



National Baptist Congress of Christian Education

The Congress Annual Report 2012

The report of the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education must begin with an overwhelming thanks to God our Father who, in His unchallengeable Sovereignty and paradoxical grace, has determined to assemble an awesome team of dedicated disciples and gives us the charge to nurture our people with His Word.

Our National Baptist Convention President, Dr. Julius R. Scruggs, in solidarity with the Savior, has made our work in Christian Education productive, joyful and a blessing to our people. Dr. Scruggs' leadership and life has energized us to achieve the goals he has assigned to the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education.



Much appreciation must be expressed to auxiliary Presidents and their staff along with Dr. Forrest Harris, president of American Baptist College and Dr. Kelly Miller Smith, Jr., Executive Director of the Sunday School Publishing Board, as we seek to provide the NBC USA, Inc. with a coordinated, collaborative approach in Christian Education. We are clear that American Baptist College, among many other tasks, is chiefly responsible for equipping our Baptist preachers for ministry. The Sunday School Publishing Board has become the resource entity and certification and accreditation body for our Christian Education work. And the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education is chiefly responsible for fostering Christian education in our constituent churches, as well as equipping our lay members to carry out the work of ministry to edify the body of Christ. What a privilege it is to join together in this collaborative work, that we might give glory to our God and edify His people.

We are thankful for the leadership of Dr. Sammie Jones, co-chair Dr. Zachary Lee and the St. Louis and East St. Louis churches with their many volunteers and supporters who contributed to the success of this year's Annual Session. The cooperation of the city of St. Louis, its mayor and the Convention and Visitors Bureau, helped to make this 107th Annual Session one of the most productive sessions in our history.

We thank those auxiliaries, ministries and committees who resisted the temptation to have meetings during the Annual Session of the Congress. It is our hope that the week of the Congress will be perceived by all of our auxiliary bodies to be a week of Christian Education; and not a convenient time to hold auxiliary meetings, especially during class time. All of us are lifelong learners and we encourage every pastor and every leader to take advantage of this week of Christian Education.

During this report you will hear of the great success of our 107th Session and the work we are doing throughout the year, as well as our plans for this coming year. As we look forward to our 108th Annual Session, to be held once again in St. Louis under the capable leadership of co-hosts Dr. Sammie Jones, National Congress Vice-President; Dr. Jimmie Brown, National Convention Vice-President; and Dr. Zachary Lee, Congress President's staff, we want to announce that this year's Congress will be significantly upgraded.

The city has provided additional resources for transportation and many other services for our delegates. There will be fewer classes in the outlying areas. Our goal is to continue to be a delegate-friendly Session and ensure that all classes will be close to the convention center.

We will meet soon with the host committee and other planning groups to provide a more productive annual session in June of 2013.

Our 107th Annual Session overflowed with powerful preaching and life-changing teaching. Dr. Mack King Carter enlisted our hearts, enlightened our minds and engaged our wills to extend kingdom work of God with divine insight. We thank faculty president, Dr. Ralph Johnson for providing effective leadership in this effort. Dr. H.O. Hockenhull, one of the most dedicated and committed leaders in our National Baptist work, was recognized posthumously during this banquet.



Dr. Mack King Carter



Dr. George W. Waddles, Sr., Dr. Ralph Johnson
Dr. Marian Hockenhull

EDUCATION BANQUET



We rejoiced in the opportunity to partner with the United Negro College Fund and Dr. Michael Lomax, who spoke at our Educational Banquet. His promise to bring UNCF resources to undergird Dr. Scruggs' vision to strengthen and support Historically Black Colleges and Universities was an additional blessing to this effort. We are so grateful to Dr. Donald Ray McNeal who led in planning this beautiful and historical banquet celebration.



COLLEGE FAIR

As we continue in our quest to advance education in our community, it is our intent to bring colleges and universities, particularly HBCU's, to the Congress Annual Session—in order that every National Baptist Congress youth and their parents begin planning early for their advanced educational experience. So we will continue to invest energy and resources into planning a qualitative College Fair, to expose our best and brightest to Higher Education options.



