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Greetings Church School Scholars,

I begin by expressing my sincere appreciation and admiration to you for your participation in Church School. As a committed scholar, it does my heart good to know you are diligently applying yourself as Disciples of Jesus the Christ.

Several years ago, the Department made the decision to use Urban Ministries (UMI) as the provider for the CME Church School adult literature. The main consideration was that of Urban Ministries' participation in the Committee on Uniform Series (CUS) of the National Council of Churches, therefore, allowing the CME Church to continue our use of the CUS outlines that we have assisted in the preparing for well over 30 years.

As a reminder the Departments of Christian Education and Formation and Publications work in tandem to deliver Church literature to the members of the CME Church. Christian Education and Formation chooses the curriculum and Publications publishes or secures the material and ships it to the local churches.

UMI, without advance notice to me or the General Secretary of Publications, decided to not participate in CUS. The Department of Publications, still under contract with Urban Ministries, is presently receiving the Fall (September) 2022 adult Church School books that have lessons based on a curriculum independent of CUS outlines. This will be true for October and November curriculum as well.

In short, you will be receiving literature that will reflect scriptures outside of CUS outlines and the weekly video provided by the General Secretary. This letter is to make you aware and to let you know I am in the process of taking steps to make sure our adult lessons are based on the CUS outlines and are congruent with the weekly video.

Please be patient as we work toward the place we want for the CME Church.

In Service,

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