CYYAC20

Youth Ministry Prep Guide

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Bishop Thomas L. Brown, Sr., Department Chair
Dear Youth Ministry Leader,

With excitement, we announce the Connectional Youth and Young Adult Conference (CYYAC20) will be held Monday, June 29 - Friday, July 3, 2020 in Greensboro, NC. Bishop and Mrs. James B. Walker and the Seventh Episcopal District will be hosting this awe-inspiring event. Join Youth, Young Adults, Children, Christian Educators and leaders from across the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church as we gather for four days of discipleship, worship, study, mission, and celebration. CYYAC20 is the largest gathering of the C.M.E. Church and has a rich legacy that began with the first youth conference in 1939 under the leadership of Bishop B. Julian Smith.

In Getting Back to Basics and Envisioning a Way Forward in Taking Care of God’s Business - we commit to "Press Forward" through Passionate-Relevant-Essential-Sincere-Service. Our theme scripture base states “Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:12-14 RSV

This Youth Ministry Prep Guide was designed to assist youth directors in preparing young people to attend the premier conference of the General Department of Christian Education and Formation! In June 2020, we will gather for a diverse setting for educational, inspirational, spiritual and life-changing opportunities as participants connect and reconnect with each other, connectional leaders, and relevant presenters and artists from across the spectrum. Prepare to be awed, challenged, inspired and transformed in an authentic setting of koinonia and Christian fun!!!!

Welcome
How do we prepare young people for CYYAC?

Preparing for CYYAC takes more than gathering young people, paying registration, hotel and arranging transportation. As youth leaders, we must be diligent to prepare youth holistically in preparation for this INCREDIBLE experience of CYYAC20.

When I think of my first Youth & Young Adult Conference in New Orleans, the words overwhelming, lost, anxious and happy come to mind. I was not prepared for the 23-hour bus ride from Chester, PA to New Orleans, Louisiana yet I couldn’t wait to experience the conference the older youth from my church attended. Was I prepared? No! Did I enjoy myself? Yes!

Here I am 36 years later (yes I just dated myself), preparing a manual for youth leaders to help prepare my younger self for the greatest and largest gathering of CMEs. I’ve developed a 7-strand approach that will enable young people to be adequately prepared. “CeCe’s 7” is comprised of internal and external factors. Each factor can be addressed individually yet if combined they offer the perfect balance. The following pages will provide some key elements which create a roadmap to the desired end...A PROFOUND LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCE!

**Spiritually**

Now is the time to prepare to meet God. Just as an athlete prepares daily for game day; when we work our spirituality daily it produces the results we need to win.

**Mentally**

Good mental health allows young people to think clearly, learn new skills and develop into stable, sound-minded individuals.

**Emotionally**

Being emotionally immature can prevent young people from having a healthy experience at the conference.

**Physically**

Our bodies are a temple which needs proper care to run efficiently and perform to its optimum level. Developing healthy habits is essential to survival.

**Educationally**

Most young people learn better in fun, creative, and authentic ways. Spend time processing information and concepts to prevent intellectual overload.

**Financially**

Developing a financial plan can make or break your trip. Take the time on the front end to plan for success and eliminate frustration.

**Socially**

Treasure interactions between you and other conference participants. Create moments to expand your network, meet new people, and share different perspectives.

“I wish my advisor would have told me the amount of endless relationships I would gain from this event. Don’t be afraid to do something you’ve never done before!”

Shana Hill
4th Episcopal District Youth Vice President
SPIRITUALLY

- Study the conference scripture -Philippians 3:4-14.
- Ask youth to create a CYYAC Prayer List to include what they expect to receive from God during the conference.
- Teach about Spiritual Gifts received and how to use them.
- Encourage them to align their hearts for the purpose of attending CYYAC. Prepare to meet and experience God!
- Help youth develop strong healthy spiritual habits (disciplines)
- Prepare youth for the distractions they will encounter.

MENTALLY

- Learn what triggers your young people especially those with special needs
- Teach them to become aware of their frame of mind. Understanding the soft touches they feel they can’t cope with.
- Train them to use a scaffold to get to where they want to go.
- Have them practice owning their ‘VERT’ [Introvert vs Extrovert].
- To prevent crisis, ensure young people who are clinically diagnosed have visited their psychiatrists/therapist and are up to date with medication before traveling.
- Hold a session with parents/guardians to discuss how to deal with “difficult” or aggressive young people. Don’t just opt to leave them home. They need to experience God also.

