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ABOUT **THE CONFERENCE**

The *Forty-first Annual SSPB Conference* will convene December 2-4, 2019, at Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center in Nashville, Tennessee. The conference attracts participants from all over the U.S.A. Over its 40-year history, the *Conference* has proven itself as a premier gathering of thousands of Christian educators. These pastors, teachers, church leaders, and people with a passion for the work in Christian Education come together to take part in educating, celebrating, and collaborating towards God's reign in our lives.

Our theme for this year is “The Prophetic Call of the Beloved Community: Engaging the Culture through Transformational Love and Justice.” We continue equipping today's church with a clarion call to the Beloved Community—the community of faith.

The Beloved Community is called to Love (John 13:35).

The Beloved Community is called to Personal Transformation (Romans 12:1-2).

The Beloved Community is called to Social Justice (Micah 6:8).

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

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

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

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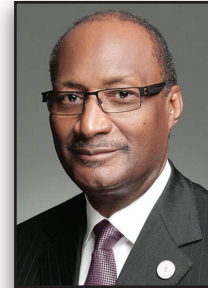
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DECEMBER 2019 CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
1	2	3	4
2:00 PM–7:00 PM Registration	6:00 AM–6:00 PM Registration	7:00 AM–9:30 AM Concurrent Class Sessions	7:00 AM–9:30 AM Concurrent Class Sessions
	7:00 AM–9:30 AM Concurrent Class Sessions	7:30 AM–9:30 AM Church Ministry Leadership Seminars	7:30 AM–9:30 AM Church Ministry Leadership Seminars
	7:30 AM–9:30 AM Church Ministry Leadership Seminars	10:15 AM Lecture	10:15 AM Lecture
	10:15 AM Lecture	11:00 AM Sermon	11:00 AM Sermon
	11:00 AM Sermon	12:00 PM–1:00 PM Lunch and Learn Workshops	12:00 PM–1:00 PM Lunch and Learn Workshops
	12:00 PM–1:00 PM Lunch and Learn Workshops	1:30 PM–4:00 PM Concurrent Class Sessions	1:30 PM – 4:00 PM Concurrent Class Sessions
	1:30 PM–4:00 PM Concurrent Class Sessions	1:30 PM–4:30 PM Church Ministry Leadership Seminars	1:30 PM – 4:30 PM Church Ministry Leadership Seminars
	1:30 PM–4:30 PM Church Ministry Leadership Seminars	7:00 PM Evening Worship	7:00 PM Commencement
	7:00 PM Evening Worship		

COURSE, SEMINAR **AND WORKSHOP OFFERINGS**

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Pastors' and Ministers' Subdivision

From Jim Crow Past to Jim Crow Present (Micah 6:8)
Kingdom Growth: Asking the Tough Questions, Non-Traditional Answers
Pastoral Care and Counseling
Pastor's Alternative for Teacher Certification
Prophetic Preaching: Speaking Truth to Power
The Emotional Healthy Leader: Withstanding the Pressures of Leadership
The Next Generation of Leaders (NGL)

Church Ministries Subdivision

Christian Education Ministry
Developing Women's Ministry Leadership
Emerging Technology and the Church
Intergenerational Church Leadership
Leadership Discovery: Your Unique Call to Serve
Spiritual Disciplines: Sacred Practices That Transform One's Everyday Life
Relational Children's Ministry: Turning Kids Influencers into Life-long Disciple Makers
Sustainable Gospel-Centered Youth Ministry
The Christian Education Director
Women Embracing Grace: Transforming the Lives of Women
Worship Leader and Music Ministry
Young Adult Ministry

Curriculum Subdivision

Living the Baptist Faith

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

Certification Subdivision

- 1061—Survey of Haggai
- 1075—The Synoptic Gospels
- 1104 —The Book of James
- 2097—Rethinking Christian Education for Contemporary Innovations
- 2099A—Dean Certification (Part I)
- 2099B—Dean Certification (Part II)
- 2099C—Dean Certification (Part III)
- 2099D—Dean Certification (Part IV)
- 2100—Guidelines for Recertification of Deans
- 3008—Theology and History of Christianity
- 7024—Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts

