessions, lectures, and class modules

## SCHEDULE AND SYNOPSIS OF SEMINARS

### MORNING LECTURE TOPIC:

#### Christian Leadership

Participants will examine and discuss how their ethical beliefs influence their lives and leadership in Christian ministry (Credit Option: SP0020, Leadership Strategies). Note: Persons who are enrolled in the Deacons' Ministry Seminar will attend this session every morning.

### AFTERNOON LECTURE TOPICS:

#### The Spiritual Life of the Deacon

Participants will explore the concept of Christian spirituality, discuss the process of the spiritual life, and develop a plan for their spiritual lives.

#### The Ministry of the Church Deacon

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.

## SCHEDULE AND SYNOPSIS OF SEMINARS

### MINISTRY SEMINARS DAILY PROGRAM SCHEDULE

**7:30 a.m.** Gathering/Peer Connect Time

**8:00 a.m.** Lecture

**10:00 a.m.** Break

**10:15 a.m.** Morning Plenary

**12:00 p.m.** Lunch (on your own)

**1:30 p.m.** Breakout Sessions

**2:45 p.m.** Break

**3:00 p.m.** The Game Plan

This is where you apply all of the day's lessons to your specific church, school, or ministry. Using the provided Workbook, you will devise practical next steps to take over the following months.

**3:30 p.m.** Q & A Session

If you have a specific question, this time is for you. Maybe you need clarification on something said during the talks, or perhaps you'd like specific advice for your own project.

**3:45 p.m.** Next Steps/Prayer

**4:00 p.m.** Adjourn

## SCHEDULE AND SYNOPSIS OF CLASSES

### CHURCH LEADERSHIP DIVISION

#### PASTORS AND MINISTER'S SUBDIVISION

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#### MORNING CLASSES

7:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

##### 1052 – Survey of Hosea (Old Testament Studies)

Attention will be given to the authorship, the time, and the message/theme and its relevance to contemporary society.

**Instructor:** Dr. Stanley Hilliard, Houston, TX

##### 9923–Organizing the Church for Ministry and Mission

Attention will be given to the church's ministry structure, programs, and how they are organized to facilitate Christian ministry and mission to the "religiously unaffiliated" and millennials. (Credit Option: SP0014, Church Growth through Christian Education).

**Instructor:** Dr. Jonathan Blackburn, Wilmore, KY

##### Developing Pastoral Leadership Skills: Leading and Preaching for a New Generation

Attention will be given to understanding the "religiously unaffiliated" and Millennials, and developing pastoral skills and sermons that will facilitate their Christian development. (Credit Options: 9907, Characteristics of Expository Preaching or 9922, The History and Continuing Role of the African American Church.)

**Instructor:** Dr. Robert C. Scott, St. Louis, MO

#### AFTERNOON JOINT SESSION

1:15 p.m.–2:15 p.m.

Provides lectures and discussions on current trends and issues in pastoral ministry. The Afternoon Joint Session is open to all pastors and ministers who are registered in the Pastors and Minister's Leadership Subdivision.

**Preacher:** Dr. L. K. Curry, Chicago, IL

## SCHEDULE AND SYNOPSIS OF CLASSES

### AFTERNOON CLASSES

2:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m.

#### 1077–Survey of Mark (New Testament Studies)

Attention will be given to the authorship, the time, the message/theme, and its relevance to contemporary society

**Instructor:** Dr. Johnny Flakes III, Columbus, GA

#### 9903–Ministerial Ethics and Etiquette

The ethics and etiquette of the minister are important. This seminar will explore some of the temptations, pitfalls, and problems that could ensnare the minister, and how to handle them. It will look at the minister/preacher's appearance and his conduct in the pulpit, his relationship to members, and his professional behavior in all settings.

**Instructor:** Rev. Roscoe Cooper III, Richmond, VA

#### Reaching the Unchurched: Pathway to Church Growth

This class will provide pastors with strategies and techniques to lead a congregation through change and growth. Participants will consider the providence of God in His work to prepare the church for the 21st century. 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

#### Pastor's Alternative for Teacher Certification

Attention will be given to the concept of Pastor as Lead Christian Educator, teaching methods, and an introduction to the Sunday School Publishing Board.