EMOTIONALLY

- Stress is real even to our youth. Provide education and opportunities for them to learn how to reduce stress.
- For some young people, this may be their first time away from home. Allow them to talk through what concerns them and walk through what the conference looks likes. Maybe even share video footage from previous conferences.
- Communicate that it’s okay to release whatever is keeping them bound. Freedom if available.
- Finding the strength within the struggle could change the trajectory in their mind.
- Create a safe space for youth and others.
- Allow them to be open and vulnerable.
- Model for youth how to manage your emotions.

PHYSICALLY

- Stay hydrated. The weather in North Carolina can be extremely HOT. Explain the importance to staying hydrated and eating balance meals.
- Because of the size of our conference facility, have a conversation with young people about what to expect ie. Lots of walking, early mornings, late nights, etc.
- Speak with youth and parents about medication and the importance of maintaining a routine. Pay close attention to those with extreme physical conditions and make the necessary accommodations and/or adjustments to your schedule.
- Be mindful of young people with food allergies or seasonal allergies.
- Advise youth to bring good walking shoes or sneaker. Ladies can carry their heels.
- Remember to carry medication and health cards in case of emergencies.
EDUCATIONALLY

• Over the next few months, teach young people about the CME History that is relevant to the conference. Our history is too great to cram for the test. ☺
• Teach them the “Who’s Who’s” in the CME Church with names, pictures, titles and Episcopal District. You never know who will be in the elevator with them.
• Help youth register for their Press Play Workshops. Review the Youth Course Catalog and establish a tentative schedule based on their desires, areas of ministry and spiritual growth.
• Communicate the importance of participation in at least 1 Conference Bowl (formally competitions). For more details, refer to page 11 of this guide.
• Study our theme scripture and provide multiple opportunities and creative ways to discuss your young people.

SOCIALLY

• CYYAC20 is the largest gathering in the CME Church. It could be overwhelming for some. Have a conversation with young people about what to expect and the value in socializing.
• Safety matters. Discuss the importance of never traveling alone. Go out in pairs and pay attention to your surroundings.
• Encourage youth to make friends across the CME Connectional Church. Give the assignment to locate 3-5 youth from each Episcopal District exchanging numbers and link-up across their social media platforms.
• Schedule teambuilding opportunities with other churches over the next few months.
• Find times during CYYAC to share meals or establish free time with other groups.

FINANCIALLY

• Create a budget and deadlines for your entire group to adhere to.
• Develop a fundraiser plan with short- and long-term goals. Share this information with the entire church body, family and friend. You never know who will donate towards your trip.
• Establish a payment plan for each participant to include upfront cost like registration, hotel and transportation cost. Don’t forget to add money for meals.
• Once registrations are paid, try paying for hotel rooms one night at a time. For example: if you have a fundraiser, send those funds to the hotel immediately. Be sure to include your confirmation number(s) and a supplemental sheet listing each room and guest. The hotel will be paid off before you know it.
• Ask for sponsors or donations according to what is needed. For example, registration = $150, 1 nights lodging = $160, travel expenses per registrant = $200.
• Suggest that family, friends or church members purchase gift cards to help with food expenses. A short list of local restaurants is listed in this guide.
• Ensure youth have access to a debit card. Try to reduce the amount of cash on hand to reduce lost or theft.
• If traveling on vans or buses, try asking for donations of snacks, cases of bottle water and coolers.
Here is a brief list of eateries located close the Sheraton Hotel.

**Hotel Options**
Onsite restaurants and food stand options

**In Mall across the parking lot**
- Chick-Fil-A
- Subway
- Auntie’s Ann
- Baskin Robbins
- Dairy Queen
- Starbucks
- Dairy Queen
- Charleys Grilled Subs
- Bonefish Grill

**Across the street/nearby (walking & driving)**
- Waffle House
- Denny’s
- Popeye’s
- Carrabba’s Italian Grill
- McDonald’s

Feel free to visit Google for a more comprehensive list.

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**Press Play**

**Youth Workshops**

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- Servant Leadership Track
- Ministry Prep Track
- Spiritual Formation Track
- Music and Arts Track

Each track is geared towards equipping our youth to become what God has called them to be. They will have the opportunity to select classes across tracks to fit their personal, spiritual and ministry needs.

**How will youth select their classes?**

Youth must be registered for CYYAC20 before they will be able to choose their schedule for that week. Registration is available online at www.thecmechurch.org/cyyac20.html. To make the process simple, scheduling will be available via a mobile app which is currently being created. A CYYAC20 Youth Ministry course catalog will be distributed (**February 2020**) to allow young people to review courses and make tentative selections. Once the class scheduling window will begin (**March 2020**), youth must login and register for their classes. This process will be similar to how they register for classes in school.

