

**Virtual 126th Annual Session
Hammond Hill Sunday School and
Congress of Christian Education
Hernando, Mississippi
July 20-23, 2020**

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Ms. Loretta Henderson-Miller, Session Dean**

 <p>Pastor Bernard Montgomery, New Bethany Afternoon Class 3:30 p.m.</p>	 <p>Pastor Callaway Bain, Mt. Olive-Horn Lake Evening Class 7:00 p.m.</p>	 <p>Sister Cathy Garrett, Ebenezer-Como Morning Class 11:30 am</p>
<p>Pastor Bernard Montgomery, President Pastor Darnell Tate, Vice President Ms. Patricia Hurt, Secretary Dr. Michael O. Minor, Dean Ms. Loretta Henderson-Miller, Session Dean</p>	<p>Hammond Hill Congress 2020</p>  <p>July 20-23, 2020 https://faithmonet.org/hammond_hill_congress For more information or to register, e-mail info@faithmonet.org or call (901) 603-0762.</p>	<p>Classes Meeting Virtually on Zoom</p> <p>Plenary Sessions on Zoom, Facebook, and YouTube</p>

National Theme:
***"Glorifying God through Our Commitment to Christ Centered
Evangelism"***
(Acts 14:21; Matthew 9:35; Romans 1:16; John 14:6)

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**Annual Congress of Christian Education
President's Letter**

July 2020

We greet you in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We're thankful to see another annual session. We thank God for blessing us with a successful session last year. We look forward to another blessed session this year as we explore our national theme as we re-commit to "Christ-centered Evangelism" this week.



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we find ourselves meeting virtually instead of face-to-face. Still, we are excited about us meeting through technology. We really thank our sponsors and partners for their financial support in this trying season. We will acknowledge each of our partners during our annual session and on our webpage.

Our "Dean Team" led by Dr. Michael O. Minor and Sister Loretta Henderson-Miller have prepared a wonderful slate of courses and seminars. Please take advantage of all the Congress has to offer including our plenary sessions. Finally, on Thursday evening, we will conclude our annual session with my annual address.

In closing, we look forward to another Spirit-led week of learning, praise, and worship. Join us as we all work together in "Sending Disciples for Christ."

Yours for the cause of Christ,

Pastor Bernard Montgomery

Your Congress President

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**Annual Congress of Christian
Education
Deans' Letter**



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Greetings in the name of our risen Savior!

We welcome you to the virtual 126th Annual Session of the Hammond Hill Sunday School and Congress of Christian Education. President Bernard Montgomery and Your “Dean Team” look forward to a great week of learning, worship, and fellowship.

In keeping with our national theme: *“Envisioning the Future Exceptionally through Our Commitment to Christ Centered Evangelism,”* our courses and addresses will focus on different aspects of Jesus’ call to Christian evangelism. In support of this theme, we have designed a supportive activities schedule. To keep our curriculum relevant, we’re offering all new adult courses and re-designed our young adult, youth, and children’s workshops to be supportive of their needs. Please refer to the course listing and descriptions for details.

Finally, we ask each of you to share about your experience this week through social media using the hashtag **#HHC2020**. We want to promote our Congress across Northwest Mississippi. Feel free to contact us with any questions or requests for additional information at (901) 826-8355, (901) 596-8362, or info@faithmonet.org.

Yours for the cause of Christ,

Dr. Michael O. Minor & Ms. Loretta Henderson-Miller
Your Congress Deans

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Congress Officers

Pastor Bernard Montgomery (New Bethany), President

Pastor Darnell (Free Grace), Vice President

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 Ms. Markisha Hudson (The Hill-Hernando), Liturgical Dance Coordinator

Dr. Michael O. Minor (The Hill-Hernando), Dean

Ms. Loretta Henderson-Miller (Prince of Peace), Session Dean

Associate Dean: Pastor Dorothy Jones (New Faith Bible)

H.O.P.E. Health Coordinator: Ms. Minnie Wilkinson (The Hill-Hernando)

Classification Secretary: Ms. Annette Dunbar (Pleasant Hill)

Annual Awards and Recognition Opportunities

Attendance Awards. The top five participating churches are given awards for overall attendance, youth, and seniors.

