



THE VIRGINIA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION, INC. VIRTUAL CLS SCHOOL AND STATE DIRECTOR'S WORKSHOP

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Greetings,

It is with great joy and excitement that I greet you in the Peace of our Savior Jesus the Christ!

Our world has made a drastic change and shift due to the onset and continued unpleasant experience of COVID19. Yet, while time is filled with swift transition, the Christian Education Department of the Virginia Baptist State Convention is moving right along with spirit and innovation.

Our Christian Education director and his competent team has ensured that Christian discipleship does not stop within our convention. Our virtual Christian Leadership School experience is like none other in the country. With the idea of social distancing in mind, they have created a model for distance learning within Christendom that is unprecedented.

Thank you for allowing us to serve you and your churches in this way. Take advantage of these teaching opportunities as we endeavor to build you up in the faith, to be well equipped to share Christ greater in this challenging era. Thank you to our instructors and our pastors for your commitment to making ministry happen through Christian Education.

Because of Him I am,

Charles R. Whitfield

Dr. Charles R. Whitfield, President
Virginia Baptist State Convention

“Transformational Discipleship”
Rediscovering The Church - The Convention - The Community
Acts 2:41-42

Message from The State Director of Christian Education
for the Virginia Baptist State Convention Inc.



The Virginia Baptist State Convention takes the teaching ministry seriously. Teaching is one of the central functions of the Christian church. At the very heart of the life of the local church is the ministry of teaching or Christian Education. It is as old as the Christian faith and is deeply rooted in the annals of Scripture. What is the purpose of the teaching ministry of the church? Fundamentally it is to empower believers to live for God to the extent that they feel compelled to engage in community transformation through service and evangelism (see Matthew 25:31-46; Ephesians 4:11-16). In this light it is religious, social, political and personal.

We are proud to launch our first Virtual Christian Leadership School. We have been diligently working to ensure all of our constituents and believers everywhere can enroll in a structured program of Christian discipleship and learning. We are offering two programs of instruction. Phase One of the Certificate of Progress Program and the State Directors Workshop. Each program is designed to give you the tools you will need to become a certified instructor or just give you more knowledge of the Scriptures and the Christian faith.

The State Director's Workshop offers courses for persons who are looking to become a church or congress dean. The Virginia Baptist State Convention Christian Leadership School is our effort to empower each member of our constituent churches for community service and evangelism. We commend our President, Dr. Charles Whitfield for his leadership, vision and support in this effort. Plan to enroll and let's grow together.

Geoffrey V. Guns, D. Min.
State Director of Christian Education
Virginia Baptist State Convention

Message from the Dean of The Virginia Baptist State Convention **Christian Leadership School**

Greetings, constituents of the Virginia Baptist State Convention! I greet you in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, God's Anointed!

Let me say that I am extremely proud of the effort that has gone into our Convention's shift to virtual Christian education. Truly, we have embraced a new normal in this era of COVID-19, and our Convention's inaugural virtual Christian Leadership School is at the vanguard of instruction in the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. This year-long virtual school is the first of many changes that we are making to support Bible-centered discipleship in the state of Virginia.



As Dean of the VBSC Christian Leadership School, it is my responsibility to serve under the State Director as the primary administrator of the school. Among other tasks, this involves certifying the school with the Sunday School Publishing Board in Nashville, Tennessee; scheduling the courses; recruiting the instructors; and documenting the progress of students.

My prayer is that everyone will take advantage of this tremendous opportunity that our Convention is providing for pastors, preachers, and church members. Not only will we present challenging, engaging material, but we will also help persons to become comfortable working in a virtual learning environment. If you need more information or assistance, please feel free to reach out to me by telephone or email. On behalf of our State Director, Dr. Geoffrey V. Guns and our talented cadre of certified Christian education instructors, I welcome you to this year-long session of virtual teaching and learning!

Shalom! Eirene!

