

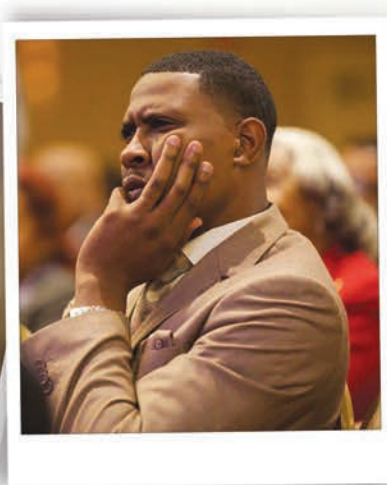
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**Every race must make and write its own history.**

*Dr. E. C. Morris*

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# WELCOME TO THE THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL SSPB CONFERENCE

The Thirty-Ninth Annual SSPB Conference will convene November 27-29, 2017, at Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center in Nashville, Tennessee. The three-day conference attracts learner-leaders from all over the USA. Over its thirty-eight-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 be renewed, refreshed, and reconnected.

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 from more than 30 class offerings. Some of the highlights of this year's Conference are the overlapping in-depth Ministry Leadership Seminars and the Dean Certification Fast Track Program.

We will take a fresh look at the Conference theme, "Equipping Today's Church to Serve." 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 as we strive to keep the church relevant and relational. Our ultimate goal is to build up the body of Christ and maintain unity of the Spirit so that the church 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 November.

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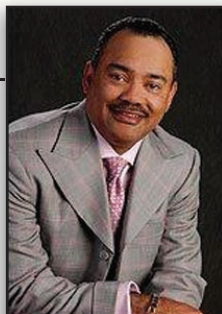
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# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

## SUNDAY, NOV. 26, 2017

2:00 p. m. – 7:00 p. m.  
Registration, Exhibits and  
Vendors

## MONDAY, NOV. 27, 2017

6:00 a. m. – 6:00 p. m.  
Registration, Exhibits and  
Vendors

7:30 a. m. – 10:00 a. m.  
Ministry Leadership 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 Workshops

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

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

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

## TUESDAY, NOV. 28, 2017

8:00 a. m. – 6:00 p. m.  
Exhibits and Vendors

7:30 a. m. – 10:00 a. m.  
Ministry Leadership 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 Workshops

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

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

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

## WEDNESDAY, NOV. 29, 2017

8:00 a. m. – 6:00 p. m.  
Exhibits and Vendors

7:30 a. m. – 10:00 a. m.  
Ministry Leadership 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.  
Sermon

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

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

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

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

# DEAN CERTIFICATION FAST TRACK

The Division of Christian Education Accreditation and Credentials (DCEAC) recognizes changing trends in education. The CLS Dean's Fast Track Option is designed for those persons who aspire to pursue dean's 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. The Dean candidate must then satisfy all of the other requirements for dean's certification in order to complete the dean's certification process. Participants will need to register for this fast track between June 1, 2017–September 30, 2017.

To participate in the CLS Dean Fast Track, participant will need to meet the following requirements:

- Have completed COPP, PATP or have a Bible College or Seminary degree (Submit your transcript to the Division of Christian Education with registration.)
- Complete the Student Recommendation Form (on page **26** of this brochure).
- Complete all pre-work assignments prior to the Conference. (Pre-work will be emailed after registration for the CLS Dean Fast Track.)
- Complete all assignments and testing during the Conference.
- Purchase the CLS Manual, and a subscription to The Christian Education Informer.

## INSTRUCTORS AND MENTORING DEANS (FOR CONFERENCE ONLY)

Dr. Carolyn C. Walker

Dr. Edward Williamson

# LUNCH AND LEARN WORKSHOPS

**Audience:** Open to all registered conferees

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

**Registration Fees Cover:** Express 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 2018 SSPB VBS for leadership, teachers, and volunteers using our Vacation Bible School materials.