**Instructor:** Rev. Carlos Williams, Chattanooga, TN

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## SCHEDULE AND SYNOPSIS OF SEMINARS

### MORNING CLASSES

7:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

#### Evangelism Ministry

This class is designed to train the church leaders and members to be outward-focused—faithful to the Great Commandment and the Great Commission. Creative church evangelism includes global and local missions, Christian service, and Outreach. Come prepared to share your best practices and models to be replicated by others. This course will be accepted as an equivalency credit for the Certificate of Progress Program (COPP), course 7005, Christian Evangelism.

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

#### Designing An Effective Young Adult Ministry

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. This course may be accepted as an equivalency credit for course 2060, Understanding Young Adults.

**Instructor:** Ms. Nicole Guns, Norfolk, VA

### AFTERNOON CLASSES

1:30 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

#### Intergenerational Ministry: Leading and Engaging Across Generational Boundaries

With four different generations currently comprising many churches around the world, understanding the motivating factors of each generation promotes productivity and effective ministry collaboration. This engaging and interactive class is designed to focus on how we attend one another where we are — our congregations, families, and ministries — with the understanding that our participation in God's mission happens at every age and stage of life. This course will be accepted as an equivalency credit for SPO010, Making Christian Education a Lifelong Experience.

**Instructor:** Dr. Nathaniel Brooks, Charlotte, NC

#### Making Computer Technology Work for Your Church

Today's computer technology can enhance the mission of the church in the 21st century. This basic course will look at computer technology as a tool for ministry, the benefits, challenges, and uses for teaching, preaching, personal study, and devotions along with its role in enhancing basic computer communication and church management functions. An overview of



## SCHEDULE AND SYNOPSIS OF SEMINARS

other technological tools (tablets, smartphones, laptops, etc.) and the software that runs them (better known as “apps”) will also be introduced. The role of social media (such as Facebook and Twitter) will also be discussed. Students are encouraged to bring their laptops, iPads, Kindles, and smartphones to class. Equivalency Credit: COPP course 9024, The Computer in the Life of the Church.

**Instructor:** Dr. Fallon Wilson, Nashville, TN

### CURRICULUM SUBDIVISION

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

### MORNING CLASS

7:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

#### Living the Baptist Faith (Formerly BTU)

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. This course may be accepted as an equivalency credit for Certificate of Progress Program (COPP) course 2011, Baptist Doctrine.

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

### AFTERNOON CLASS

1:30 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

#### Discovering Self Series 3

This is a three-series Bible study designed to engage participants in self-reflection from a Christian perspective. This class, based on the new *Discover Self* curriculum series by Dr. Antwion Yowe, provides three series of in-depth lessons that encourage participants to examine themselves and their lives from a Christ-centered perspective.

**Instructor:** Dr. Antwion Yowe, Simpsonville, SC

## SCHEDULE AND SYNOPSIS OF CLASSES

### CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP SCHOOL DIVISION (CLS)

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#### MORNING/AFTERNOON INTENSIVE

##### Dean Certification Fast Track (Hybrid) Program (Section 1)

Fast Track AB (Monday morning and Monday afternoon, Tuesday morning)

Fast Track CD (Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday morning and Wednesday afternoon)

**Instructor:** Dr. Edward O. Williamson, White Plains, NY

##### Dean Certification Fast Track (Hybrid) Program (Section 2)

Fast Track AB (Monday morning and Monday afternoon, Tuesday morning)

Fast Track CD (Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday morning and Wednesday afternoon)

**Instructor:** Dr. Carolyn C. Walker, Chicago, IL

#### MORNING CLASSES

7:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

##### 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.

**Instructor:** Dr. Margarette Williams, Pine Bluff, AR

## SCHEDULE AND SYNOPSIS OF CLASSES

### 2095—State Director's Seminar (Deans are welcome)

This course is designed to inform the state directors of their responsibilities as outlined in the Christian Leadership School Manual.