Specialization Education Studies Subdivision

- SP0001—Understanding the Bible
- SP0015—Church Administration
- SP0021—Conflict Management in the Ministry
- SP0005—Christian Apologetics
- SP0020—Leadership Strategies

CHURCH MINISTRY LEADERSHIP SEMINARS

- Deacons' Ministry Seminar
- Organizing and Maintaining Successful Welcoming Ministries Seminar
- Preparing for, Building, and Strengthening Healthy Christian Marriages Seminar
- Trustees' Ministry Seminar
- Sunday School Superintendents' Seminars
- Sunday School Teachers' Seminars

LUNCH AND LEARN WORKSHOPS

- Transformative FAITH Sunday School Workshop
- Vacation Bible School Workshop
- Aspiring Writers' Workshop
- Church Safety and Security Workshop
- What Does Your Financial Journey Look Like?

SYNOPSIS OF CLASSES

CHURCH LEADERSHIP DIVISION

PASTORS' AND MINISTERS' SUBDIVISION

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

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

MORNING CLASSES

From Jim Crow Past to Jim Crow Present (PATP)

The class will enable the church to understand and address new forms of segregation rooted in the racial disparities in the criminal justice system that have resulted in the criminalization and mass incarceration of people of color. For example, across the country, African Americans are incarcerated in state prisons at a rate that is five to one time the rate for whites even though, contrary to popular belief, members of the African American population are not committing more crimes. How should or does the church fulfill Micah 6:8 within this reality? **Credit Option:** 9922, The History and Continuing Role of the African American Church in America.

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

Kingdom Growth: Asking the Tough Questions, Non-Traditional Answers (PATP)

This class will focus on the principles of building the Kingdom of God through the ministry of the Church. Students will address declining church culture, moving from church growth to kingdom growth, shifting from planning to preparation, and the need for adaptive leadership. **Credit Option:** 7001, Building Healthy Churches.

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

Pastor's Alternative for Teacher Certification (PATC)

This course is designed to provide an avenue for teacher certification for pastors with at least three to five years of pastoral experience. Admission into the program requires a letter from the church that verifies five years in the pastorate, or letters from two or more churches that constitute three to five years of pastoral experience. The course consists of an orientation to the work of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., The Sunday School Publishing Board, and the Division of Christian Education. A cursory examination of creative ways of teaching is a part of this course instruction.

Instructor: Rev. Carlos Williams, Chattanooga, TN

The Emotional Healthy Leader: Withstanding the Pressures of Leadership (PATP)

This course will explore the dimensions of spirituality that should characterize the life of the faithful minister. Students will deal with the connectedness of the preacher's devotional life, leadership tasks, relationships, and find ways to transform the inner life; thus, leading a transforming church. **Credit Option:** SP0019, Overcoming Leadership Distress.

Instructor: Dr. Paul Lee, Philadelphia, PA

AFTERNOON JOINT SESSION

Pastoral Leadership Joint Session: Engaging the Wisdom of the Elders

This session is designed to engage in conversation with venerated pastors across the generations. Topics will include mentoring the next generation of pastors and congregational leaders and preaching and pastoring the next generation.

Facilitators: Dr. Marvin McMickle, Rochester, NY and Dr. Marcus D. Cosby, Houston, TX

AFTERNOON CLASSES

Pastoral Care and Counseling (PATP)

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

Instructor: Dr. Nevalon Mitchell, Bowie, MD

Prophetic Preaching: Speaking Truth to Power (PATP)

Prophetic Preaching focuses on preaching in a time of political instability, social unrest, racial division, and the uncertainties of vulnerable groups in the world.

