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To Bishop James B. Walker, Lady Delois Walker, Presiding Elders, Clergy, Lay, Christian Educators, Delegates and Members:

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior!

Our Year in Review

The Regional Board of Christian Education has gone through a major overhaul of our existing practices. We entered the conference year excited about improving our ministry and extending our reach to fellow Christian Educators. A new social media presence was added as a means to connect with persons who have a heart for Christian Education but weren't plugged into the existing board. New regional monthly conference calls and newsletters allowed us to consistently share news and information about upcoming events.

In April, we sponsored a Christian Educators Institute offering training for leaders in various areas of Christian Education. For the first time in years, we distributed Annual Conference registration information during Spring Convocation. We had a department promotional table to share registration information and obtain local church Christian Education contacts. As a bonus for those churches who completed the form, we offered 3 FREE annual conference registrations.

This Week's Activities

For Annual Conference, our Christian Education program will focus on the theme **THRIVE: Digging Deep - Reaching Out**. Our team has planned a dynamic conference that will stretch us as we Dig Deep in our relationship with God and Reach Out to others. Proverbs 16:3 (AMP) declares to *"Roll your works upon the Lord [commit and trust them wholly to Him; He will cause your thoughts to become agreeable to His will, and] so shall your plans be established and succeed"*. Our main components will remain the same however, we have added a Young Adult Track, Chaperone Track, and Adult Christian Education Choir to name a few. Special attention was given to update and create forms that can be used on all levels to ensure we are covered from potential lawsuits. This year, we are introducing a permission slip, medical release form and a medical fact sheet.

Rebranding Our Ministry

A new regional Christian Education logo was designed to accompany our ministry facelift. Our logo will create a visual reminder of the foundation of our work, which is the Word of God. It's important during this overhaul to enhance our presence while embracing the department name change that was approved during General



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Our Leadership Team

During this conference year, our leadership team has experienced change and growth. Rev.

Cyreeta Collins was appointed as Regional Assistant Director which caused a vacancy in our Youth Ministry. We welcome Sis. Aunya Grimsley and Sis. Bria McCullough to the team as Co-Directors of our Youth Ministry. These two young adults come with years of experience. Sis. Grimsley currently works in the Social Service field while Sis. McCullough is a High School English Teacher. Sis. Dallis Gerald, a recent College graduate majoring in Early Childhood Education, will official serve as Assistant Director for our Children's Ministry. In an effort to equip our chaperones for Connectional Youth and Young Adult Conference 2020 (CYAC 2020) and beyond, we welcome Rev. Marilyn Gerald and Sis. Wanda Glass as Chaperone Coordinators. They will provide professional development for chaperones.

We ask that you keep our director, Rev. Dr. Weldon Thomas and family in your prayers during his time of healing. His continued mentoring and support has allowed this assistant director to assume more director responsibilities while allowing him time to focus on his health.

On behalf of Dr. Weldon Thomas and the Regional Board of Christian Education & Formation, we thank you for your continued support of our work. We are THRIVING in Christian Education while going back to the basics!

Humbly submitted by this servant leader,
Rev. Cyreeta Collins, Regional Assistant Director
on behalf of Dr. Weldon Thomas, Regional Director

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