

THE CONGRESS

The Official Newsletter of the National Sunday School & HYM Congress



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IT'S GOING DOWN IN DALLAS!

Welcome to the great state of Texas, where everything in Texas is bigger! I am so excited that you have come to this year's session, where, like Texas, The National Congress will also do it bigger. With every single worship experience, planned session, event, or activity, after prayer, we considered you.

This year as a ministry, we will launch the newest theme, "Arise: It's Your Time." I am so encouraged by the message of this focus. This year's theme calls each of us to stand up and be who we were determined to be. In a time when we see so much compromise, uncertainty, and unrighteousness, we must be reminded that we are the salt of the earth.

To each delegate, whether young or mature, we want to provide you with the tools to take your rightful place in the kingdom of the Lord as you live in this present world.

I look forward to engaging with each of you during this session and this convention year. If I may serve you in any way during your time here, please do not hesitate to let me know.



President Frederick Taylor



2025-26 NATIONAL CONGRESS THEME:

ARISE: It's Your Time!

Theme Scripture: Esther 4:14

Theme Song:

Gospel Victory March, Hymn #49

Bible Quiz: Esther 1-10

More information available @ www.cochusacongress.org



NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL & HYM CONGRESS
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2025 C. C. CARHEE BIBLE QUIZ

Study Chapters: Daniel 1-5

SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2025

Come ready to demonstrate your knowledge and understanding of these scriptures in a competitive and engaging setting!

HYATT REGENCY DFW MAIN BALLROOM
SIS. ALICIA K. JEFFERSON, COORDINATOR
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2025 MAUDE L. CONIC CHORAL Festival

FRIDAY, JULY 18, 2025 | 3:00 P.M.
(Immediately following the Music Competition)

DALLAS, TX

SELECTION SUBMISSION DEADLINE: **MAY 15, 2025**
Each Diocese should submit either a Choral or Spiritual selection

Choral Festival Coordinator: Ashley Swain-Miller
ashleyswain816@gmail.com

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NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL & HYM CONGRESS
P R E S E N T S
ARISE: IT'S YOUR TIME

Friday Morning
WORSHIP EXPERIENCE



Guest Speaker
DR. OSCAR WILLIAMS

Join us for a spirit-filled gathering that will mark the beginning of the 2025 National Congress Session, uniting attendees in praise, worship, and the Word.

FRIDAY, JULY 18, 2025 | 9:00 A.M.

Congress Music Rehearsal Schedule



Thursday, July 17th

- 2PM - Praise Team Rehearsal
- 3PM - Congress Choir Rehearsal
- 10PM - Congress Choir Rehearsal

Friday, July 18th

- 9PM - Congress Music Rehearsal

Saturday, July 29th

- 6PM - Congress Music Rehearsal

Children's Choir Rehearsal

Held during the COCHUSA Children's Convention and Saturday morning



Introducing KidsCONNECT



"National Sunday School and HYM Congress of the Church of Christ (Holiness) USA has received a grant of \$789,655 from Lilly Endowment Inc. to help establish KidsCONNECT. The program is funded through Lilly Endowment's Nurturing Children Through Worship and Prayer Initiative. The aim of the national initiative is to support faith-based organizations as they help children grow in faith and deepen their relationships with God.

KidsCONNECT will enhance the landscape of our denomination. The Church of Christ (Holiness) U.S.A. (COCHUSA) is shifting its focus to the spiritual growth of all of its members, especially the children. The legacy COCHUSA is to raise up individuals that know how to serve God and his people. A legacy that we are proud of. We now recognize that we must equip our children to not only serve God, but also worship in a myriad of ways. The purpose of the KidsCONNECT is to equip and spearhead local ministries in implementing well-rounded, thoughtful ministries through the introduction of new curriculum and physical spaces that support worship and prayer of children.

This grant is an opportunity to give the individual churches in our denomination a helping hand in ushering children into deeper levels of prayer and worship alongside their parents and grandparents. The decision to apply for this grant wasn't taken lightly. We believe that our churches have gaps but they have the potential to fill those gaps and overflow with guidance and direction. We listened to the needs of our local leaders and churches and want to support their efforts.

"I am thrilled about the growth in our children across the national work. I know for sure that our children will expand in worship and prayer through KidsCONNECT. The Congress is blessed for this opportunity from Lily Endowment. We invite each and every local church to apply to be a member of Cohort One." President Fred Taylor, Congress of the Church of Christ Holiness USA.

The National Congress is one of 170 organizations funded through three rounds of the initiative, which was launched in 2022. The grants are funding efforts to help organizations develop new and/or enhance existing programs design worship services and prayer practices that more intentionally and fully engage children.



