

**The 153<sup>rd</sup> Session**  
**The Tennessee Annual Conference**  
**October 21-25, 2020**  
**Payne Chapel AME Church**  
**Nashville, Tennessee**

**Christian Education Component Report**

To Bishop Jeffrey Nathaniel Leath, Presiding Prelate, and Supervisor Susan Jones Leath, MD; General Officers, Connectional Officers, and Episcopal District Officers; To Presiding Elder Reverend Troy Merritt, Jr., Host, Nashville District, and Associate Presiding Elders, Reverend Sydney Bryant, South District, and Reverend Alexander Gatson, North District, and to all Clergy and Laity of the Tennessee Annual Conference.

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the servant of God<sup>[a]</sup> may be thoroughly equipped for every good work..” 2 Timothy 3:16-17

The Tennessee Conference has persevered, even during COVID-19 Pandemic.

Goals for Conference this Year 2019-2020:

- Conduct CE Workshop in Each Presiding Elder District
- Increase Number of Subscriptions to CE Journal
- Increase Church School Attendance
- Assist in planning of 13<sup>th</sup> District Learning Academy
- Churches celebrate Christian Education week

This year, each Presiding Elder had a teaching and learning Session in their planning meeting and a Founder’s Day Moment in their District Conference. After the onset of COVID-19, churches had to move to virtual platforms for Church School. We are grateful to various churches opening their virtual church school and thank you to Dr. Roderick Belin for opening a Connection wide Church School. Members of the Conference should be able to find a church school to Join if they so desire. The Conference did not host a Church School Convention because of Covid-19. The Conference assisted in the planning of the Connectional Virtual Graduation held in June where Tennessee Conference graduates participated. The Conference also assisted in the planning and execution of the successful 13<sup>th</sup> District Virtual Learning Academy in July.

**Goals for Conference Year 2020-2021:**

- Pastors provide the name of CE Director and Superintendent to Elder & CE Chair
- Attend 13<sup>th</sup> District Founder’s Day, February 7, 2020
- Attend Connectional CED Meeting
- Assist in planning Church School Conventions
- Assist in planning for the 13<sup>th</sup> District Learning Academy
- Churches Celebrate Christian Education in September

## RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Appoint a CE Director for the Conference
- Appoint CE Director for each Presiding Elder District
- All components assist technology challenged members join virtual activities.

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13<sup>th</sup> District

Humbly Submitted,

Rev. Linda Brown-Saffore, TN Conference Acting CED Director

Rev. Dr. Barbara Crawford, TN Conference CED Chair

“Apply your heart to instruction and your Ears to words of knowledge.” Proverbs 23:12

Greetings and God’s Blessing upon you! It is with God’s grace and mercy that we have come to the close of another conference year. We offer thanks to our Bishop, Jeffery N. Leath for his outstanding support throughout the conference year. We thank the Presiding Elders of the Tennessee Conference who gave support to the Christian Education Department. We also thank those who participated in CE events, planners, presenters, worship participants, church school superintendents, teachers, and pastors. From this day, we prayerfully go forth to make this coming conference year better than the previous year. We go in Jesus name as we strive to teach and equip the saints of God.

May God shed his grace upon you, and may you be abundantly blessed! In the precious name of Jesus, the Christ.

Rev. Dr. Barbara J. Crawford