**Instructor:** Dr. Roberta Hatcher, Augusta, GA

### 2099A—Dean Certification (Part I)

This course will review the history of Christian education in the life of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Incorporated. Primary emphasis will be placed on the Certificate of Progress Program (COPP), its founders, and its objectives.

**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.

**Instructor:** Mrs. Relda Owens Matthews, St. Louis, MO

### 8066 – Christianity and Contemporary Issues

This course will challenge the students to identify and confront contemporary issues affecting the church, home, and community. They will be encouraged to think through practical solutions and approaches to immediate and emerging social and ecclesiological concerns. (Phase 4)

**Instructor:** Dr. L. D. Tate, St. Louis, MO

## AFTERNOON CLASSES

1:30 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

### 2099B—Dean Certification (Part II)

This course will review the thirteen steps for accrediting Christian Leadership Schools.

**Instructor:** Dr. Evans Spagner, Watchung, NJ

### 2099D—Dean Certification (Part IV)

This course will prepare the students for internship and the administration of their first schools, along with advising and guiding individual students through CLS programs.

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

## SCHEDULE AND SYNOPSIS OF CLASSES

### 2100—Guidelines for Recertification of Deans

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

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

### 7010 – Introduction to Christian Discipleship

This course is designed to introduce the believer to the biblical principle of discipleship. The course will examine the character traits of the believers, while looking at the overall examples of Jesus. This course will examine discipleship methods of Jesus and the difference between discipleship and membership.

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

### 7024 – Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts

This course is designed to help the students understand who God has uniquely made them to be. Students will work through a spiritual gift assessment. Discovering spiritual gifts will prepare them to move into a meaningful area of service where they best fit into the body of Christ. (Phase 2)

**Instructor:** Rev. James McCarroll, Murfreesboro, TN

### 8035 – African American Church and Social Justice

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

**Instructor:** Dr. Robert C. Scott, St. Louis, MO

### 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.

## SCHEDULE AND SYNOPSIS OF CLASSES

### MORNING CLASSES

7:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

#### SP0004—The Centrality of Christ in Scriptures

This course is a focus on the Christ of the Scriptures. Students will examine the Scriptures, from Genesis to Revelation, to see how the biblical narrative has prefigured Jesus, the Son of God, as the central focus of the Bible.

**Instructor:** Dr. Gerald Young, Dayton, OH

#### SP0018—Spiritual Leadership

This course will use biblical principles to assist ministry leaders in the development of effective leadership practices that reflect Christian principles and that are in keeping with biblical teachings.

Rev. David Stephens, Macon, GA

### AFTERNOON CLASSES

1:30 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

#### SP0007—Systematic Theology

This course will cover fundamental Christian beliefs as contained in the Scriptures. Students will be able to think critically about the Scriptures through discussions of broader themes such as theology, eschatology, anthropology, and soteriology. Credit Option: This course will be accepted as an equivalency credit for COPP course 3008, Theology and History of Christianity.

(Phase 1)

**Instructor:** Dr. Christopher C. Davis, Memphis, TN

#### SP0021 – Conflict Management in Ministry

This course will look at the church as a living organism of interconnected relationships, and recognize that conflicts do occur. Students will look at ways to avoid and manage the conflicts that will seriously interrupt the ministry of the church.

**Instructor:** Dr. Leonard Favorite, Houston, TX

## THE CONFERENCE RETURNS TO GAYLORD OPRYLAND

The Thirty-eighth Annual SSPB Conference will take place at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center in Nashville. 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](http://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 3, 2016. 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 into a SSPB Grand Prize Drawing.**

In-room amenities will include:

- 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	Contact Information
Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center	Connected	\$137.00 + 15.25% Tax	2800 Opryland Dr. Nashville, TN 37214 888.677.9872

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

The Conference will serve:

- Superintendents
- Teachers
- Christian Education directors
- Pastors
- Staff Leaders
- Ministry volunteers

### PLENARY SESSIONS

Delegates are advised to take advantage of the general lectures and worship experiences. Each lecture is an independent presentation that is purposed to challenge us for preparedness to defend our faith with biblical integrity.