**Please note:** classes will be capped based on room size. Once a class is full, youth will be placed on a waiting list.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATOR/YOUTH LEADER NOTES**

We are asking all Christian Education leaders to please announce this, in detail, at all District and Annual Conferences. It’s very important that youth be properly registered and provide working email addresses. More details to follow.

Thank you for your consideration and your efforts to make this conference one that our young people will never forget.

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"I wish my youth leader would have told me the impact CYYAC would have on my life. Because of my election as a Youth Vice-President, I have enjoyed sharing in leadership impacting my fellow peers."

~Kennedy Showell
7th Episcopal District
Youth Vice President
Our Year-Long Service Project

In preparation for the CYYAC20 Together We Rise Service Project, the design team has selected to focus our efforts this conference year on FOSTER CARE Education and Projects. Each local church, district, and/or region is asked to conduct at least 1 major and 1 minor project. Document your activities and submit a report/article to the Department of Christian Education. You never know if your project will make it to the “big stage”. We also ask for your assistance with the CYYAC20 Together We Rise Service Project. More details listed below.

Foster Care Education
- May is Foster Care Awareness Month
- November is National Adoption Month
- Foster Care Education Sunday
- Foster Care Recruitment Sunday
- Mentoring opportunities
- Volunteer
- Jobs

Foster Care Project Ideas
- School uniform vouchers
- Drop off gift cards for their birthday
- Prom dress/suit giveaway
- Presents during Christmas
- Prepare care packages

Foster Care Project Ideas (continued)
- Project Linus
- Cuddle kits - blanket, pillow & flashlights
- Pillowcase bags – sew kid-friendly pillowcases and add a drawstring or strap
- Infant care items – diapers, wipes, formula, bottles
- Emergency kits – Pajamas & toothbrushes
- College Dorm Prep Kits
- Birthday boxes
- Collect money for the CYYAC Together We Rise Service Project
  www.togetherwerise.org/fundraise/CYYAC20

Feel free develop your own ideas. Be creative in your projects. #CMEsMakingADifference

CYYAC20 Together We Rise Service Project

*Since 2013, the number of children in US Foster Care continues to rise. As of September 30, 2017, there were 442,995 children in foster care - a 1.5 percent increase from 2016 and a 9.6 percent increase from 2013. When foster children move from home to home, they are usually given two trash bags to carry their belongings in. They deserve better than that. The Connectional Youth & Young Adult Conference is partnering with Together We Rise, a non-profit organization helping children in foster care. During CYYAC20, we’ll be decorating Sweet Cases, stuffing Teen Duffle bags, building bikes and skateboards to be donated to foster children in North Carolina.

GOAL
$20,000

How can you help?
We’re asking youth, young adults, church members, family, friends, organizations and business across the denomination to help us raise funds to purchase the supplies we’ll need to stuff duffle bags and build bikes and skateboards. Our fundraising campaign will run from January through April 15, 2020. More details will be available in the CYYAC Pre-Conference Resource Guide.

To learn more about, visit
www.togetherwerise.org/fundraise/CYYAC20

*(North American Council on Adoptable Children website)*
Registration

The discounted registration fee for CYYAC20 is $150 now through December 31, 2019. The registration fee includes a Concert!

Deadline Dates:
- Early Bird Registration (Deadline December 31, 2019): $150.00
- Pre-Registration (Deadline May 15, 2020): $175.00
- Onsite Registration: $250.00

Online Registration

The online registration portal is open to single and group reservations for up to 50 persons by credit/debit card and check! The portal is user-friendly and easy to follow. Please ensure that you appropriately add the number of persons in your group!

You may register online at www.thecmchurch.org/cyyac20.html
Upon completion of your payment, you will receive a registration confirmation notice and the link to reserve your hotel room.

Check payments: Please note that your registration will not be completed until the check has been received and cleared the bank. A receipt and hotel confirmation notice will be e-mailed to you.

Please check your Junk or Spam mailbox if you do not receive a registration confirmation notice by e-mail. To request a receipt and hotel confirmation notice, e-mail cyyac20@thecmchurch.org.

If you require assistance with registration or need to make changes to the registration information including substitutions, please e-mail the registrar Dr. Theresa Duhart at cyyac20@thecmchurch.org or dial 1-855-263-1870 and leave a message if necessary.

Hotel Accommodations

Hotel accommodations will be provided by the Sheraton Greensboro at Four Seasons Hotel located at 3121 W Gate City Blvd, Greensboro, NC 27407.