Deacon Dan Robinson Leadership Award. One Christian educator from one of the member churches or supporting entities are recognized for outstanding service in the cause of Christian education. The award is named after the first president of the Sate Congress. **Sponsored by New Hope-Walls.**

Dean C J Thomas Christian Educator of the Year Award. This award is given to an exemplary Christian education instructor from one of the member churches or supporting entities. **Sponsored by Mid-South Churches Cooperative Conference State Convention.**

Professor Clifton L. Moseley Outstanding Service Award. A Christian educator from one of the member churches or supporting entities is recognized for outstanding service in the cause of Christian education. **Sponsored by the Minor Family in memory of Juanita Minor Barnes.**

Annual Regional Collaborative Efforts

Regional Teachers' Workshop. We participate in an interactive teacher workshop focused on creative ways of teaching along with an overview of the new Vacation Bible School material. The next workshop will be Saturday, February 6, 2021, 9:30 am, meeting virtually.

Annual Sunday School Workshop. We also participate in an interactive Sunday School Workshop focused on making Sunday School transformational. This year's workshop will be Saturday, August 8, 2020, 9:30 am, meeting virtually.

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Annual State, Regional, & National Christian Education Events

SUNDAY SCHOOL PUBLISHING BOARD

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Dr. Derrick Jackson, Executive Director
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SSPB Conference: November 30-December 2, 2020
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www.nationalbaptist.com

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Annual Session: June 21-25, 2021, TBD
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MID-SOUTH CHURCHES COOPERATIVE CONFERENCE STATE COCE

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Dr. Michael O. Minor, President
 Pastor Dorothy Jones, State Dean Elect
Virtual Annual Session:
March 22-26, 2020
 Educational Arm of the **Mid-South Churches Cooperative Conference State Convention**
 Dr. Michael O. Minor, President
 Ms. Loretta Henderson-Miller, State Director of Christian Education

NMBEC NORTH MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST STATE COCE

Pastor J. P. Myers, II, President
 Mr. David Brown, Dean
Annual Session: March 8-11, 2021, Brown-Swinnea Road Campus

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Schedule-at-a-Glance

Monday, July 20 – Thursday, July 23, 2020

11:30 am CDT

[Hammond Hill Congress Zoom Day Class: S808 Overcoming Obstacles](#)

Ms. Cathy Garrett, Ebenezer-Como

3:30 p.m. CDT

[8018 The Ministry of Church Ushering](#)

Pastor Bernard Montgomery, New Bethany-Hernando

6:00 p.m. CDT

Plenary Sessions

- Monday/Congress Overview
- Tuesday/Moderator's Reflections
- Wednesday/Dean's Annual Address; Dr. Michael O. Minor, The Hill-Hernando-Hernando, MS
- Thursday/President's Annual Address: Pastor Bernard Montgomery, New Bethany-Hernando, MS

Streaming on [The Hammond Hill Facebook Group Page](#) and https://faithmonet.org/hammond_hill_congress/youtube

7:00 p.m. CDT

[Hammond Hill Congress Zoom Evening Class: S809 Finding Safety in Life's Storms](#)

Pastor Callaway Bain, Mt. Olive-Horn Lake

Session Seminars

W270 Moving Word Liturgical Dance Workshop

Ms. Markisha Hudson (The Hill-Hernando), and Ms. LaTajah Williams (Dean Hill)

This workshop is open to liturgical dance teams and their coordinators. During interactive virtual sessions, participants will focus on the Biblical basis for the liturgical dance, creative ways to perform, and appropriate dance attire. If you would like to participate virtually, you may call (901) 730-2510.

****S808 Overcoming Obstacles - Ms. Cathy Garrett (Ebenezer-Como)**

In this interactive seminar, participants will learn how to overcome obstacles in their lives. Based on the Epistle of James, this seminar will focus on overcoming 15 obstacles including doubt, ambition, deception, unanswered prayer, and sickness.

****S809 Finding Safety in Life's Storm - Pastor Callaway Bain (Mt. Olive-Horn Lake)**

This timely seminar explores how Christians can gain strength when facing difficulties, trials, and struggles.

****8018 The Ministry of Church Ushering**

Pastor Bernard Montgomery (New Bethany)

This course is designed to teach the basic elements of ushering in the local church. Students will learn the basic signs, positions, and post locations commonly used in ushering within the church.

