

**SUMTER BAPTIST M & E ASSOCIATION  
CHURCH SCHOOL CONGRESS  
OF  
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION  
75<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNUAL SESSION**



Associational Theme:  
**Equipping the Church for the Future**  
**Ephesians 4:12**

**May 27, 2023, 9:00 a.m.**

**Joshua Missionary Baptist Church  
5200 Live Oak Road  
Dalzell, South Carolina 29040  
Reverend Eugene G. Dennis, Pastor**

**Deacon Russell A. Miller, Congress President  
Reverend Alphonsa Barker, Jr., Dean of Christian Education  
Reverend Dr. Sam Livingston, Sr., Moderator, SBMEA  
Pastor Larry W. Barnes, Vice Moderator, SBMEA**

## Opening Session

May 27, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Opening of Congress.....Deacon Russell A. Miller  
President, Congress of Christian Education  
Antioch Missionary Baptist Church

Congregational Selection.....Deaconess Nicole L. Fuller  
Music Director, Congress of Christian Education  
Corinth Missionary Baptist Church

Greetings.....Sister Evelyn Bennett  
Joshua Missionary Baptist Church

School of Methodology.....Alphonsa Barker, Jr.,  
Dean, Congress of Christian Education  
Trinity Missionary Baptist Church

***“The Purpose of the Church in this Immoral Age”***

***Romans 1:16,17 and John 16:7-11***

**Reverend Dr. Cartrell W. Woods, Jr., Pastor, Salem Missionary Baptist Church of Sumter  
Adult Male**

**Reverend Dr. Earlene Howell-Smith, Associate Minister, Trinity Missionary Baptist Church  
Adult Females**

**Reverend Cheryl Graham, Associate Minister, Salem Missionary Baptist Church of Sumter  
Male and Female Youth Division**

Directions.....Sister Irene Lucky Harris  
Director General, Congress of Christian Education  
Salem Missionary Baptist Church

## Congress at Worship

Worship Leader.....Reverend Dr. Earlene Howell-Smith  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Congress of Christian Education  
Trinity Missionary Baptist Church

Associational Hymn.....”Blessed Quiteness”  
(Congregation)

Scripture.....Sister Janie Goodman  
Joshua Missionary Baptist Church

Invocation.....Deacon Elbert Deas  
Joshua Missionary Baptist Church

Acknowledgement of Guests:

Greetings/Remarks.....Reverend Dr. Sam Livingston, Sr.  
Moderator, Sumter Baptist Missionary and Educational Association  
Pastor, Antioch Missionary Baptist Church

Oratorical Presentation.....Deaconess Fannie Lanon  
Oratorical Director, Congress of Christian Education  
Enon Missionary Baptist Church

Talent Presentation.....Deaconess Fannie Lanon  
Oratorical Director, Congress of Christian Education  
Enon Missionary Baptist Church

Offering.....(Annual \$20.00).....Deacon Jason P. Fuller  
Financial Secretary, Congress of Christian Education  
Corinth Missionary Baptist Church

Selection.....Deaconess Nicole L. Fuller  
Music Director, Congress of Christian Education  
Corinth Missionary Baptist Church

Offertory Appeal (Love Offering)

Presentation of Congress President.....Reverend Dr. Earlene Howell-Smith  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Congress of Christian Education  
Trinity Missionary Baptist Church

Presentation of Congress Dean.....Reverend Dr. Earlene Howell-Smith  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Congress of Christian Education  
Trinity Missionary Baptist Church

Offertory Appeal (Love Offering)

Presentation of Winner.....Deaconess Fannie Lanon /Deacon Russell A. Miller  
Oratorical Director/President, Congress of Christian Education  
Enon Missionary Baptist Church/Antioch Missionary Baptist Church

Remarks/Closing Prayer.....Reverend Dr. Sam Livingston, Sr.  
Moderator, Sumter Missionary and Educational Association  
Pastor, Antioch Missionary Baptist Church.



# BLESSED QUIETNESS

Manic P. Ferguson

W. S. Marshall  
Arr. James M. Kirk



1. Joys are flow-ing like a riv-er, Since the Com-fort-er has come;
2. Bring-ing life and health and glad-ness, All a-round this heav'n-ly Guest,
3. Like the rain that falls from heav-en, Like the sun-light from the sky,
4. See, a fruit-ful field is grow-ing, Bless-ed fruit of right-eous-ness;
5. What a won-der-ful sal-va-tion, Where we al-ways see His face!



He a-bides with us for-ev-er, Makes the trust-ing heart His home.  
Ban-ish-ed un-be-lief and sad-ness, Changed our wea-ri-ness to rest.  
So the Ho-ly Ghost is giv-en, Com-ing on us from on high.  
And the streams of life are flow-ing In the lone-ly wil-der-ness.  
What a per-fect hab-i-ta-tion, What a qui-et rest-ing place!



Bless-ed qui-et-ness, ho-ly qui-et-ness, What as-sur-ance in my soul!



On the storm-y sea He speaks peace to me, How the bil-lows cease to roll!



## ~Officers~

Reverend Sam Livingston, Sr., Moderator  
Reverend Larry W. Barnes, Vice Moderator  
Reverend Dr. Marion H. Newton, Moderator Emeritus  
Deacon Russell A. Miller, President  
Reverend Dr. Earlene Howell-Smith, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Reverend Dr. Cartrell W. Woods, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Reverend Alphonsa Barker, Jr., Dean  
Sister Ella Mathis-James, Assistant Dean  
Deacon Jason P. Fuller, Financial Secretary  
Reverend Sandra Knight, Assistant Secretary  
Sister Irene Lucky Harris, Director General  
Deaconess Nicole L. Fuller, Congress Musician  
Deaconess Fannie Lanon, Oratorical Director