SCHOLARSHIPS

We are pleased to recognize that, under the leadership of Dr. Pansy King and Ms. Roslyn Harvey, Oratorical Contest Coordinators, nearly \$40,000 in scholarships have been given to National Baptist youth in one year. We are also pleased to announce that all previous scholarships awarded by the previous administration have been paid in full under current Congress leadership. We are thankful to State Congress Presidents who donated funds from their State toward this endeavor.

STATE CONGRESS	CONGRESS PRESIDENT
Alabama Baptist State Congress	Dr. Foster Woodrick
Arkansas Baptist Congress	Dr. Shadrach Porcia
B M & E State Congress of Texas	Dr. M. F. Brewster
B M & E State Congress of Michigan	Rev. Wallace Mills, Jr.
Baptist Educational Congress of DC & Vicinity	Dr. Bernard Taylor
East Mississippi State Congress	Dr. A. D. Lewis
Empire Baptist Congress of New York	Dr. Norman Coleman
General Baptist Congress of New Jersey	Deacon James Clark
General Missionary Baptist Congress of Georgia	Dr. Thurmond Tillman
Greater Louisiana Baptist Congress, Inc.	Dr. Leo. D. Cyrus, Sr.
Louisiana Baptist State Congress	Dr. Jesse B. Bilberry, Jr.
National Capital Baptist Congress of Maryland	Dr. Phyllis Mayo
Texas Educational Baptist Congress	Dr. James Webb
United Baptist Congress of Maryland	Dr. Ruby Cofield
Wolverine Baptist Congress of Michigan	Dr. Addis Moore

If your State Congress did not donate to this worthy cause, please know that you are most welcome to make your contribution at this time. It is not too late! We encourage each State Congress President (Members of the Board of Directors) to make your individual donation.

YOUNG ADULT EXPLOSION

Many times complaints are made that young adults are not involved in our National Baptist work. This is no longer true. The Young Adult Explosion, under the leadership of Ms. Yvonne Pitts and Rev. Nathanael Waddles, has brought a new dimension to our National Baptist work. The innovative, creative and technological abilities were unleashed during the Young Adult Explosion Thursday evening at 7 p.m. The presentations, like many others, were streamed live and people followed the event; making comments on Twitter, that were posted in real time before our gathering. We observed tweets from places as far as Sweden. Powerful preaching followed the dynamic musical renditions by the Young Adult Explosion Choir, who worked under the iROCK theme. Following the reality that people have iPods, iPads, and iPhones – they declared iROCK: I rely on Christ the King.



YOUTH RALLY AND CHILDREN'S RALLY

Every year, the youth and children's rallies highlight our Annual Session. This year, the spiritual presentations of our youth and children exceeded our expectations. I am pleading with all of our pastors and auxiliary leaders to plan to be in support of our youth and children on Friday night. Many of our leaders leave before Friday and miss one of the most spirit-filled, biblically sound presentations of the week.



YEAR OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

We have designated 2013 as the year of the Sunday School. We desire for each and every National Baptist church to have an excellent Christian Education program which is systematic, progressive and biblically accurate in its teachings. It is our hope that every National Baptist Church will develop a strong Sunday School program. We are working diligently with the Sunday School Publishing Board to design a process to certify Sunday School teachers and Superintendents, which will result in certified Sunday Schools. Please plan on bringing your Christian Education workers, staff and teachers, as we launch this certification process in 2013 in St. Louis.

“EVERY CHURCH – A CERTIFIED SUNDAY SCHOOL”



Our Future

As we move forward, under the direction of Dr. Scruggs, we want to cast a vision for Christian Education in the future. We will engage a Christian Education Summit where we will plan the following:

1. To develop a system of Christian Education to reach the millions of believers who do not physically attend a weekly Sunday School
2. We will assess our weeklong Annual Session in June to critically analyze how we can become more effective and productive
3. We will examine ways to help National Baptist Churches build stronger Sunday Schools in the next 3-5 years

THE DEAN'S

We give praise to the God who has brought us out of darkness into His marvelous light. The 107th Annual Session of the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education was opened on Tuesday, June 19th by Dr. George W. Waddles, President and ended Friday, June 22nd. This is the Dean's Report for this session.

