

**GENERAL DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN  
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# **ORGANIZATION OF THE GENERAL DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**



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***Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'***

**-- Matthew 28:19-20 (NRSV)**



### **Program and Virtual Office Staff**

**Reverend Doctor Willa M. Ross, Coordinator CYYAC 2012**

**Mr. Charles L. Coney, Webmaster/Technology Specialist**

**Ms. Reba J. Poe, Office Assistant**

**Mrs. Lauran James, Online Class Design Specialist**

**Rev. Juanita Payne, Office Assistant**

**Ms. Eartha Grimes, Special Projects**

### **Adjunct & Volunteer Staff**

**Rev. Dr. Roderick Lewis, CUS Chair**

**Rev. Jacqueline Yates**

**Mrs. Boyce Blackmon**

### **Connectional Ministries**

**Mr. Brian Magwood, President, Connectional Young Adult Ministry**

**Ms. Carole E. Richardson, President, Connectional Christian Educator's Council**

## **The Report of the General Secretary**

Senior Bishop Thomas L. Hoyt, Jr., my distinguished, scholarly, pastoral, preacher par excellence and supportive Chairman, Bishop Thomas L. Brown, Sr., Chairman of the College of Bishops Bishop Kenneth Wayne Carter, the entire College of Bishops, Judicial Council members, College Presidents, Institutional Heads, Connectional Officers, Directors of Connectional Ministries, members of the Connectional Board, members and friends of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, and especially to my colleagues the General Officers; it gives me great pleasure to make the first report of this Quadrennial as General Secretary of the Department of Christian Education. I greet you in the name of the One in whom we are formed and nurtured, Jesus the Christ.

### **The Purpose of the Department of Christian Education**

Chapter 50 ¶1126 of the Book of Discipline of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church states that, “the purpose of the Division of General Christian Education is to provide opportunities for educational ministry to the various agencies, boards, departments and age groupings of the church, to promote Christian nurture, growth, and development at all levels.”

### **THE OBJECTIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT**

- To promote life-long learning as a way of forming disciples of Jesus Christ
- To promote that each Christian Youth Fellowship establish one mission project
- To promote Annual young adult retreats and/or Leadership Institutes
- To provide Leadership curriculum especially for Youth
- To develop resources that promote formation and nurture
- To encourage small group ministry
- Continual resource development for congregations
- To edit Sunday school adult and youth level Sunday school material
- To plan and implement Connectional Youth and Young Adult Conferences
- To participate in Ecumenical arenas for the purpose of enhancing Christian Education and Leadership in the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

## **Community Involvement**

### **Enlightened Males**

A program designed for adolescent black males. It is a rites of passage program. Currently, the program is carried out in concert the General Secretary's fraternity's graduate chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

### **Program of Religious Activities with Youth (P.R.A.Y.)**

The Department has began collaborations in order to provide enhanced opportunities for CME local congregations to engage in ministry with agencies outside the church, such as, Boys Scouts, Girls Scouts, Big Brothers Big Sisters.

## **Ecumenical Involvement**

Advent and Lenten Devotionals continue to be developed and produced in coordination with the A.M.E. Church and the A.M.E. Zion Church. Through the three departments of Christian Education there are nearly 10,000 devotionals distributed for Advent and Lent. The C.M.E. churches are currently being given the opportunity to purchase 2500 pieces per season. This is made possible because of the volunteer writing of C.M.E.'s.

The General Secretary continues to serve and be active with the Education Leadership Ministry Commission of the National Council of Churches in Christ in the U.S.A (NCCUSA). He is on the Administrative Board of this Commission and a representative to the Governing Board of the NCCUSA. He serves on two committees within the commission. He is a past Chair of the Committee on Uniform Series and serves as a Vice President to the Committee on Black Congregational Ministries. Dr. Ross has been involved on the Committee on Black Congregational Ministries, and the Ecumenical Youth Ministry Team. Mrs. Phedonia Johnson serves on the Committee of Public Education and Literacy. Rev. Juanita Payne and Dr. Roderick Lewis also serve on the Committee on Uniform Series. Dr. Lewis was installed Chair March 2011 for a three year term.