Instructor: Dr. Marvin McMickle, Rochester, NY

The Next Generation of Leaders (PATP)

The NGL course is designed to cultivate the next generation of Christian leaders. This seminar will discuss practical matters as church administration, staff relationships, community leadership, ministerial ethics, work with congregational leadership, and review the traditional and the contemporary roles of associate and assistant ministers. **Credit Options:** 9911, The Role of the Associate/Assistant Minister or 9912, Seminar for Young Ministers.

Instructor: Dr. Christopher Davis, Memphis, TN

CHURCH MINISTRIES SUBDIVISION

The Church Ministries Subdivision provides in-depth opportunities for training of church leaders in specific areas of ministry in the local church. Lectures and workshop modules will be used to maximize timely information and subject materials. These classes are both informational and inspirational.

MORNING CLASSES

Emerging Technology and the Church

Church websites, apps, live streaming, digital curriculum, online giving, and podcasts are but a few of the new way's churches are using technology. How can your church utilize technology to meet the needs of your current members and gain new ones? This course 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. **Credit Option:** SP0029, www.Ministry.com.

Facilitators: Mrs. LaShell Currie, Norfolk, VA and Ms. Keisha Reynolds, Norfolk, VA

Leadership Discovery: Your Unique Call to Serve

This course will address the following questions: How do I know if and where I am called to? What are the competencies and giftings necessary to be an effective leader? What is and how do I exercise adaptive leadership? This seminar will offer a variety of practical tips and suggestions to help you understand, develop, and guard your call to ministry leadership. It will equip you to live out your calling and help others do the same. **Credit Options:** 5007, Leading Change or 5001, Introduction to Leadership.

Instructor: Dr. Christopher Davis, Memphis, TN

Spiritual Disciplines: Sacred Practices That Transform One's Everyday Life

Looking at the three movements of the Spirit, this class will show how each these areas contribute to a balanced spiritual life. The inward Disciplines like prayer, fasting, and meditation offer avenues for personal examination. The outward Disciplines like solitude, service, and simplicity help make us and the world a better place. The corporate Disciplines like confession and worship bring us nearer to one another and God. **Credit Option:** 6021 Spiritual Formation

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

Relational Children’s Ministry: Turning Kids Influencers into Life-long Disciple Makers

Recent research has shown a startling lack of long-term growth in the faith community as children progress through youth ministries into adulthood. This course seeks to reverse this trend by equipping children’s ministry leaders, volunteers, and supporters with practical tools to disrupt the status quo approach to discipleship with children and realign their ministries for greater long-term impact. **Credit Option:** 2026, The Church’s Teaching Ministry to Children.

Instructor: Rev. Amanda Haines, Norfolk, VA

2096—The Christian Education Director

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

Instructor: Dr. Albertine Marshall, Atlanta, GA

Women Embracing Grace: Transforming the Lives of Women

One must show grace to self before showing grace to others. Participants will focus on biblical, practical strategies women’s ministry can use to help others fulfill their God-given potential and lead a transforming life. **Credit Option:** 7018, How to Become a Strong, Christian Black Woman.

Instructor: Sharon Caldwell, M.D., Nashville, TN

AFTERNOON CLASSES

Christian Education Ministry

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:** 6013, Organizing the Church for Christian Education.

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

Developing Women’s Ministry Leadership

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

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

Intergenerational Church Leadership: Modeling Collective Leadership Across All Generations

Drawing on the lessons of leaders and churches that have already discovered ways to work effectively with multigenerational ministry teams, this leadership training course will explore and help you implement proven, practical techniques for thriving in the five-generational church. Join us for a highly interactive, fun, learning experience where you will discover and apply best practices for managing all the generations in today's ocean of talent that join our churches! **Credit Option:** SP0010, Making Christian Education a Lifelong Experience.