Registration

A total of 15,552 delegates registered for classes during the 107th Annual Session of the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education. Approximately 450 delegates of the total registered, however, did not take a class.

This is the second year that the Congress has offered a 12:00 noon class for delegates as well as allow delegates to sign up for two classes for the week instead of one. Approximately 600 delegates registered for two classes this year with positive feedback toward

offering more than one class to the delegates per year. The total registration by class start time is as follows: a) 8:00 a.m. - 6,200; b) 10:00 a.m. - 4,979; c) 12:00 p.m. - 793; d) 1:00 p.m. - 1,776.



Graduates

During the week of study, 357 Congress delegates completed the requirements for graduation in 23 areas and were awarded Certificates of Completion at the Commencement Service on Friday afternoon. This represents a 16% increase in total graduates versus a year ago. 115 candidates are within the COPP Program and 242 candidates are from the Congress Programs. Certificates were awarded in the following areas:

- Advanced Leadership Development—5
- Biblical Studies—4
- Division of Theology—1
- Christian Counseling—1
- Christian Education Administration Workshop—1
- Church Leadership Development—1
- Church Secretaries/Clerks—25
- Family Ministry—7
- Foreign Mission Workshop—3
- Jernigan Theological Studies Seminar—8
- Lucie E. Campbell Workshop on Church Music—13
- Minister's Seminar—7

Recognition Award #1—26
Recognition Award #2—9
Recognition Award #3—7
Seminar for Deans and Presidents—43
Sign Language/Ministry to the Deaf—3
Superintendent’s Clinic—3
William J. Shaw Master Teacher Series—22
Young Adult Work—3
Youth Work—4

COPP GRADUATES BREAKDOWN BY PHASES:

Phase 1—19	Specialization—1
Phase 2—22	Dean—2
Phase 3—16	PATC*-9
Phase 4—46	

(*PATC = Pastors Alternative Teacher Certification)

THE YOUTH DEPARTMENT REGISTRATION REPORT:

Youth Registered - 1000
Youth Institute - 660
Youth Rally— 1,776

THE CHILDREN’S DEPARTMENT REGISTRATION REPORT:

Children’s Institute—600
Children’s Labs (classes) - 100
Children’s Rally—743

Curriculum Update

A critical and seminal review of the current curriculum continues. Those courses that have consistently experienced a declining enrollment have been recovered to the Dean's Office for re-tooling or purged. A concerted effort continues to better align the stand-alone and pre-requisite courses – particularly during the first and second placement phases.

Six years ago, we implemented the William J. Shaw Master Teacher Program. This 4-year program includes courses designed to focus on an in-depth understanding of (a) instructional theory; (b) learning styles of various age groups; and (c) effective communication skills for the classroom. It also provides teachers with Bible study methods for effective teaching from doctrinally-sound biblical principles to include methodologies that will help teachers translate concepts and ideas to applications. One chief aim: teaching for results where personal transformations are realized through using up-to-date teaching methodologies, strategies, and technology.

The annual analysis of this program reveals that students enrolled in this course of study continued to meet the course prerequisites that included: Introduction to the Bible, Intro to the Old Testament, Intro to the New Testament, Baptist Doctrine, and Creative Ways of Teaching. Courses in this series include: 2301 – Introduction to Master Teacher Certification; 2302 – Bible Study Methods for Master Teachers; 2303 – Teaching for Application and Transformation; and 2304 – Technology Training for Master Teachers.

In the areas evaluated, the William J. Shaw Master Teacher Program is viewed as successful. We will continue our analysis and continue to improve this program over time.

