

Consolidated Missionary Baptist State Congress of Christian Education



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To: The CMBSC Congress of Christian Education Faculty Members

From: Dr. Freddie L. Smith, Dean

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Greetings

I am once again excited and appreciative for the confidence that has been extended to me and my staff for another year to serve as your Dean of Christian Education.

We are grateful to Dr. C. Dennis Edwards, Convention President, and Dr. D. L. Richardson, Congress President, for their support, as we continue to promote Christian Education as the cornerstone of the Consolidated Missionary Baptist State Convention.

The Congress of Christian Education serves as the discipleship branch of our Convention with the mission to provide Christian Education opportunities that will equip, encourage, and engage the members of the Churches and Associations in the work of the kingdom of God. Many of our local churches and districts will be offering certified classes throughout the year. Additionally, online classes are available through the CMBSC of Christian Education and SSPB in Nashville.

Matthew 28:19-20 say, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things, whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, even until the end of the world." When you are called/asked to serve in the teaching ministry of the church, you are fulfilling the commandment of Christ, which is to make disciples.

God calls Christian educators to teach His Word. (1 Corinthians 12:28). He is the one who calls, equips, and uses women and men like you and me to teach and proclaim His word to others. Therefore, since we have been called, chosen, and commissioned to teach God's Word (1 Peter 2:9), the Congress staff is excited that you will be joining us for another year of ministry.

Our 2023 THEME: "Making the World a Better Place: Engaging in the Work of Evangelism and Social Justice at Church and in the Community", Matthew 5:16 & 28:19.

To make this world a better place, we must be engaged in the work of evangelism and stand for social justice at our church and in our communities. So, we are asking everyone to rolled up their sleeves and ask God to give to us the greatest week of Christian Education training ever!

***Blessings,
Dr. F. L. Smith, Dean***