The group room rate at the Sheraton Greensboro is $135 per night plus tax (17.12% per night) for a total of $152.12 per night. The hotel room will sleep up to 4 people. The deadline date to reserve a hotel room is 5:00 pm on June 1, 2020. Please plan to register and reserve your room early!

To register for the hotel, please use the hotel link which you will receive via email following the completion of your PAID CYYAC20 Registration. Click on the hotel link in the email to make reservations.

Please note that phone calls are not an acceptable way to make reservations. The Sheraton Greensboro Hotel has been instructed not to honor reservations for CYYAC20 by phone.

Cost Per Youth

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**TOTAL COST PER ATTENDEE  $677.12**

**This amount represents total cost for individual participating in all of the conference events and assumes lodging cost based on 4 attendees to a room. This cost will vary based on the number of persons in sleeping room as well as the number of meals.**
Youth Ministry Leaders

Calling all Youth Ministry Leaders!
Our team is excited to present “Hard Press for Youth Leaders” a special track designed for Youth Ministry Leaders. We value your work and want to support each of you with strategic professional development in the area of Youth Ministry.

Sessions will include:
- Youth Ministry: A new model for the CME Church
- How S.M.A.R.T. is your Youth Ministry?
- Team Ministry for the WIN!
- Hidden Figures Inside Your Ministry
- Ministering to Young People Who Have Experienced Trauma
- Family & Community Engagement

All youth leaders are encouraged to register and attend the CYYAC20 to gain helpful knowledge to continue providing exceptional ministry that produces young people prepared for life inside and outside of church.

For more information, please contact our Connectional Youth Director, Rev. Cyreeta Collins, via RevCeCe@thecmechurch.org

Group Leader Responsibilities

Every local church Group Leader will need to carry a Group Leader Binder. Having daily access to this binder will allow the leader to keep track of all the important documents in case of emergency.

The Group Leader Binder should consist of:
- Copies of completed Registration Forms
- List of all hotel confirmations
- CYYAC Permission Slips
- CYYAC Medical Release Form
- CYYAC Medical Fact Sheet
- List of Emergency Contacts for all Christian Education participants from your local church

*Give to the CYYAC Registration staff
- CYYAC Permission Slips (copies)
- CYYAC Medical Release (copies)
- CYYAC Talent Release

Dress Code

All Conference registrants are urged to dress in a manner, which you feel is pleasing in the sight of God and which meets normal standards for religious conference attendance. All shorts (male and female) should be no more than five inches above the knee. Please read the Conference Code of Conduct.

Short Shorts, tight tights, midriffs, halter tops, sagging pants, etc. are taboo for this Conference. Directors, chaperones, counselors, and other adult leaders we are counting on you to monitor and assist our youth with making appropriate decisions regarding dress.

****For the Crossover Celebration****
Tween Group - White Tops/Navy Blue bottoms
High School Senior Group - All White

“Do not expect to go and have “free vacation time”. You should plan to go and learn more about the Lord & connect with youth from across the country.”

Tkendriona Jordan
1st Episcopal District
Youth Vice President
Graduate Photos
Class of 2017 - 2020

Did you graduate from High School over the past 4 years? We want to highlight your accomplishment in the CYYAC20 souvenir journal. Graduates are asked to provide a photo with requested information no later than May 15, 2020

• Episcopal District
• Graduation Year
• High School
• Post High School Plan: (college, trade school, armed services, work)

Cost: $10.00
Email to: cyyac2020reg@gmail.com
Subject: Graduate Photo

Crossover Celebration

In planning CYYAC20, we wanted to be intentional about the transitioning years and provide an opportunity to model the significance. During the week, Tweens and High School Seniors will function as a cohort having classes and activities cross ministry lines. Children ages 11 will transition to Youth Ministry and High School Seniors/18 year olds will transition to Young Adult Ministry. This Crossover Celebration will take place Thursday, July 2nd at 1:45pm – 3:00pm.

The requested attire: Tween Group - White Tops/ Navy Blue bottoms and High School Senior Group - All White
We can’t wait to celebrate with them!

TWEEN Track
(11 Year Olds ONLY)

We have designed a special track for 11 year olds attending the conference. They must be registered under the Children’s Ministry and their age of “11” noted. These “Tweens” will function as a cohort during the conference. Plans for Tween’s are already in the works. They will experience: age appropriate Bible Study, workshops, team building opportunities, and activities. An added bonus at CYYAC20 will be a ceremony for “Tweens” during the Crossover Celebration. Special attention will be given to ensure a smooth transition into the Connectional Youth Ministry of the CME Church.