**Facilitator:** Rev. Joe Ella Darby

## 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. This workshop 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., Rev. Emmanuel Reid

## EMERGING TECHNOLOGY AND THE CHURCH

Church websites, apps, live streaming, digital curriculum, online giving, and podcasts are but a few of the new ways 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, Ms. Keisha Reynolds

# MINISTRY LEADERSHIP SEMINARS

As a ministry professional, you're constantly searching for inspiration and instruction to expand your ministry. We understand. These Ministry Leadership 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 will be recognized in a special ceremony.

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

- Building Healthy Families and Marriages
- Deacons' Ministry
- Developing Vibrant Welcome Ministries
- Trustees' Ministry
- Sunday School Superintendents' Ministry
- Sunday School Teachers' Ministry

The Seminars will serve:

- Superintendents
- Teachers
- Deacons
- Trustees
- Ushers/Greeters
- Staff Leaders
- Ministry Volunteers

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



# SYNOPSIS OF SEMINARS

## Building Strong and Healthy Family Ministries

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

## 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, Becoming an Effective Deacon.

**Facilitator:** Dr. Walter Solomon Sr.

## Deacons' Ministry: Advanced Leadership Seminar

This seminar will focus on developing and refining leadership and caring skills with deacons.

**Credit Option:** This seminar will be accepted as an equivalency credit for course 5009, Group Leadership.

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

## Organizing and Maintaining Successful Welcoming Ministries

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:** Brother James McHenry

## 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

# SYNOPSIS OF SEMINARS

## Sunday School **Superintendents' Seminar—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 and Administering the Church School/ Sunday School (Level One) and SP0008, Christian Education Ministry to the Whole Church (Level Two).

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

**Module Facilitators:** Dr. Wilma Bachus, Dr. Zandra L. Jordan

## **Superintendents' Seminar—Leadership Essentials: 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."

## **Superintendents' Seminar—Leadership Essentials: Level Two**

### **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."

## Sunday School **Superintendents' Seminar—How to Grow Your Sunday School Exponentially: Level Three**

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.

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

**Facilitator:** Dr. LaKeisha Cook

# SYNOPSIS OF SEMINARS

## Sunday School Teachers' Seminar—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 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 course 2067, Teaching Adults (Level Two).

**Lecturers:** Dr. Mary McConnell, Rev. Chantaye E. Knotts

**Module Facilitators:** Rev. Judith Lester, Ms. Sheryl McDowney, Ms. Lillian Holmes

## Teachers' Seminar—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"

### MODULE TRACK TOPICS:

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

### LECTURE TOPICS:

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

### MODULE TRACK TOPICS:

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

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

## Sunday School Teachers' Seminar—Essentials of Teaching—Maximizing Your Curriculum: Level Three

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.

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

**Facilitator:** Dr. Michelle Thiery

# SYNOPSIS OF CLASSES

## CHURCH LEADERSHIP DIVISION

### PASTORS' AND MINISTERS' SUBDIVISION

This section 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 one of our venerable NBCUSAI pastors of the age.

The Pastor's Alternative for Teacher Certification (PATC) Program is designed to provide an avenue for teacher certification for pastors with at least three years of pastoral experience. The Pastor's Advanced Training Program (PATP) is an advanced study program intended for pastors who have completed Pastor's Alternative Certification (PATC). Pastors certified through the PATC program have this option to continue their Christian Education growth. A pastor may attend these courses for general continuing education without enrolling for credit hours in the PATC program of study.

#### **MORNING CLASSES**

##### **1079—Survey of John (New Testament Studies)**

This course will identify the specific features that characterized John's gospel and distinguishes it from the Synoptic Gospels, with emphasis on John's understanding of the life, and ministry of Jesus Christ. Students will be provided with tools and resources for teaching a Survey of John.