***Rev. Dr. Luther S. Allen III, Dean
The VBSC Virtual Christian Leadership School
And State Director's Workshop***

The Virginia Baptist State Convention
CLS and State Director's Workshop
Certified Instructors

Dr. Luther S. Allen III

First Lynnhaven Baptist Church,
Virginia Beach, VA

Deaconess Shinese Collins

Second Calvary Baptist Church,
Norfolk, VA

Elder LaShell Currie

Second Calvary Baptist Church,
Norfolk, VA

Rev. Kenyetta Galiote

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Rev. Nicole Guns-Edwards

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Dr. Veronica Haynes

Second Calvary Baptist Church,
Norfolk, VA

Rev. Michael Johnson

Second Calvary Baptist Church,
Norfolk, VA

Dr. Carolyn Walker

Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church,
Chicago, Illinois

Dr. Edward O. Williamson

Bethel Baptist Church,
White Plains, NY

Schedule for The Virginia Baptist State Convention Christian Leadership School and State Director's Workshop

The Virginia Baptist State Convention Christian Leadership School (VBSC CLS) and State Director's Workshop schedule is designed for students to complete the Certificate of Progress Program (COPP) Phase I between September 2020 and June 2021. This schedule takes into consideration the traditional pace of the Christian calendar (Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter) as well as other national holidays and observations (4th of July and Labor Day). The administrative fee for each CLS course taken is \$10.00.

All courses in the VBSC CLS will be offered on Thursday evenings. Some courses in the State Director's Workshop may be scheduled for evenings other than Thursday. This schedule is designed to avoid conflict with the traditional Wednesday night Bible study times of our constituent churches. In order to ensure adequate instructional hours and holistic development as Christian educators, each 9 week instructional window will begin and end with a 90 minute seminar. This will add 3 hours of instructional /lecture time to the

students' overall sessions. The seminars reflect the needs of the students as they progress through the CLS program from session to session. Also, these seminars will aid the students as they position themselves to become CLS instructors after the completion of Phase I. The combination of course times, classwork, and seminars will equal the ten (10) seat hours required.

PLEASE NOTE: *Students who desire to become Certified Instructors or Certified Deans must meet the necessary prerequisites of the Sunday School Publishing Board (Nashville, TN) as listed in the Christian Leadership School Manual.*

In order to become a Certified Instructor, constituents of the Virginia Baptist State Convention must complete a Form-12 Admission Application for the Certificate of Progress Program, and pay the required fee of \$15.00. The fee for each State Director's Workshop course is \$25.00.

FALL SESSION 2020 (I): Week 1 through Week 9**CLS 1001 Introduction to the Bible AND****CLS 1004:Effective Bible Reading - Dr. Veronica Haynes****WEEK 1: OPENING SEMINAR****September 17, 6:30PM EST****Virtual Learning Orientation Seminar:****LaShell Currie and Kesha Reynolds****State Director's Workshop****CLS 9025 Computers in the Life of the Church- Advanced****CLS 2099A /2099B Dean Certification****THURSDAY NIGHT INSTRUCTION:****2-HOUR SESSIONS****THURSDAY****Class
Week 2****September 24, 6:30PM EST
1001 Introduction to the Bible
Dr. Veronica Haynes****SEPT. 24, 6:30PM EST
2099A Dean Certification
Dr. Carolyn Walker****Class
Week 3****October 1, 6:30PM EST
1001 Introduction to the Bible
Dr. Veronica Haynes****OCT. 1, 6:30PM EST
2099A Dean Certification
Dr. Carolyn Walker****Class
Week 4****October 8, 6:30PM EST
1001 Introduction to the Bible
Dr. Veronica Haynes****OCT. 8, 6:30PM EST
2099A Dean Certification
Dr. Carolyn Walker****Class
Week 5****October 15, 6:30PM EST
1001 Introduction to the Bible
Dr. Veronica Haynes****OCT. 15, 6:30PM EST
2099A Dean Certification
Dr. Carolyn Walker****Class
Week 6****October 22, 6:30PM EST
1004 Effective Bible Reading
Dr. Veronica Haynes****DEAN INDEPENDENT
PROJECT WEEK****Class
Week 7****October 29, 6:30PM EST
1004 Effective Bible Reading
Dr. Veronica Haynes****OCT. 29, 6:30PM EST
2099B Dean Certification
Dr. Carolyn Walker****Class
Week 8****November 5, 6:30PM EST
1004 Effective Bible Reading
Dr. Veronica Haynes****NOV. 5, 6:30PM EST
2099B Dean Certification
Dr. Carolyn Walker****Class
Week 9****November 12, 6:30PM EST
1004 Effective Bible Reading
Dr. Veronica Haynes****NOV. 12, 6:30PM EST
2099B Dean Certification
Dr. Carolyn Walker****CLOSING SEMINAR (2021)****FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 6:30PM EST****"Developing the Christian Leadership
School of the NBC"****Dr. Geoffrey V. Guns / Dr. Luther S. Allen III****NOV. 19, 6:30PM EST
2099B Dean Certification
Dr. Carolyn Walker**