High School Seniors
(Timothy Mentorship Group)

All High School Seniors are encouraged to register for CYYAC20 as a High School Senior. We have planned special activities and a unique mentorship project with them in mind. The Timothy Mentorship Group will involve a time for High School Seniors and Young Adults who will mentor them and help with the smooth transition into FULL Young Adult Ministry. After the initial meeting, Young Adults are encouraged to spend time with them during the down times and limited Young Adult events.

“Be on time for sessions. Don’t allow your peers to stop you from truly experiencing the most from the conference.”

Jacia Calvin
9th Episcopal District Youth Vice President

BRIDGING THE GAP
CYYAC Conference Bowls

Historically, the Connectional Youth and Young Adult Conferences have had some way of involving all youth in the conference. There was a time when youth competed against one another and received awards as judged by pre-selected judges. Our Former General Secretary, now Bishop Ronald M. Cunningham, decided that having youth compete in the church was not a good pedagogical model. Therefore, the change was made from competition to a format called “Bowls”. Throughout the preparation for CYYAC20, we will be promoting an idea called “Bowls” where youth will participate in several venues.

A tentative list of conference bowls is listed in the side image. Youth Groups are encouraged to register for several presentations in different categories. Bowls will take place Monday, June 29, 2020 from 3:00pm to 5:30pm. Plan now to arrive on the first day of the conference ready to dive right into the conference. More details to come.

Let us approach the “Conference Bowls” with pride, dignity, and a sense of community. Each individual and local church participating in “the Bowls” and other special conference events will be sharing with the Body of Christ their individual and collective gifts. Let’s cheer them on, and give God the praise for the amazing works that are being performed by youth and young adults in local congregations and communities throughout the CME Connection.

EPISCOPAL DISTRICT CHOIRS

Each Episcopal District has been requested to organize an Episcopal District Youth & Young Adult Choir. Each choir will sing during the Worship Across The Denomination on Wednesday, July 2nd @ 7:00pm.

Our Connectional Music & Arts Team, under the direction of Rev. Valencia Edner, has planned a dynamic spirit-filled worship experience that is sure to bless all in attendance. Contact your Episcopal District Music & Arts Coordinator. More details are forthcoming.

CONFERENCE ORCHESTRA

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Calling all young people who play an instrument in the band at school, within the community or at church. The CYYAC Orchestra is back. Rehearsals will be conducted onsite. Pack your instruments as we offer up our gifts and talents unto the Lord. More details are forthcoming.

CONFERENCE DANCE & MIME MINISTRIES

The conference design team acknowledges the myriad of talent in our local churches who would love to showcase that talent at the CYYAC20.

Not only will we have a conference dance ministry, we will officially launch a conference mime ministry. There will also be a series of workshops during the Youth Press Play Workshop – Music & Arts Track. Classes are designed to provide an opportunity to gain knowledge that will aid the ministries at the local church. The CYYAC Dance & Mime Ministries will be incorporated throughout the conference in various venues. They fall under the Connectional Music & Arts Ministry.

“I didn’t know how hard it would be serving as an officer and the dedication it would take. You have to be committed and determined in your line of duty in your line of ministry.

Shelbriana Meyers
8th Episcopal District Youth Vice president
Leadership Opportunities within the Connectional Youth Ministry

The purpose of the Connectional Youth Ministry (CYM) of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church is to comprise an official organization that provides representation for the youth of this denomination. The Connectional Youth Ministry shall assist the denomination in cultivating leadership, spiritual, and faith formation opportunities among persons’ ages 12-17.

¶1138.3 Vision Statement
Youth Ministry within the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church exists to REACH young people, ages 12-17, by Revealing the life changing power of a relationship with Jesus Christ, Equipping youth workers with the resources to build effective ministries, Advocating for the spiritual, social and political needs of young people, Communicating the gospel in a culturally relevant manner, allowing Healing for young people, their families and their communities.

¶1138.4 Objectives
The Connectional Youth Ministry shall seek to achieve the following objectives:

- Develop a connectional network of youth directors, youth ministers and youth presidents and exchange ideas through various media.
- Advise the Connectional Youth Vice Presidents Council and engage them in the work of this ministry and the Department of Christian Education and Formation
- Develop and recommend programs that can be implemented by youth ministries at all levels of the denomination.
- Assist the Department of Christian Education and Formation in planning life-changing Connectional Youth Conferences.
- Facilitate and encourage the training and theological education of youth directors and youth ministers throughout the church.
- Coordinate when necessary, when other connectional ministries that overlap with youth ministry, such as Mattie E. Coleman, Scouting, Youth Ushers, Children, emerging and Young Adults.
- Coordinate and implement at least one youth mission project per year for local church and coordinate with the General Department of Christian Education and Formation guidelines for District, Regional and Connectional Mission Projects.