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

##### **The Issues Surrounding the Church and Politics: Maintaining a Prophetic Voice in Times of Political Uncertainty (PATP)**

This course will address the issues surrounding the church and politics, in general, and the African-American church in particular. The absence of the prophetic pulpit in addressing the concerns that challenge our people today will be covered 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. Robert C. Scott, Charlotte, NC

##### **Pastor's Alternative for Teacher Certification (PATC)**

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

##### **1056—Survey of Jonah (Old Testament Studies)**

This study will examine the Old Testament prophetic book that exhibits God's love for all people—Pagans and Gentiles, as well as His chosen people. Students will learn the message of salvation and its availability for all people.

**Instructor:** Dr. Stanley T. Hillard, Houston, TX



# SYNOPSIS OF CLASSES

## **9921—Pastoral Leadership in Financing and Budgeting the Work of the Church (PATP)**

This course will present a practical approach to financing and budgeting the work of the church; and, guide the students through basic practices and requirements for the responsible use of financial resources. The course will present new ideas, confirm standard practices, and help the pastor to avoid common management errors.

**Instructor:** Rev. Leslie Stratton, Hendersonville, TN

## **Reaching the Unchurched: Pathway to Church Growth (PATP)**

This course 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. Credit Option: This course will be accepted as an equivalency credit for course 9924, Congregational Leadership in the Twenty-first Century.

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

## **Running on Empty: Overcoming and Avoiding Ministerial Burnout (PATP)**

This course will examine the personal and professional demands of church leadership on the life of the pastor. The participants will look at the cause and effect of ministerial burnout, the need to care for self, and offer strategies that will enable pastors to renew and replenish their own spiritual energy. This course will be accepted as an equivalency credit for course 9902—The Spiritual Life of the Minister.

**Instructor:** Dr. Nevalon Mitchell Jr., Bowie, MD

## CHURCH MINISTRIES SUBDIVISION

This subdivision provides in depth opportunities for training of church leaders in specific areas of ministry in the local church. The areas of ministry highlighted for this 39th annual conference are evangelism, Christian education, Intergenerational Ministry, and Young Adult Ministry. These classes are both informational and inspirational.

### **MORNING CLASSES**

#### **Evangelism Ministry: Equipping and Engaging a New Generation**

This course 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. Credit Option: This course will be accepted as an equivalency credit for course 7005, Christian Evangelism.

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

#### **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 course 2061, Millennials in Ministry.

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

# SYNOPSIS OF CLASSES

## AFTERNOON CLASSES

### **Intergenerational Ministry: Leading and Engaging Across Generations**

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 course 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. Credit Option: This course will be accepted as an equivalency credit for course SP0010, Making Christian Education a Lifelong Experience.

**Instructor:** Dr. Nathaniel Brooks, Herndon, VA

### **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

## 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 (Pastors are welcomed)**

This course is designed to help participants in knowing, understanding, and embracing their unique Baptist identity, history, doctrines, beliefs, and wonderful distinctive. The course will introduce students to a new and improved Living the Baptist Faith (formerly Baptist Training Union) series. Credit Options: This course may be accepted as an equivalency credit for Certificate of Progress Program (COPP) course 2011, Baptist Doctrine and Pastors' Advanced Training Program (PATP) course 9906, Baptist Beliefs and Practices.

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

## CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP SCHOOL 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.

## MORNING CLASSES

### **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, St. Louis, MO

# SYNOPSIS OF CLASSES

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

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

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

## **2099C—Dean Certification (Part III)**

This course will review forms and administrative procedures in the planning and supervision of the Christian Leadership School.