Instructor: Dr. Nathaniel Brooks, Birmingham, AL

Sustainable Gospel-Centered Youth Ministry

The Sustainable Gospel-Centered Youth Ministries is a how-to class that offers guidance related to every facet of youth ministry, from planning short-term mission trips to working with parents. Theologically rooted yet eminently practical, this class will equip youth leaders to effectively shepherd the young people under their care by training them to live faithfully in their homes, churches, and schools. **Credit Option:** 8015, The Work of the Youth Director.

Instructor: Rev. Amanda Haines, Norfolk, VA

Worship Leader and Music Ministry

The Worship Leader and Music Ministry course will explore the role of the worship leader and discuss types of music and other Christian art forms for worship. **Credit Option:** SP0030, Christian Worship.

Instructor: Dr. Nathan Johnson, Detroit, MI

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. **Credit Options:** 2060, Reaching and Keeping Those Under 40 or 2061, Millennials in Ministry.

Instructor: Rev. Nicole Guns, Norfolk, VA

CURRICULUM SUBDIVISION

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

AFTERNOON CLASS

Living the Baptist Faith

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

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

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP DIVISION

CERTIFICATION SUBDIVISION

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

MORNING CLASSES

1061—Survey of Haggai

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

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

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. Carolyn C. Walker, Chicago, IL

2099A—Dean Certification (Part I)

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

Instructor: Dr. Roberta Hatcher, Augusta, GA

2099C—Dean Certification (Part III)

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

Instructor: Dr. Abraham Robinson, Ocala, FL

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: Dr. Edward Williamson, White Plains, NY

AFTERNOON CLASSES

1075—The Synoptic Gospels

This course will focus on the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Students will study the life and ministry of Jesus Christ as portrayed by these three writers. Through this comparative study, students will gain a more comprehensive understanding of Jesus' ministry.

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

1104 —The Book of James

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

Instructor: Rev. Terrance Chandler Harrison, Nashville, TN

2099B—Dean Certification (Part II)

This course will review the step-by-step procedures for accrediting Christian leadership schools, beginning with Step 1 (selecting and certifying a dean) and continuing through Step 13 (completing and submitting the final report), together with the dean's annual report to the state director. The concept of the dean of record will be introduced to the student, along with a clear explanation of the certificate and specialization programs.

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

2099D—Dean Certification (Part IV)

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

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

3008—Theology and History of Christianity

This course will outline the development of the Christian movement from the beginning of Jesus' ministry on Earth to present times. Focus on the history, theology, culture, and times that enable Christianity to develop and grow. Prominent persons who influenced the Christian movement will be identified.

Instructor: Dr. Robert Scott, Charlotte, NC

7024—Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts

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

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

SPECIALIZATION EDUCATION STUDIES SUBDIVISION

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

MORNING CLASSES

SP0001—Understanding the Bible

This course will provide the student with a historical overview of the origin and purpose of the Bible. Students will discover the purpose of both the Old and New Testament. **Credit Option:** 1004 Effective Bible Reading.

Instructor: Dr. Johnny Flakes III, Columbus, GA

SP0015—Church Administration

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

Instructor: Rev. Leslie Stratton, Hendersonville, TN

SP0021—Conflict Management in the 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: Rev. Rory L. Thompson, Houston, TX

AFTERNOON CLASSES

SP0005—Christian Apologetics

This study will focus on the importance of students' being able to defend their faith at all times. This course will help students to focus on their faith and, at the same time, understand enough of other belief systems to be able to effectively engage in evangelism and outreach.