¶ 1138.7 Governing Body/ Executive Board
- Vice President’s Council shall be the governing body who represent the Connectional Youth Ministry.
- They officers shall be elected quadrennially during the Connectional Youth Conference.
- The youth delegates from each Episcopal District shall elect an Episcopal District Vice President to serve on the Vice President’s Council.
- The newly elected Vice President’s Council shall elect a President, Vice President, and Secretary from amongst the Episcopal District Vice Presidents.
- They shall serve a 4-year term.
“Just because we know of God doesn’t mean we know and actually have a relationship with him. What I want to share with youth is: a relationship with Christ isn’t easy!! There’s a lot of things you have to give up and sacrifices you have to make. But the storm isn’t sent to kill you, it’s sent to water you, to help you grow, and to help you stand firm in faith! Trials and tribulations always come, it’s never easy. But everything is for character affirmation, and strengthening. Just trust the process. “

Jada Brown
5th Episcopal District
Youth Vice President

Get ready to work hard as this conference prepares and equips you to become a better leader. I promise you won’t leave the same way.

Michael Earle-Lyles
6th Episcopal District
Youth Vice President

“This conference changed my life.”

Antwon Crowder
3rd Episcopal District
Youth Vice President

“Constant movement. I had no idea we would be so busy going from classes to worship to plenary sessions. Once I was elected a VP, I then had more meetings where I learned about my new role.”

Shea Thompson
2nd Episcopal District
Youth Vice President
CYYAC20 promises to be an awe-inspiring event that will include four days of discipleship, worship, study, service, and celebration. We are planning an exciting, challenging, and inspiring program for our young people. For that daily spiritual food, young people will receive religious education that is relevant and relatable during Level Up Bible Study classes. These age specific classes are divided into 3 groups: **Tween Classes** (11 yr. olds), **Jr High Classes** (7th – 8th or 12 – 14 yr. olds), and **Sr High Classes** (9th – 12th or 15 -17 yr. olds)

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- **Servant Leadership Track**
- **Ministry Prep Track**
- **Spiritual Formation Track**
- **Music and Arts Track**

Because we are committed to **Press Forward** through **Passionate-Relevant-Essential-Sincere-Service**, we need creative, passionate and engaging people to serve as Level Up Bible Study teachers or PRESS PLAY youth workshop facilitators. If you (or someone you know) have advance knowledge, gifts, talents and/or skills, we invite you to prayerfully consider sharing them with our young people during **CYYAC20**. To be considered, simply complete the facilitator application and submit via email to cyyac20reg@gmail.com by **December 1, 2019**.

Servant Leaders
Rev. Cyreeta Collins, Connectional Youth Ministry Director
Dr. Carmichael D. Crutchfield, General Secretary
YOUTH MINISTRY FACILITATOR APPLICATION

| NAME: ____________________________ |
| ADDRESS: ____________________________ |
| CITY / STATE / ZIP: ____________________________ |
| DAY TIME PHONE: ____________________________ EVENING PHONE: ____________________________ |
| EMAIL: ____________________________ |

CME MEMBER
EPISCOPAL DISTRICT: ________ ANNUAL CONFERENCE: ____________________________

HOME CHURCH: ____________________________

CURRENT POSITION (TITLE): ____________________________

NON-CME AGENCY AFFILIATION: ____________________________

CURRENT POSITION (TITLE): ____________________________

Years of experience Leading, Working, or Serving in Youth Ministry: ________

List any experience with leading a youth group in a large event setting:

What area are you interested in serving? Level Up Bible Study Teacher, Tween / Jr. High / Sr. High Press Play Youth Workshop, Personal Development Track, Servant Leadership Track, Ministry Prep Track, Spiritual Formation Track, Music and Arts Track

References Whom We Could Contact:

R1 Name: ____________________________ Email: ____________________________

R2 Name: ____________________________ Email: ____________________________

R3 Name: ____________________________ Email: ____________________________
CODE OF CONDUCT

As a representative of Christ and of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, we, the participants of CYYAC20 take seriously our responsibility to care for one another. This code represents affirmation of our concern for the well-being of the total community. We covenant with each other to insure the safety of all, to make our time together most meaningful, and to care for the facility which we share.