Theme Books

Theme Books were distributed to each Department on Tuesday for distribution to delegates attending courses offered by the Congress. This year we introduced a new form and process to insure 100% accountability for the Theme Books. With this new process, the Dean's Office delivered the Theme Books to the Department Administrators, who assigned a designate to assume responsibility for the distribution of those books to the Divisions/Instructors/Classes. With this new process we sold 3,888 Theme Books (100% of the books available for sale). There are no remaining theme books available for distribution.

In the future, a pre-Order process will be made available for state and district congresses and schools to pick up theme books that have been prepaid prior to the Annual Session.

Dean' Report Continued

CONGRESS 2013

As we begin plans for the 108th Annual Session of the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education, which will meet in St. Louis, MO, plans are underway in the following areas:

Curriculum – We will continue to work on improving and revising the curriculum offered during the week of study. This process will include careful evaluation of the attendance records for each course and the possible elimination of courses that are affected by increased technology, lack of student interest and other dependent variables. Additionally, any proposed initiatives adopted by the Board of Directors that impacts the curriculum will be a part of preparing for next year's Congress. We will continue to build upon offering 12 noon classes, evaluating the best time to host these classes, insure assemblies are in place and conveniently accessible. We will also build upon the successful launch of allowing delegates to take two classes in one annual session at the national level.

Textbooks –We continue to review the textbooks used by instructors and make recommendations for updated textbook assignments considered appropriate for each course offered by the Congress. In conjunction with proposed innovative programs, to include any "distance learning" and technology initiative adopted programs, other textbooks will be eliminated.

Faculty – A critical review of the data from this year's evaluations (to include a succinct review of the methodology employed in data collection) coupled with observations, evaluations and recommendations from division and department administrators will be used in a full review of the faculty. The goal of this process is to ensure that the standard of teaching excellence that is in 'Solidarity with the Savior' through His Word, is maintained in all teachers. Therefore a "hard assessment" of the faculty will be completed over the next several months to improve the comprehensive excellence of teaching styles, methods and strategies.

Registrar's Report Mr. Maurice Lauher



The Registration Office submits the following report of activities that culminated in the 107th Annual session of the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education held in St. Louis, Missouri June 18-22, 2012.

Preparation: Working with the Congress Dean, staff from the President's Office complied, proofed, and arranged for the printing and mailing of the Congress Course Book and other registration forms to over 5,000 National Baptist Churches and other organizations. The documents were also made available on the Convention's website.

Members of the Registration staff distributed packets and provided additional assistance to delegates attending the National Baptist Convention's Mid-winter Board meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, January 16-19, 2012.

Mobile Registration: Registration staff along with the General Secretary conducted mobile registration at four sites: Minden and Tallulah, Louisiana, Southaven, Mississippi and Hallsville, Texas.

Pre-registration: The Pre-registration office, located in Fort Mill, South Carolina, was open from February 1-June 17, 2012. During that time staff:

- Processed 1,560 mobile, mailed-in and online registrations by performing a wide range of activities including data entry, preparation and proofing of badges, class admit cards and receipts, and mailing registration materials.
- Forwarded all funds received along with detailed finance reports to the Congress treasurer.
- Answered and documented questions and concerns of a large number of delegates through telephone conversations, email and written correspondence on a daily basis.

This year, 687 registrations were done on-line. This accounted for 33% of all registrations. The total number of delegates pre-registered was 11,847 or 76% of the final total.

Onsite Registration: Onsite registration activities began on Friday, June 15 and when Registration staff along with volunteers from local St. Louis churches prepared kits for the delegates. Registration opened on Saturday, June 16 at 1:00 pm and continued each day until the end of the session. In addition to regular registration activities, staff answered questions, provided replacement badges and worked with the Course Card Coordinator's staff to prepare course cards for the delegates.

The total number of persons registered, including delegates faculty and staff, for the 107th Annual Session of the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education was 15,555. The total number of organizations was 2,095.