### COMMENCEMENT SERVICE

The commencement service will be held Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. All persons who completed the Pastor's Alternative (PATC), Pastor's Advanced Training Program (PATP), Certificate of Progress Program (COPP), or Dean's Certification courses during 2015 and the 2016 Dean Certification Fast Track are invited to participate. All graduation participants are to wear black. Please check with the Division of Christian Education Accreditation and Credentials for additional information.

### CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS (CEU) CREDITS AVAILABLE

American Baptist College has agreed to grant Continuing Education Units (CEU) for courses offered at The Sunday School Publishing Board's Conference of Christian Education. No additional academic work will be required. Those who qualify for the SSPB Course Card will also be eligible to receive the CEU credit. The registration fee for the CEU credit will be \$50. More information will be available at the Conference in Nashville.

### EQUIVALENCY CREDITS

Students may choose to enroll in a class that carries equivalency credit for another course. When meeting the requirements of a particular program of study, this course may only be used one time for credit for one course. For example, if the course card (certificate) is submitted for Specialization credit, then it cannot be used also for a COPP credit.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### CONFERENCE ID AND SECURITY

Everyone is required to wear conference identification during all morning and afternoon sessions. No one will be admitted into lectures, modules, or classes without proper conference identification. Evening sessions are open to the public and do not require I.D. badges. For security reasons, badge swapping is not permitted. Anyone found wearing a badge that does not match his/her identification will be evicted from the conference without a refund. In addition, the badge/name will be cancelled.

### CONFERENCE ONLINE

Access event information including course descriptions, schedules, and room locations via the internet at [www.sspbnbc.com](http://www.sspbnbc.com).

### 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 WITH PEERS

Connect with peers during the week via networking events.

### MEALS

With restaurants only steps from meeting spaces, attendees can easily and conveniently continue the momentum of the sessions. Starting at breakfast and moving into lunch and dinner, Cascades serves modern classics. Open all day, Conservatory Café offers grab-and-go-breakfast items, sandwiches, salads, and pastries. Cocoa Bean Coffee House serves grab-and-go fare. These are just a few eating places that have been suggested by the hotel, more so for breakfast (open at 6:00 a.m.).

**Note:** For an additional fee, an affordable three-day meal package (breakfast and lunch) will be made available during the early registration process.

### TRANSPORTATION

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

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.



## GENERAL INFORMATION

### PARKING

The parking rate for our guests will be \$7.00 self-parking rate per day (normally \$21.00).

### GETTING AROUND BY RENTAL CAR

Hertz Car Rental            Contact: (800) 654-3131

National Car Rental        Contact: (888) 273-5262

Avis Rent-A-Car            Contact: (800) 633-3469

Enterprise Rent-A-Car      Contact: (844) 377-0168

### OTHER POLICIES

Conferees are prohibited from recording any session content unless you have obtained written permission in advance from the SSPB. By registering, you agree to all the terms and conditions set forth above, including the use of photographic images. Noncompliance will result in registration cancellation without refund.

### CONTACT US

If you have any questions and you can't find the answers on the Web site, please call us at 1.800.359.9398, or E-mail at [ewilliams@sspbnbc.com](mailto: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](http://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. 5773, 5795 or 5771, if you do not receive an e-mail confirmation or to make sure you are registered. Only the e-mail address listed on the registration form will be used for e-mailed confirmations. **Please Note:** No Phone Registrations.

All checks and money orders should be made payable to the Division of Christian Education. Mail all registrations to the Division of Christian Education, 330 Charlotte Avenue, Nashville, TN 37201-1188. Major credit cards (AMEX, MasterCard, and VISA) can be used for both online and mail-in registrations. A \$25 service charge will be applied to checks returned for insufficient funds.