1. Anything considered illegal under civil and criminal law in North Carolina is illegal for participants of CYYAC20. This includes drug possession and use, alcohol consumption and possession by a minor and alcohol consumption on state property, possession of firearms, weapons or fireworks, etc. Tobacco use is illegal for those under 18. Smoking is discouraged for adults but will be permitted in outdoor areas.

2. All groups must adhere to Conference policies. In addition to the 4:1 youth to adult ratio, all groups with both male and female participants are encouraged to bring at least one leader/chaperone (age 21+) of each gender. Each group is encouraged to have at least one leader/chaperone that is 25 years old or older.

3. Dress should be appropriate for a co-ed Christian environment.

4. All participants are expected to participate in the event in full and be at designated places at all times.

5. Visitation between males and females in hotel rooms is prohibited unless directly supervised in a group setting by the group’s responsible adult.

6. We will respect the person, equipment and property of others as well as the public and private properties (hotels, conference rooms, convention center property, etc.) we will be using during CYYAC20. (This should be taken into consideration when considering practical jokes, water fights, use of shaving cream, etc. Do no harm to others)

7. Any accidental damage to the hotel property will be billed to the local church and will be the responsibility of the persons who caused the damage. Intentional damage is subject to additional penalties.

8. Radios, CD players, Mp3 players, etc. may be used during free time at levels that do not disturb others and cannot be heard outside the room in which it is being played.

I understand that violations of this code of conduct and/or other inappropriate behavior could require disciplinary action for youth and adults. Decisions about appropriate disciplinary action will be made by adult group leaders and the CYYAC20 Conference Team. CYYAC20 reserves the right to call parents or to dismiss any person who breaks this code of conduct.

Group Leaders: Please provide a copy of the Code of Conduct to all participants.
CYYAC20 SPIRITUAL COVENANT

The Spiritual Covenant is a covenant signed by all attendees that expresses their commitment to prepare themselves spiritually for CYYAC20 and to pledge further to conduct themselves appropriately by abiding by the Conference dress codes and rules that reflect Christian attitudes and character. Each participant should sign a Spiritual Covenant. Leaders should discuss the Covenant with youth as they prepare them for the Conference.

Being convinced that I wish to join with those who are called to submit to the will of Christ, and His Church, and as we embark upon this great conference, I hereby share in covenant with God and the whole company of the 2020 Connectional Youth and Young Adult Conference. I also understand and agree to abide by the Code of Conduct for CYYAC20:

- I will join the whole CME Church in praying for an informative, challenging, inspirational, and life-changing 2020 Connectional Youth and Young Adult Conference.
- I will come to the Conference with an open mind, prayerful heart, and a committed spirit.
- I will pray for something to happen, during the Conference, which will bring me to a fuller understanding of who I am in this world, and of my relationship with Christ and His Church.
- I will submit myself in obedience to the 12Midnight – 6:00 a.m. quiet hours.
- I will endeavor to be ON TIME and FULLY ENGAGED in all sessions of the Conference, including worship services, general sessions, workshops, and discussion groups as scheduled.
- I will be respectful and responsive to advisors, chaperones, Group Leaders, Pastors, Conference security personnel, Conference Staff, Church leaders and officials, and hotel officials.
- I will dress for the Conference sessions, and after hours, in a fashion that I understand to be appropriate for young Christians attending a Christian conference.
- I will refrain from conduct unbecoming Christian Youth, Young Adults, and Adults.
- I will not partake of nor have in my possession any alcoholic beverages, illegal and mind-altering chemical substances of any kind.
- I will promote positive conduct and high moral standards among my peers and other Conference registrants.
- I will not bring to the conference any instrument, device, or weapon which may be used to harm, threaten or endanger the life of others.
- I will do all things, which enhance life-affirming SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION, both for the individual and the community.

Signed in good faith___________________________________________________

Printed Name_____________________________________________________

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CYYAC20 PERMISSION SLIP

I, ____________________________, am the parent/legal guardian of ________________________________.

I acknowledge that my child is traveling domestically and has my consent and permission to travel with ________________________________ C.M.E. Church to participate in the Connectional Youth & Young Adult Conference. The activities will be held in the hotel and within the surrounding areas. I relieve the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church of any and all liabilities for any accidents that may occur during my child’s participation in CYYAC20.