**** = New Course for 2020**

Hammond Hill Sunday School and Congress of Christian Education Brief History

(From the files of the late Ms. Gemenie Bowdre)

The Hammond Hill Sunday School and Congress of Christian Education was initially organized as the Hammond Hill Sunday School Convention, in 1893 or 1894, at the Hammond Hill M. B. Church in Como, Mississippi. Rev. P. M. Martin was selected as the first president and served for about five years. During his administration, he attended and became affiliated with the National Sunday School and B.T.U. Congress.

The Convention stated the following objectives in its constitution:

1. To supply destitute areas with missionaries;
2. To promote education among the people especially the Baptist Industrial High School; and
3. To establish Missionary Baptist Sunday Schools and give to same as it may deem best.

Adequate records are not available for the first forty years of the convention. However, we do know that succeeding presidents included Rev. R. W. Smith, Rev. J. C. Brownlee, and Rev. A. D. Williams.

The Hammond Hill Sunday School Convention functioned under the original constitution from 1893-1962. At the 1962 annual session, the convention name and function changed to the Hammond Hill Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress at St. Paul M. B. Church – Olive, Branch, Mississippi. Rev. W. H. Walker (Pleasant Hill) was president. Along with Rev. Walker, Rev. L. S. Biles, Rev. M. L. Scott, Rev. Jacob Davis, Rev. J. A. Woods, Rev. J. D. Baptist, Bro. Dan Robinson, Sis. Alice Taylor, Sis. Julia Bowdre, and Sis. Ethel Dabney served on the constitution revision committee. As dean, Rev. L. S. Biles (Carroll Bluff) advanced the training phase of the Congress. The Hammond Hill Sunday School and B.T.U. Congress opened with the pre-Congress Musical on Monday evening after the third Sunday in July and continued through Friday. The Youth Rally on Friday night climaxed Congress activities.

During the year of 1970-71 the President, Rev. W. H. Walker and Vice President, Mr. Elias Johnson were called from labor to rest. The Dean, Rev. V. B. Brown, resigned, but the Congress experienced a successful session under the leadership of the secretary Ms. Gemenie Bowdre (Morgan Grove). In the session that year, Bro. L. L. Jones (Pleasant Hill) was elected president. During the Jones Administration, the congress sponsored the first fully accredited religious institute under the auspices of the Sunday School Publishing Board, sponsored a delegate to the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education (NBC), encouraged churches to send delegates to the NBC especially young people, and provided or assisted in securing transportation for delegates to the NBC.

Bro. L. L. Jones served until he retired in 1979. His vice-president Bro. Samuel D. Minor, Sr., (Mt. Calm and Dean Minor's grandfather) was elected president. The Congress continued its tremendous growth during the Minor Administration. "Dinner of the Grounds" returned and the youth were given their own class and rehearsal area. In 1981, Bro. Minor retired, and his vice-president Bro. Robert King (New Hope-Southaven) was elected president.

Bro. King served for over 20 years. During his tenure, the Congress outgrew the historical B. I. High School Campus. During the early years of Bro. King's presidency, new programs of study such as the Certificate of Progress Program (COPP) was instituted, area coordinators were assigned, and the format of the annual session was re-designed to improve the overall performance and viability of the Congress.

After Bro. King retired, Bro. Hebert H. Brown (New Hope-Walls) served from 2006-2007. During the Brown Administration, Congress attendance continued to grow. Bro. Brown retired in 2007. That same year, the Congress elected Pastor Bernard Montgomery (New Bethany) president. He was the first minister to serve as president in nearly 40 years.

After Rev. Biles, Rev. T. J. Denson (West Antioch #2) served as dean. In the mid-1970's Pastor CJ Thomas (Pleasant Hill) became dean. Under his leadership Christian education and Congress attendance grew tremendously. In 2001, Dean Thomas resigned. It was his desire to leave the position while he was still capable of offering guidance and assistance to his replacement. Pastor Michael O. Minor (The Hill-Hernando) succeeded him. The 2002 Congress under the direction of Dean Minor and with the skillful guidance of Immediate Past Dean Thomas was a success; attendance and finance reached a record high. Since 2007, Pastor Bernard Montgomery has served as president. Under his tenure, the Congress has adopted new techniques for outreach to diversify our mix of attendees resulting in more millennials and youth attending. Although it has longer continuous tenure, the Hammond Hill Congress is the educational arm of the Pleasant Hill-Bethlehem Association.

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