### EARLY REGISTRATION

Early registration begins Wednesday, June 1 and runs through Saturday, October 1, 2016. Early registration must be completed online ([www.sspbnbc.com](http://www.sspbnbc.com)) or sent via mail (postmarked) by October 1, 2016. See registration form for details.

### REGULAR REGISTRATION

Regular online and mail-in registrations begin October 2, 2016. The cutoff date for regular registration is November 18, 2016 (for online and mail-in registrations). Must be postmarked by November 18, 2016.

### ONSITE REGISTRATION

On-site registration begins Sunday, December 4 and continues through Monday, December 5, 2016.

### SPECIAL REGISTRATION PACKAGE OPTION

The Special Registration Packages, which include meals, are good for early registration only. Regular and On-site registration fees do not include meals.

### CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY

Please notify SSPB immediately of a cancellation. 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 or via e-mail, ([ewilliams@sspbnbc.com](mailto:ewilliams@sspbnbc.com)), fax, (615.248.2825), or mail.

## REGISTRATION FEES

EARLY REGISTRATION	PRICING	REGULAR REGISTRATION	PRICING	LUNCH AND LEARN	PRICING
1 Class	\$135.00	1 Class	\$160.00	Aspiring Writers [Lunch 3 days]	\$75.00
2 Classes	\$200.00	2 Classes	\$225.00		
PATC	\$160.00	PATC	\$225.00		
Seminars and Dean Certification Fast Track	\$160.00	Seminars and Dean Certification Fast Track	\$175.00	Vacation Bible School [Lunch 3 days]	\$75.00
Plenary Sessions [only]	\$75.00	Plenary Sessions [only]	\$100.00		
Continuing Education Unit [CEU]	\$50.00	Continuing Education Unit [CEU]	\$50.00		

## PACKAGE OPTIONS (EARLY REGISTRATION ONLY)

### REGISTRATION PACKAGE OPTION 1

1 Class	\$135.00
The French Market Breakfast [3 days]	\$60.00
Lunch [3 days]	\$60.00
<b>Total Registration Package</b>	<b>\$255.00</b>

### REGISTRATION PACKAGE OPTION 3

Seminars, Fast Track, Dean Fast Track, PATC	\$160.00
The French Market Breakfast [3 days]	\$60.00
Lunch [3 days]	\$60.00
<b>Total Registration Package</b>	<b>\$280.00</b>

### REGISTRATION PACKAGE OPTION 2

2 Classes	\$200.00
The French Market Breakfast [3 days]	\$60.00
Lunch [3 days]	\$60.00
<b>Total Registration Package</b>	<b>\$320.00</b>

### REGISTRATION PACKAGE OPTION 4

Plenary	\$75.00
The French Market Breakfast [3 days]	\$60.00
Lunch [3 days]	\$60.00
<b>Total Registration Package</b>	<b>\$195.00</b>

\*USE COUPON CODE\* **SSPB2016** TO RECEIVE THE DISCOUNT WHEN REGISTERING FOR TWO CLASSES IN BOTH EARLY AND REGULAR REGISTRATION

# REGISTRATION FORM

## REGISTRATION [ONE PER ATTENDEE]

Please provide us with the requested information. Complete the registration form and return to Division of Christian Education, 330 Charlotte Avenue, Nashville, TN 37201-1188. Make checks and money orders payable to Division of Christian Education. All registration confirmations will be e-mailed to the e-mail address provided on the registration form unless notified otherwise. You may register online at [www.sspbnbc.com](http://www.sspbnbc.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	

### PAYMENT INFORMATION

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CREDIT CARD BILLING ADDRESS		
FIRST TIME ATTENDING SSPB CONFERENCE?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
AGE GROUP	<input type="checkbox"/> 20-40 <input type="checkbox"/> 41-60 <input type="checkbox"/> 61-80 <input type="checkbox"/> 80 AND ABOVE	

# COURSE SELECTION

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

## OPTIONS:

1. You may select a Ministry Seminar;
2. Dean Certification Fast Track; or
3. Select up to two classes [one morning and/or one afternoon class from the Church Leadership or Christian Leadership (CLS) Divisions].