Instructor: Rev. Joseph Tribble, Nashville, TN

SP0020—Leadership Strategies

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

Instructor: Dr. Rene` Brown, Baton Rouge, LA

CHURCH MINISTRY **LEADERSHIP SEMINARS**

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

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

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

Deacons' Ministry Seminar

Organizing and Maintaining Successful Welcoming Ministries Seminar

Preparing for, Building, and Strengthening Healthy Christian Marriages Seminar

Trustees' Ministry Seminar

Sunday School Superintendents' Seminars: Essentials of Leadership

Sunday School Teachers' Seminars: Essentials of Teaching

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

SYNOPSIS OF SEMINARS

Deacons' Ministry Seminar

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

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

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

Organizing and Maintaining Successful Welcoming Ministries Seminar

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

maintain processes of follow-up, invitation, and intentional connection with guests and newcomers. **Credit Option:** This seminar will be accepted as an equivalency credit for course 8017, The Ministry of Church Ushering.

Facilitator: Rev. Vernessa Barnes, Birmingham, AL

Preparing for, Building, and Strengthening Healthy Christian Marriages Seminar

This seminar is designed to assist persons who desire to more effectively reach and minister to couples in their local congregations. The seminar will address essentials for meaningful pre-engagement and pre-marital preparation, post-marriage coaching, developing and strengthening married couples' ministries, as well as establishing and planning successful married couples retreats and workshops.

Credit Options: This seminar will be accepted as an equivalency credit for course 8046, Maintaining a Good Marriage and a Strong Family or 8037, Administering the Family Ministry Program.

Facilitator: Dr. Christopher Jackson, Nashville, TN

Trustees' Ministry Seminar

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

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

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

Sunday School Superintendents' Seminars

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

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.

Essentials of Leadership: Level One

Lecture Topics:

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

Module Topics:

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

Credit Option: This seminar will be accepted as an equivalency credit for Course 6018, Organizing the Church School/Sunday School (Level One).

Lecturer/Facilitator: Rev. Derrick M. Hammond, Oak Ridge, TN, and Dr. Wilma N. Bachus, Kansas City, KS

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

Lecture Topics:

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

Module Topics:

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

Credit Option: This seminar will be accepted as an equivalency credit for Course SP0008, Christian Education Ministry to the Whole Church (Level Two).

Lecturer/Facilitator: Dr. Michael O. Minor, Memphis, TN, and Rev. Chantaye E. Knotts, Huntsville AL

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

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

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

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

Sunday School Teachers’ Seminars

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

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.

Essentials of Teaching: Level One

Lecture Topics:

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

Age-Level Track Options:

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

Credit Option: This seminar will be accepted as an equivalency credit for course 2023, Creative Ways of Teaching.

Facilitator: Mrs. Sheryl McDowney, Richmond, VA

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

Credit Option: This seminar will be accepted as an equivalency credit for course 2023, Creative Ways of Teaching.

Facilitator: Dr. Mary E. McConnell, Kansas City, KS

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

Lecture Topics:

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

Age-Level Track Options:

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

Credit Option: This seminar will be accepted as an equivalency credit for course 2022, Teaching Your Teachers to Teach.

Facilitator: Rev. Judith T. Lester, Brookfield, WS

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

Credit Option: This seminar will be accepted as an equivalency credit for course 2022, Teaching Your Teachers to Teach.

Facilitator: Mrs. Lillian Holmes, Omaha, NE

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

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

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

Facilitator: Ms. Michelle Thierry, Clayton, NC

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 Included

Transformative FAITH Sunday School Workshop

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

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

Vacation Bible School Workshop

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

Facilitator: Rev. Joe Ella Darby, SSPB VBS Coordinator

Aspiring Writers' Workshop

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

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

Church Safety and Security Workshop

Today, violence in churches is on the rise and church leaders are looking for ways to improve their ability to respond to these threats. Are you ready if it happens in your church? Recent events, and others, have brought forward the urgency for churches to equip “Watchmen” and “Gatekeepers” to respond to threats aimed at their congregation. The Church Safety and Security Workshop will train, educate, and prepare individuals on the basic needs for the safety of your church.

Facilitator: Assistant Chief Travis J. Cox, Florida Professional Emergency Manager, Jacksonville, FL

What Does Your Financial Journey Look Like?