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

## **7014—Equipping Laypersons to Serve**

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:** Dr. Roscoe Cooper III, Richmond, VA

## **8066—Christianity and Contemporary Issues**

This course challenges 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:** Rev. Kenneth A. Allen, Omaha, NE

## **9008—Public Speaking (Speech Communications)**

This course will identify the process and principles for writing speeches and delivering them in public. It will relay basic verbal and nonverbal communications skills to enable the students to effectively communicate with audiences of all sizes. (Teacher Certification Requirement)

**Instructor:** Dr. Carolyn L. Gordon, Benoit, MS

## **AFTERNOON CLASSES**

### **1112—Survey of Revelation**

This course will explore the book of Revelation, with emphases on authorship, date, theme, and recipients. Prophetic themes, symbols and interpretations of various revelations will be discussed. (Phase 4)

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

### **2007—Christian Stewardship**

This course will cover the basics of Christian stewardship—time, talent, and tithe. Students will begin to understand how to effectively manage their resources through a better understanding of the spiritual principles, practices, and contributions of Christian stewardship. (Phase 2)

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

# SYNOPSIS OF CLASSES

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

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

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

## **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

## **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 believers, while looking at the overall examples of Jesus. Students will study discipleship methods of Jesus and the difference between discipleship and membership.

**Instructor:** Dr. Paul R. Lee, Philadelphia, PA

## **8035—The 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. The course also discusses the role of the African-American church in the struggle for the liberation of people. (Phase 4)

**Instructor:** Rev. Thomas N. 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**

### **SP0018—Spiritual Leadership**

This course will use biblical principles to assist ministry leaders in the development of effective leadership practices that are in keeping with biblical teachings. (Church Administration and Leadership)

**Instructor:** Dr. Abraham Robinson, Ocala, FL

### **SP0002—Hermeneutics**

This course should help students know and use proper tools for biblical interpretation. Students will be introduced to different forms of writings in the Scriptures as well as how they are to be understood in both historical and contemporary contexts. (Biblical and Theological studies)

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



# SYNOPSIS OF CLASSES

## AFTERNOON CLASSES

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

This course focuses on the Christ of the Scriptures. Students will examine the Scriptures, from the book of Genesis to that of Revelation, to see how the biblical narrative has prefigured Jesus, the Son of God, as the central focus of the Bible. (Biblical and Theological studies)

Instructor: Rev. Joseph T. Tribble, Nashville, TN

### **SP0020—Leadership Strategies**

This course seeks to bring 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

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## MORNING/AFTERNOON INTENSIVE

### **CLS Dean Certification Fast Track Option**

#### **Principles and Procedures for Deans of Christian Education**

The CLS Dean Certification Fast Track is designed 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, 2017 – September 30, 2017. Participants will need to meet the following requirements:

Have completed COPP, PATP, or have a Bible College or Seminary degree (Submit your Transcript Evaluation to the Division of Christian Education with registration.)

Complete the Student Recommendation Form

Complete all pre-work assignments prior to the Conference

Complete all assignments and testing during the Conference

Purchase the CLS Manual and a subscription to the Christian Education Informer

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

Dr. Carolyn C. Walker, Chicago, IL

# HOUSING INFORMATION

The 39th 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 website: [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. The hotel reservation deadline is **October 25, 2017**. 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	Sinlge/Double	Contact Information
Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center	Connected	\$149.00 + 15.25% Tax	2800 Opryland Dr. Nashville, TN 37214 877.382.7299 or 615.889.1000

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## WHO IS THE CONFERENCE FOR?

The Conference will serve:

- Pastors
- Christian educators
- Sunday School workers
- Seminary and college students
- Church auxiliary leaders
- Ministry Volunteers
- And many others...

## CONNECT OVER COFFEE, CONVERSATION AND DESSERT

Join us on Sunday for a pre-conference gathering. Connect with peers and chat with SSPB staffers.

## 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.

## CONFERENCE ONLINE

Access event information including course descriptions, schedules, and room locations via the internet.

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY—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, November 29, 2017 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 2017 are invited to participate. 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 Conference. 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.

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## EQUIVALENCY CREDITS

Students may choose to enroll in a class that carries equivalency credit for another course. When meeting the requirements of a 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 for a COPP credit.