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**KERRY J. ALLEN
SCHOLARSHIP BOARD AND
NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL &
HYM CONGRESS**



P R E S E N T S

WALK IT LIKE YOU TALK IT

**A CELEBRATION
OF SUCCESS AND STYLE**

**FORMAL AWARD RECOGNITIONS
AND FASHION SHOW**

THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2025 | 7:00PM

📍 HYATT REGENCY DFW

**ATTIRE:
NEW YORK FASHION WEEK;
FEDORAS & FASCINATORS**

**FASHION SHOW CATEGORIES:
CHILDREN & YOUTH, COUPLES, CLERGY, AND WOMEN**



**MODELING CASTING CALL:
SCAN QR CODE TO
SIGN UP TO WALK IN THE SHOW!**

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OPERATION GIVEBACK

THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2025 | 8:00 A.M.

All ages welcome
SERVING THE DFW COMMUNITY

RSVP BY JULY 1ST
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M.R. CONIC ORATORICAL Contest

THE CALL TO COURAGEOUS LIVING
SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2025

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:
Must be a high school student (Grades 9-12)
Must have written their own oration
Orations must be memorized and presented at each level

ORATION REQUIREMENTS:
1. The speech topic must align with the official theme of the National Sunday School and HYM Congress.
2. Contestants must deliver their speech from memory at each level.
3. A written copy must be submitted to the Supervisory Committee at each level.
4. Judging categories include:
Originality of Thought
Orientation
Coherence
Deliberation
Articulation
Gesticulation
Time
5. Finalists advancing to level four must register with the National Sunday School and HYM Congress on the opening day of the Congress.

HYATT REGENCY DFW MAIN BALLROOM

Coordinator: Sis. Ciara Weary, ciaraweary@gmail.com

National Sunday School & HYM Congress presents:

THE GREAT DEBATE

THE WAR OF
Flesh vs. Spirit

July 18, 2025

Prizes and Interactive Games

Ages 13-17

JESUS VS. LUCIFER

GOOD VS. EVIL

PRIDE VS. HUMILITY

LOVE VS. HATE

Friday Convention Workshop Guide

10:45 - 11:45AM

WORKSHOP #1

Topic: "ARISE, The Fierce Urgency of Now - Engaging Social Justice & Political Issues"

Guest Presenter: Rev. Dr. Irie Lynn Session

WORKSHOP #2

Topic: "Elevated Impact - How to Increase Engagement & Impact in Youth Ministry"

Guest Presenter: Rev. Siphon Mlanga

WORKSHOP #3

Topic: "Secure the Bag - God's Plan for Finances & Life After College"

Presenter: Young Adult Ministry

WORKSHOP #4

Topic: "Child Safety - What Safety Precautions Should We Take to Make Our Children's Churches Safe and Successful?"

Guest Presenter: Mr. Steve Brines, The KIDMIN COACH

12:00 - 1:00PM

WORKSHOP #5:

Topic: "ARISE: It's Time to Move - Moving Your Young Adult Ministries Forward"

Guest Presenter: Rev. Siphon Mlanga

WORKSHOP #6:

Topic: "Get to the Point: Teaching Techniques For More Meaningful Conversations & Discussions"

Presenter: Dr. Daniel Kennebrew

WORKSHOP #7:

Topic: "Attraction, Maintaining, and Leveling Up: How To Attract New Volunteers, Maintain, and Level Up the Expectations"

Guest Presenter: Mr. Steve Brines, The KIDMIN COACH

WORKSHOP #8:

Topic: "The Local Church & Community Impact: Responding to Community Needs and Challenges"

Presenter: Elder Daniel Ferguson (W)

10:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. KidConnect Intensive - COHORT MEMBERS ONLY

This session is designed to equip cohort participants & leaders, and children's ministry servants with effective strategies, tools, and best practices in serving children. How do we create meaningful worship and prayer experiences for our children?

Facilitators: Dr. Jasmine Wise & Mr. Steve Brines

THE 2025 OFFICIAL CONGRESS STYLE GUIDE
THE OFFICIAL STYLE GUIDE FOR THE 2025 CONGRESS SESSION

FRIDAY NIGHT | JULY 18TH
YAM EVENING SERVICE
"COLLEGE NIGHT"
WEAR ANY HBCU OR COLLEGE ATTIRE

SATURDAY NIGHT | JULY 19TH
PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS
"OLD SCHOOL CHURCH NIGHT"
WEAR OLD SCHOOL CHURCHY ATTIRE (THINK BIG HATS, 3-PIECE SUITS, ETC)