COME TO THE LUNCH AND LEARN WITH MMBB AND FIND OUT!

(The Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board)

Money talks, but talking about money is hard. But, at MMBB that is our specialty, particularly when it comes to developing a pastoral budget, clergy compensation, taxes, and retirement planning. During our Lunch and Learn sessions we will discuss these topics as well as debt management and how to develop a spending plan. Our Lunch and Learn workshops are for clergy and lay leaders. (No fee to attend)

Facilitators: Dr. Patricia Hunter, Seattle, WA; Rev. Clifford Morgan, Aurora, CO; Dr. Bill Foster, Chicago, IL

HOUSING INFORMATION

The 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—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 October 30, 2019. Hotel cancellations must be received three (3) business days before the reservation date.

In-room amenities will include the following:

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

Headquarters Hotel Name	Distance to Conference Center	Single/Double Occupancy	Contact Information
Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center	Connected	\$163.00 + 15.25% Tax	2800 Opryland Drive Nashville, TN 36214 877.382.7299 or 615.889.1000

GENERAL INFORMATION

CONFERENCE ONLINE

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

CONFERENCE ORIENTATION

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

COMMENCEMENT SERVICE

The commencement service will be held Wednesday, December 4, 2019, 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 2019 are invited to participate. Graduation participants are to wear black. Please check with the Division of Christian Education Accreditation and Credentials for additional information.

SPECIAL MEAL PACKAGE OPTION

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

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.).

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

Nashville International Airport is only ten minutes away via a 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 a pickup. Then proceed to the pickup area which is one level down at ground transportation.

COURTESY CARS

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

PARKING

The parking rate for our guests will be \$10.00 (self-parking rate) per day.

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

REGISTRATION **INFORMATION**

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

EARLY REGISTRATION

Early registration begins June 15 through September 30, 2019. Early registration must be completed online (www.sspbnbc.com) or sent via mail (postmarked) by September 30, 2019.

REGULAR REGISTRATION

Regular online and mail-in registrations begin October 1, 2019. The cutoff date for regular registration is November 10, 2019 (for online and mail-in registrations).

ONSITE REGISTRATION

Onsite registration begins Sunday, December 1 through Monday, December 2, 2019.

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 via email, fax or mail. **Refunds will be distributed after the conference only.**

PRICING INFORMATION

Early Registration June 15 – Sep 30, 2019	Pricing		Regular Registration Oct 1 – Nov 10, 2019	Pricing	
1 Class	\$135.00		1 Class	\$160.00	
2 Classes	\$200.00		2 Classes	\$225.00	
PATC	\$160.00		PATC	\$185.00	
PATC and 1 Class	\$225.00		PATC and 1 Class	\$250.00	
Church Ministry Leadership Seminar	\$135.00		Church Ministry Leadership Seminar	\$160.00	
Plenary Session	\$75.00		Plenary Session	\$75.00	
Continuing Education Unit	\$50.00		Continuing Education Unit	\$50.00	
Breakfast and Lunch—Mon-Wed (Special Savings Meal Deal)	\$130.00		Breakfast and Lunch—Mon-Wed (Special Savings Meal Deal)	\$130.00	
Breakfast Meal—Mon-Wed	\$75.00		Breakfast Meal—Mon-Wed	\$75.00	
Lunch Meal—Mon-Wed	\$75.00		Lunch Meal—Mon-Wed	\$75.00	
Lunch and Learn Workshop (includes a boxed lunch daily.) <input type="checkbox"/> Transformative FAITH Sunday School Workshop <input type="checkbox"/> VBS <input type="checkbox"/> Aspiring Writers <input type="checkbox"/> Church Safety and Security <input type="checkbox"/> MMBB (Pastors/no fee)	\$80.00		Lunch and Learn Workshop (includes a boxed lunch daily.) <input type="checkbox"/> Transformative FAITH Sunday School Workshop <input type="checkbox"/> VBS <input type="checkbox"/> Aspiring Writers <input type="checkbox"/> Church Safety and Security <input type="checkbox"/> MMBB (Pastors/no fee)	\$80.00	
Total Amount Submitted			Total Amount Submitted		