TRIP DETAILS

PARTICIPANT’S NAME: ________________________________________________________________

DATE OF BIRTH: ___________________________ AGE: __________

ADDRESS: _______________________________________________________________________

CITY: ___________________________ STATE: _______ ZIP: __________

TRAVEL DESTINATION: Joseph S. Koury Convention Center & Sheraton Greensboro at Four Seasons Hotel

TRAVEL DATES: _________________ to ___________________

PURPOSE: CONNECTIONAL YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE

ADDRESS AT DESTINATION:

HOTEL NAME: ________________________________________________________________

ADDRESS: _______________________________________________________________________

CITY: ___________________________ STATE: _______ ZIP: __________

I have read and understand the above and I freely give my consent and permission of all things contained herein. Any questions regarding this consent can be directed to me at the contact information listed below.

SIGNATURE: ___________________________ DATE: ___________________________

PRINT: _______________________________________

TELEPHONE: _______________________________
CYYAC20 MEDICAL RELEASE FORM

PARTICIPANT'S NAME: ____________________________________________________________

DATE OF BIRTH: ___________________________ AGE: ___________

As the parent/guardian of the named participant, I hereby give authorization to the staff of the Department of Christian Education and Formation to seek medical attention, if required, while participating in the above approved activity.

If applicable, I further authorize medical treatment, as deemed necessary, for the well-being of said participant. I understand that staff will make attempts to notify me in all medical emergencies, and I will be contacted, if possible, for my permission if hospitalization or treatment of a serious nature is required.

I agree to hold the Department of Christian Education and Formation free and harmless of any claims, demands, or suits of damages from any injury or complications, whatsoever, which may result from such treatment.

I the undersigned have carefully read this release understand all terms. I execute it voluntarily and with full knowledge of its significance.

______________________________  ______________________
Parent/Guardian Signature    Date

______________________________
Parent/Guardian Print Name

Insurance Information

Carrier: ___________________________________________________________________

Member Name: __________________________________________________________________

Group # __________________________ ID # __________________________

Insurance Telephone: ________________________________
CYYAC20 MEDICAL FACT SHEET

Information about Traveling Child Participant’s Legal Name: _______________________________________________________________

Date of Birth: ______________________________ Age: ______________

Child’s Health Information

Health Conditions (eg. Asthma, Diabetes): _________________________________________________________________

Allergies (eg. to Medication, Food): ____________________________________________________________________

Prescription Medication: ____________________________________________________________________________

Child’s Medical Care and Insurance Information

Physician/ Pediatrician: __________________________________________ Phone # __________________________

Is your son/daughter under the care of a physician for a medical problem? __ Yes __ No

If yes, please explain ____________________________________________________________________________

Is your son/daughter taking medication prescribed by a physician? __ Yes __ No

If yes, please explain ____________________________________________________________________________

Other information an attending physician needs to be aware of _______________________________________________________________________________________

____________________________________________________________________________________________

Insurance Information

Carrier: ____________________________________________________________

Member Name: ______________________________________________________

Group # ______________ ID # ______________

Insurance Telephone: ______________________________

Parent/Guardian’s Information

Parent/Guardian’s Name ________________________________________________

Address: ________________________________________________________________________________

Phone # ____________________________ Cell # ____________________________

Email: ___________________________________________________________________________________

Other Contact Person: __________________________________________ Phone # ____________________________
CYYAC20 Talent Release

CONSENT TO PHOTOGRAPH, FILM, TAPE AND INTERVIEW PARTICIPANT FOR NON-PROFIT USE

In consideration for my appearance in productions at CYYAC20 sponsored by Department of Christian Education of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, the undersigned hereby assigns to CYYAC20 all rights to the use of my voice and/or likeness in the publication, distribution, transmission and/or display of any such picture, film, videotape, photographic re-production (including associated soundtrack), illustration, advertisement, television program, videotape program, Internet broadcast or digital file transfer (or any other medium now existing or developed in the future) of such image, voice or likeness, and of any prints or copies thereof or there from, in whole or in part, at the sole discretion of CYYAC20 and/or its successors or assigns, in perpetuity, worldwide.

Date: __________________________

(if participant is under 18)

Name of Minor: ________________________________________________________________

Signature of Parent/Guardian: __________________________________________________

Print Name: ____________________________________________________________________

Or

(if participant is 18 or OVER) or Staff

Signature of Participant: ______________________________________________________________________

Print Name: ____________________________________________________________________________
I AM REGISTERED!
ARE YOU?

Meet me in GREENSBORO!
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EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION | Deadline: December 31, 2019: $150
PRE-REGISTRATION | Deadline: May 15, 2020: $175
ON-SITE REGISTRATION: $250

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