### OPTION 1 (Ministry Seminar)

- Deacons' Ministry Seminar
- Superintendents' Seminar: Essentials of Leadership (I)
- Superintendents' Seminar: Essentials of Leadership (II)
- Teachers' Seminar: Essentials of Teaching (I) (Choose an afternoon module.)

#### Afternoon Modules

- Equipping Today's Children's Sunday School Teacher
- Equipping Today's Youth Sunday School Teacher
- Equipping Today's Adult Sunday School Teacher
- Teachers' Seminar: Essentials of Teaching (II) (Choose an afternoon module.)

#### Afternoon Modules

- Equipping Today's Children and Youth Sunday School Teacher
- Equipping Today's Adult Sunday School Teacher

### OPTION 2 (Deans' Certification Fast Track)

- Deans' Fast Track (Hybrid Program)—Section 1 Dean Certification (Parts I-IV)
- Deans' Fast Track (Hybrid Program)—Section 2 Dean Certification (Parts I-IV)

### OPTION 3 (Courses)

#### CHURCH LEADERSHIP DIVISION

##### PASTORS AND MINISTERS' SUBDIVISION

#### MORNING CLASSES

- 1052—Survey of Hosea (Old Testament Studies)
- 9923—Organizing the Church for Ministry and Mission

- Developing Pastoral Leadership Skills: Leading a New Generation

#### AFTERNOON CLASSES

- 1077—Survey of Mark (New Testament Studies)
- 9903 Ministerial Ethics and Etiquette
- Pastor's Alternative for Teacher Certification
- Reaching the Unchurched: Pathway to Church Growth

#### CHURCH MINISTRIES SUBDIVISION

#### MORNING CLASSES

- Young Adult Ministry
- Designing an Effective Young Adult Ministry

#### AFTERNOON CLASSES

- Intergenerational Ministry
- Making Computer Technology Work for Your Church

#### CURRICULUM SUBDIVISION

#### MORNING CLASS

- Living the Baptist Faith

#### AFTERNOON CLASS

- Discovering Self Series 3

#### CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP SCHOOL DIVISION (CLS)

##### CERTIFICATION SUBDIVISION

#### MORNING CLASSES

- 2095—State Director's Seminar
- 2097—Rethinking Christian Education for Contemporary Innovations
- 2099A—Dean Certification (Part I)
- 2099C—Dean Certification (Part III)
- 8066—Christianity and Contemporary Issues

#### AFTERNOON CLASSES

- 2099B—Dean Certification (Part II)
- 2099D—Dean Certification (Part IV)

- 2100—Guidelines for Recertification of Deans
- 7010 – Introduction to Christian Discipleship
- 7024—Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts
- 8035—African-American Church and Social Justice

### **SPECIALIZATION EDUCATION STUDIES PROGRAM SUBDIVISION**

#### MORNING CLASSES

- SP0004—The Centrality of Christ in Scriptures
- SP0018—Spiritual Leadership

#### AFTERNOON CLASSES

- SP0007—Systematic Theology
- SP0021 – Conflict Management in Ministry

#### LUNCH AND LEARN WORKSHOPS

- Workshop 1: SSPB Vacation Bible School
- Workshop 2: SSPB Aspiring Writers Workshop
- Workshop 3: Social Media for Ministry Workshop

# FAST TRACK FORM

## 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.<sup>1</sup>

**By signing below, you will adhere to all the requirements for the CLS Dean Fast Track Option.**

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PLEASE PRINT NAME

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SIGNATURE

DATE

## RECOMMENDATION :

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

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PLEASE PRINT NAME

DEAN NUMBER

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SIGNATURE

DATE

**A certified dean must sign this recommendation below.**

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SIGNATURE

DATE

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<sup>1</sup> See the 2016 Christian Leadership School Manual (revised edition) for additional requirements.

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