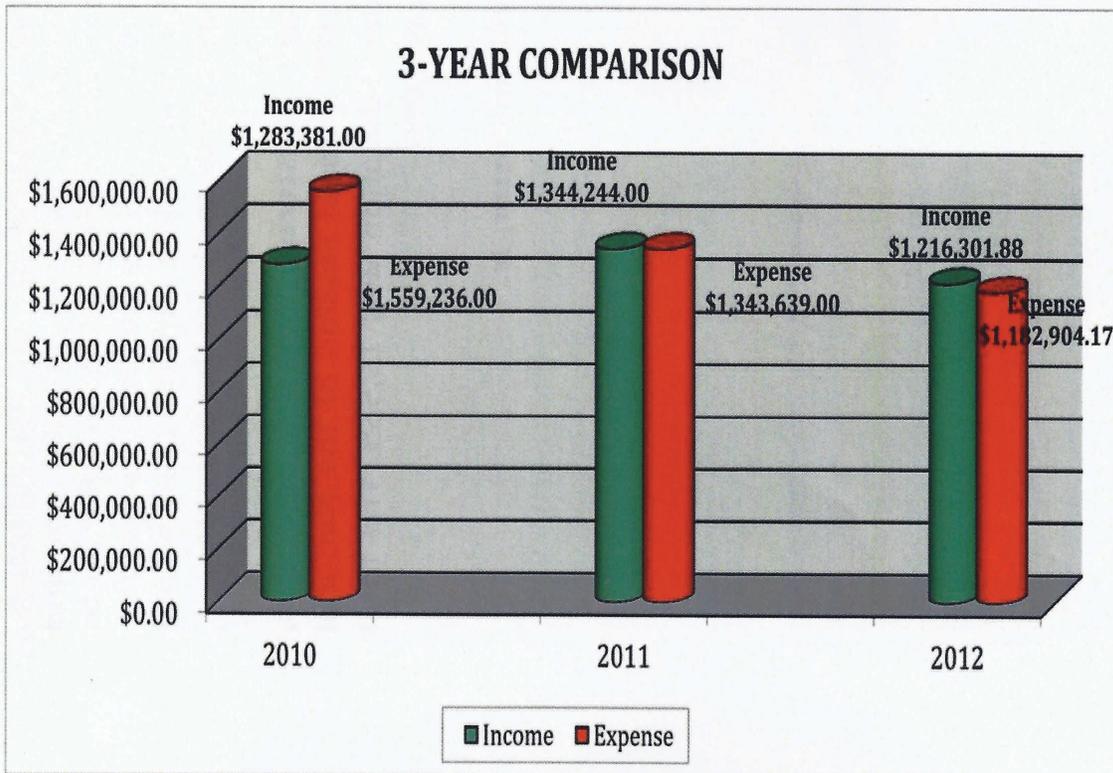
THE TREASURER'S REPORT—DR. WILLIAM FOSTER, JR.



NATIONAL BAPTIST CONGRESS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3-YEAR BUDGET COMPARISON
DR. JULIUS SCRUGGS - CONVENTION PRESIDENT
DR. GEORGE W. WADDLES, SR. - CONGRESS PRESIDENT
DR. WILLIAM H. FOSTER, JR. - BUDGET DIRECTOR/TREASURER



	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Income	\$1,283,381.00	\$1,344,244.00	\$1,216,301.88
Expense	<u>\$1,559,236.00</u>	<u>\$1,343,639.00</u>	<u>\$1,182,904.17</u>
Total	<u><u>(\$275,855.00)</u></u>	<u><u>\$605.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$33,397.71</u></u>



NATIONAL BAPTIST CONGRESS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
TOTAL INCOME & EXPENSES - FINANCIAL REPORT
DR. JULIUS SCRUGGS—CONVENTION PRESIDENT
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INCOME

Total Registration	\$1,040,430.94
Total Offerings	\$175,870.94

TOTAL INCOME

\$1,216,301.88

EXPENSES

Congress Operating Expenses	\$49,267.30
Meeting Expenses	\$540,336.83
Congress session Staff	\$537,045.50
Oratorical Contests Winners/Scholarships	\$56,254.54

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$1,182,904.17

NET GAIN

\$33,397.71

We want to thank all of the participants, delegates, staff, workers and leaders who mad our session one of the most God-honoring sessions we have ever had.