## NATIONAL CONGRESS DEAN'S ORIENTATION

The National Congress Dean's Orientation, to be held Wednesday from 12:00 noon. –1:00 p.m., is designed to provide in-service training for instructors, lecturers, and staff who serve in the National Congress of Christian Education. Theme writers will present an overview of the Congress theme.

## 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.

Note: 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 each day of the conference.

## GROUND TRANSPORTATION

Nashville International Airport is only ten minutes away via a complimentary 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 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.

## PARKING

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

## GETTING AROUND BY RENTAL CAR

Hertz Car Rental	Contact: (800) 704-4473
National Car Rental	Contact: (844) 393-9989
Avis Rent-a-Car	Contact: (888) 583-6369
Enterprise Rent-a-Car	Contact: (855) 266-9565

## CONTACT US

If you have any questions, and you can't find the answers on the Website, please call us at 1.800.359.9398 or e-mail 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. 5795 or 5771 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, 2017. Early registration must be completed online ([www.sspbnbc.com](http://www.sspbnbc.com)) or sent via mail (postmarked) by September 30, 2017.

## **REGULAR REGISTRATION**

Regular online and mail-in registration begin October 1, 2017. The cutoff date for regular registration is November 10, 2017 (for online and mail-in registration).

## **ONSITE REGISTRATION**

Onsite registration begins Sunday, November 26 through Monday, November 27, 2017.

## **CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY**

Please notify SSPB immediately of a cancellation. The registration fee will be refunded less than 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.

# REGISTRATION FEES

**PLEASE NOTE: PLENARY REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE.**

You will not need to register for the Plenary Session if you have registered for a class or seminar. If you are registering for one of the seminars, you will not be able to register for a class.

EARLY REGISTRATION: JUNE 1, 2017–SEPTEMBER 30, 2017		PRICING	REGULAR REGISTRATION: OCTOBER 1, 2017–NOVEMBER 10, 2017		PRICING
Breakfast		\$60.00	Breakfast		\$60.00
Lunch		\$60.00	Lunch		\$60.00
Plenary Session Only (required of all non-class and seminar attendees)		\$75.00	Plenary Session Only (required of all non-class and seminar attendees)		\$75.00
Continuing Education Unit		\$50.00	Continuing Education Unit		\$50.00
VBS Lunch and Learn		\$75.00	VBS Lunch and Learn		\$75.00
Aspiring Writers Lunch and Learn		\$75.00	Aspiring Writers Lunch and Learn		\$75.00
Emerging Technology and the Church Lunch and Learn		\$75.00	Emerging Technology and the Church Lunch and Learn		\$75.00
1 Class		\$135.00	1 Class		\$160.00
2 Classes		\$200.00	2 Classes		\$225.00
PATC and One Class		\$225.00	PATC and One Class		\$225.00
CLS Dean's Fast Track		\$200.00			
Ministry Leadership Seminars		\$160.00	Ministry Leadership Seminars		\$185.00

Use Coupon Code **SSPB2017** to receive the discount when registering for two classes in both early and regular registration.

**SELECT THE PROGRAM/SEMINAR IN WHICH YOU ARE ENROLLED**

☐ MINISTRY LEADERSHIP SEMINARS

☐ COPP

☐ SPECIALIZATION

☐ CLS

☐ PATC

☐ DEAN CERTIFICATION FAST TRACK

☐ PATP

IS THIS YOUR FIRST TIME ATTENDING?

☐ YES ☐ NO

WHAT IS YOUR AGE GROUP?

☐ 20-40 ☐ 41-60 ☐ 61-80 ☐ 80 AND ABOVE

# REGISTRATION FORM

## REGISTRATION [ONE PER ATTENDEE]

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 emailed to the email address provided on the registration form unless notified otherwise. You may register online at [www.sspbnbc.com](http://www.sspbnbc.com). NOTE: A \$25 service charge will be applied to checks returned for insufficient funds. **(Complete the CLS Dean information only if you are enrolled or plan to enroll in COPP.)**

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

### PAYMENT INFORMATION

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NAME ON CARD		
CARD NUMBER	EXP. DATE	SIGNATURE
CREDIT CARD BILLING ADDRESS		

# COURSE SELECTION

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

## OPTIONS:

1. You may select a **Ministry Leadership Seminar**; or
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 School (CLS) Divisions].