RED CARPET CELEBRATION
AGES 6-12

*Children's Convention
Celebrity Status Event*

MAKING JESUS FAMOUS
HE MUST BECOME GREATER, I MUST BECOME LESS. -JOHN 3:30

FRIDAY, JULY 18TH
STARTS AT 9:00 AM
ENDS AT 5:00 PM

HYATT REGENCY AIRPORT
2334 N INTERNATIONAL PRKWAY
DFW AIRPORT, TEXAS 75261

RSVP BY USING QR CODE QUESTIONS? CONTACT ALEXIA JENKINS



KIMBERLY BANKS



BRITNEY BOBO



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RASHAD PIERRE



SEMONNE PIERRE



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ALIYAH TUCKER



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CIARA WEARY

NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL YOUNG ADULTS

ELDER FRED TAYLOR, NATIONAL
DR. DANIEL KENNEBREW, NATIONAL
SIS. MALIKA WILSON, NATIONAL

40 FORTY INAUGURATION



ANTONIO CHRISTIAN, SR



D'JANERO CHRISTIAN



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ERIC CUMMINGS, JR



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NATIONAL CONGRESS PRESIDENT
NATIONAL YAM, CO-COORDINATOR
NATIONAL YAM, CO-COORDINATOR



AWARD GENERAL CLASS



TEARRIA JOHNSON



AHRIYUANNA JONES



MIRACLE PENN



AUSTIN PIERRE



ELIZABETH STAMPS



ASHLEY SWAIN



CRYSTALIN TANNER



PORSCHA TAYLOR



AMARI WILLIAMS



LEIGHA WILLIS



DEVANTE WINN



JASMINE WISE

WEDNESDAY

JULY 16TH | 11:00PM

YAM LED PRAYER ROOM

THURSDAY

JULY 17TH | 7:00PM

WALK IT LIKE YOU TALK IT:
A CELEBRATION OF SUCCESS AND STYLE

40 UNDER 40 AWARD RECOGNITION

FRIDAY

JULY 18TH

7:00AM MORNING GLORY
10:45AM YAM WORKSHOP
7:00PM YAM EVENING SERVICE

ATTIRE: HBCU GEAR

SATURDAY

JULY 19TH

6:00AM ZUMBA EXERCISE CLASS
10:00PM SILENT GLOW PARTY & GAME NIGHT



NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL & HYM CONGRESS
YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY PRESENTS

2025 YAM SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

JULY 16-19

📍 HYATT REGENCY DFW | DALLAS, TX

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Kerry J. Allen SCHOLARSHIP 2025

**OVER \$316,000.00
AWARDED SINCE 1998**

WHO MAY APPLY FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP

"ALL" COCHUSA high school graduating seniors and undergrad college students are eligible to apply for the KJA Scholarship. To do so, you must go to the scholarship web-site at kjascholarship.com and fill out the writeable KJA Scholarship Application and e-mail your completed application to your Diocese President by May 31st of the year applying. It's just that simple. Scholarship recipients will be announced after the Scholarship Board has made their final decisions and no later than the National Convention.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

Contributions to the Scholarship Fund are always accepted and appreciated. Any contributions can be made on-line via PayPal (Kerry J. Allen Scholarship) or CashApp (\$kjascholars), or by mail to:

KJA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

c/o: William Sherman, Treasurer
PO Box 1863 Conway,
AR 72033

"ALL Contributions are Tax Deductible"

Our goal is to raise \$25,000 per year to provide scholarships for some of our Youth attending Sunday School and HYM. To accomplish this vision, we solicit your support

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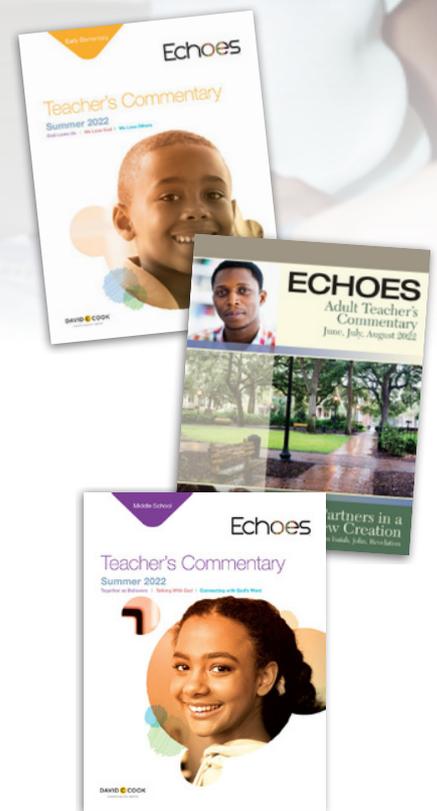
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- All Generations (toddlers – Adult) will grow together

Additional David C Cook Ministry Resources:

- Best-selling Commentaries, including Standard Lesson Commentaries
- Women's Ministry materials
- Pastor/Leader's Resources
- Small Group/Large Group studies
- Digital and Print resources



Standard Lesson Commentaries, available in KJV or NIV translation.