REGISTRATION **FORM** [ONE PER CONFERE]

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

ELECT THE PROGRAM IN WHICH YOU ARE ENROLLED

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

PAYMENT INFORMATION

CHECK OR MONEY ORDER

CREDIT CARD: VISA MASTERCARD AMEX

NAME ON CARD

CARD NUMBER

EXP. DATE

VERIFICATION CODE:

SIGNATURE

CREDIT CARD BILLING ADDRESS

Course Selection Options

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

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

OPTION 1: Church Ministry Leadership Seminars

- Deacon's Ministry Seminar
- Organizing and Maintaining Successful Welcoming Ministries Seminar (Ushers/Greeters)
- Preparing for, Building, and Strengthening Healthy Christian Marriages Seminar
- Trustees' Ministry Seminar
- Superintendents' Seminar: Essentials of Leadership-Level I
- Superintendents' Seminar: Essentials of Leadership-Level II
- Superintendents' Seminar: How to Grow Your Sunday School Exponentially-Level III
- Teacher's Seminar: Essentials of Teaching-Level I (Choose Age level)
 - Children and Youth Sunday School Teacher
 - Adult Sunday School Teacher
- Teacher's Seminar: Essentials of Teaching-Level II (Choose Age level)
 - Children and Youth Sunday School Teacher
 - Adult Sunday School Teacher
- Teachers' Seminar: Maximizing Your Curriculum-Level III

OPTION 2: Courses

CHURCH LEADERSHIP DIVISION

Pastors and Ministers' Subdivision

Morning Classes

- From Jim Crow Past to Jim Crow Present (Micah 6:8)
- Kingdom Growth: Asking the Tough Questions, Non-Traditional Answers
- Pastor's Alternative for Teacher Certification (PATC)
- The Emotional Healthy Leader: Withstanding the Pressures of Leadership

Afternoon Classes

- Pastoral Care and Counseling
- Prophetic Preaching: Speaking Truth to Power
- The Next Generation of Leaders (NGL)

Church Ministries Subdivision

Morning Classes

- Emerging Technology and the Church
- Leadership Discovery: Your Unique Call to Serve
- Spiritual Disciplines: Sacred Practices That Transform One's Everyday Life
- Relational Children's Ministry: Turning Kids Influencers into Life-long Disciple Makers
- 2096—The Christian Education Director: Equipping New Leadership
- Women Embracing Grace: Transforming the Lives of Women

Afternoon Classes

- Christian Education Ministry
- Developing Women's Ministry Leadership
- Intergenerational Church Leadership
- Sustainable Gospel-Centered Youth Ministry
- Worship Leader and Music Ministry
- Young Adult Ministry

Curriculum Subdivision

Afternoon Class

- Living the Baptist Faith

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP SCHOOL DIVISION (CLS)

Certification Subdivision

Morning Classes

- 1061—Survey of Haggai
- 2097—Rethinking Christian Education for Contemporary Innovations
- 2099A—Dean Certification (Part I)
- 2099C—Dean Certification (Part III)
- 2100—Guidelines for Recertification of Deans

Afternoon Classes

- 1075 The Synoptic Gospels
- 1104—The Book of James
- 2099B—Dean Certification (Part II)
- 2099D—Dean Certification (Part IV)
- 3008 Theology and History of Christianity
- 7024—Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts

Specialization Education Studies Program Subdivision

Morning Classes

- SP0001—Understanding the Bible
- SP0015—Church Administration
- SP0021—Conflict Management in the Ministry

Afternoon Classes

- SP0005—Christian Apologetics
- SP0020—Leadership Strategies

LUNCH AND LEARN WORKSHOPS

- Transformative FAITH Workshop
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