### OPTION 1: Ministry Leadership Seminar

- ☐ Deacons' Ministry Seminar
- ☐ Deacons' Ministry Advanced Leadership Seminar
- ☐ Trustees' Ministry Seminar
- ☐ Organizing and Maintaining Welcoming Ministries Seminar (Ushers/Greeters)
- ☐ Building Healthy Families and Marriages 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 a module/track.**)

#### Modules/Track

- ☐ 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 -Level II (**Choose a module/track.**)

#### Modules/Track

- ☐ Equipping Today's Children and Youth Sunday School Teacher
- ☐ Equipping Today's Adult Sunday School Teacher
- ☐ Teachers' Seminar: Maximizing Your Curriculum-Level III

### OPTION 2: Dean Certification Fast Track

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

### OPTION 3: Classes

#### CHURCH LEADERSHIP DIVISION

##### PASTORS' AND MINISTERS' SUBDIVISION

#### MORNING CLASSES

- ☐ 1079—Survey of John (New Testament Studies)
- ☐ The Issues Surrounding the Church and Politics: Maintaining a Prophetic Voice in Times of Political Uncertainty
- ☐ Pastors' Alternative for Teacher Certification

#### AFTERNOON CLASSES

- ☐ 1056—Survey of Jonah (Old Testament Studies)
- ☐ 9921—Pastoral Leadership in Financing and Budgeting the Work of the Church
- ☐ Reaching the Unchurched: Pathway to Church Growth
- ☐ Running on Empty: Overcoming and Avoiding Ministerial Burnout



# COURSE SELECTION

## CHURCH MINISTRIES SUBDIVISION

### **MORNING CLASSES**

- ☐ Evangelism Ministry
- ☐ Young Adult Ministry

### **AFTERNOON CLASSES**

- ☐ Intergenerational Ministry
- ☐ Christian Education Ministry

## CURRICULUM SUBDIVISION

### **AFTERNOON CLASSES**

- ☐ Living the Baptist Faith

## CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP SCHOOL DIVISION (CLS)

## CERTIFICATION SUBDIVISION

### **MORNING CLASSES**

- ☐ 2097—Rethinking Christian Education for Contemporary Innovations
- ☐ 2099B—Dean Certification (Part II)
- ☐ 2099C—Dean Certification (Part III)
- ☐ 7014—Equipping Laypersons to Serve
- ☐ 8066—Christianity and Contemporary Issues
- ☐ 9008—Public Speaking

### **AFTERNOON CLASSES**

- ☐ 1112—Survey of Revelation
- ☐ 2007—Christian Stewardship
- ☐ 2099D—Dean Certification (Part IV)
- ☐ 2100—Guidelines for Recertification of Deans
- ☐ 7010 – Introduction to Christian Discipleship
- ☐ 8035—The African-American Church and Social Justice

## SPECIALIZATION EDUCATION STUDIES PROGRAM SUBDIVISION

### **MORNING CLASSES**

- ☐ SP0002—Hermeneutics
- ☐ SP0018—Spiritual Leadership

### **AFTERNOON CLASSES**

- ☐ SP0004—The Centrality of Christ in the Scriptures
- ☐ SP0020—Leadership Strategies

## **LUNCH AND LEARN WORKSHOPS**

- ☐ Workshop 1: Vacation Bible School
- ☐ Workshop 2: Aspiring Writers'
- ☐ Workshop 3: Emerging Technology and the Church

# 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.<sup>1</sup>

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

### CONTACT INFORMATION :

\_\_\_\_\_  
PLEASE PRINT NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
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

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DEAN NUMBER

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

A certified dean must sign this recommendation below.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

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



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