## **College and Seminary**

The General Secretary continues to serve on the Trustee Boards of Lane College, Paine College, Miles College, Phillips School of Theology, and Memphis Theological Seminary. He continues to oversee the CME Scholarship fund distribution of \$60,000 assists CME Seminarians in their quest for theological education. Seventy-Five seminarians received scholarships in 2010.

# The Work of the Department

- **Planning for CYYAC 2012**
  
- **Editing of Sunday school Material – Adult & Youth**
  
- **2010 Annual Convocation**
  - Curriculum Director Convocation
  - Theme Development and Rationale
  - Class Development and Description
  - Workshop – Becoming A Learning Community
  - Facilitator Orientation
  - Christian Educators Session
  
- **Attended Annual Pastor’s Conference**
- **Christian Education Workshops in various places**
- **Charles Coney and Willa Ross attendance at OCOS**
- **Pastor’s Conference Service Award**
- **Willa Ross conducted workshop at Youth Workers Summit Orlando, Florid**
- **Conducted Officer Training Collins Chapel CME Church Memphis, TN**
- **Preached as requested**
- **Sent Rev. Juanita Payne and Rev. Dr. Roderick Lewis as C.U.S. Representatives to Annual Meeting in Nashville, TN**
- **Attended P.R.A.Y. Conference in St. Louis, MO**
- **Teacher/Christian Educator Certification**
- **42 students completed first module “Christian Education in the African American Church”**
- **42 students enrolled in second module “Leadership”**
- **16 additional students in the first module**
- **Website/Newsletter**
- **Young Adult Retreat**

## **Resources Available from the Department**

African American Bibliographies  
Children's Ministry Handbook  
Christian Education Organizational Guide  
CYF Guide  
Family Ministry Resource  
Advent/Lent Youth Bible Study  
Membership Manual Leader Guides/Membership Student Books  
Student Recognition Day  
Sunday School Superintendent Guide  
The Apostles Creed  
Trifold Understanding Giving (Revised Edition)  
Wondrous Grace (Revised Edition)  
Youth Ministry Handbook  
Young Adult Ministry Handbook  
Student Recognition Day  
Sunday School Superintendent Guide  
The Apostles Creed  
2011 Connectional Youth and Young Adult Week Resource  
Doing a New Thing in Christian Education  
21<sup>st</sup> Century Discipleship (3 book set)  
Revision of Enlightened Males

## **Resources Recommended by the Department**

Building Everyday Leadership in All Teens (Leader's Guide)/Everyday Leadership (Student Book), Mariam G. MacGregor – available through the Department of Christian Education

Trouble Don't Last Always: Emancipatory Hope among African American Adolescents;  
Evelyn Parker

The Sacred Selves of Adolescent Girls: Hard Stories of Race, Class and Gender;  
Evelyn L. Parker, Editor

OMG: A Youth Ministry Handbook; Kenda Creasy Dean, Editor

Basics of Christian Education; Karen B. Tye

Religious Education in the African American Tradition; Kenneth H. Hill

Let Your Life Speak; Parker J. Palmer

Christian Education in African American Church: A Guide for Teaching Truth; Lora-Ellen McKinney

## Other Work & Commitments

General Secretary and Dr. Ross Adjuncts at Memphis Theological Seminary

Successfully completed Ph.D. Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary

Covenant Discipleship Group

Attendance at Academy of American Religion -- Atlanta, Ga.  
October 30, November 1, 2010

Attendance at Religion Education Association -- Denver, Co.  
November 7-9, 2010

Presentation at Southeast Conference of Religion -- Louisville, KY  
March 4, 2011

Submitted Article "But I Say Unto You" to Christian Education Fellowship  
March 1, 2011

Presented Lecture "Critical Pedagogy" at C.U.S. – Orlando, FL  
March, 2011

"Education and Justice Advocacy: Critical Pedagogy" – Evanston, IL  
April, 2011

An endowment for scholarships to C.M.E. married students attending Memphis Theological Seminary has been established in memory of Cora Hawkins Crutchfield who died February 15, 2011. Contributions may be made payable to the endowment and mailed to:



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