WINTER SESSION 2020 (II): Week 10 through 18 <u>CLS 1007: Survey of the Old Testament – Rev. Nicole Guns-Edwards</u> <u>CLS 1072: Survey of the New Testament – Rev. Michael Johnson</u>			
<u>WEEK 10: OPENING SEMINAR</u> January 7, 2021 6:30PM EST <u>Bible Backgrounds Seminar (1005)</u> Dr. Geoffrey V. Guns		State Director's Workshop CLS 2097 Rethinking Christian Education CLS 2099 C/2099D Dean Certification	
<u>THURSDAY NIGHT INSTRUCTION:</u> <u>2-HOUR SESSIONS</u>		TUESDAY	
Class Week 11 Class Week 12 Class Week 13 Class Week 14 Class Week 15 Class Week 16 Class Week 17 Class Week 18	January 14, 6:30PM EST <u>1007 Survey of the Old Testament</u> Rev. Nicole Guns-Edwards	JAN. 5, 2021, 6:30PM EST <u>2099C Dean Certification</u> Dr. Edward Williamson	
	January 21, 6:30PM EST <u>1007 Survey of the Old Testament</u> Rev. Nicole Guns-Edwards	JAN. 12, 6:30PM EST <u>2099C Dean Certification</u> Dr. Edward Williamson	JAN. 12, 2021, 6:30PM EST <u>9025 Computers in the Life of</u> <u>the Church – ADV.</u> Elder LaShell Currie
	January 28, 6:30PM EST <u>1007 Survey of the Old Testament</u> Rev. Nicole Guns-Edwards	JAN. 19, 6:30PM EST <u>2099C Dean Certification</u> Dr. Edward Williamson	JAN. 19, 2021, 6:30PM EST <u>9025 Computers in the Life of</u> <u>the Church– ADV.</u> Elder LaShell Currie
	February 4, 6:30PM EST <u>1007 Survey of the Old Testament</u> Rev. Nicole Guns-Edwards	JAN. 26, 6:30PM EST <u>2099C Dean Certification</u> Dr. Edward Williamson	JAN. 26, 2021, 6:30PM EST <u>9025 Computers in the Life of</u> <u>the Church– ADV.</u> Elder LaShell Currie
	February 11, 6:30PM EST <u>1072 Survey of the New Testament</u> Rev. Michael Johnson	FEB. 2, 6:30PM EST <u>2099C Dean Certification</u> Dr. Edward Williamson	FEB. 2, 6:30PM EST <u>9025 Computers in the Life of</u> <u>the Church – ADV.</u> Elder LaShell Currie
	February 18, 6:30PM EST <u>1072 Survey of the New Testament</u> Rev. Michael Johnson	FEB. 9, 6:30PM EST <u>2099D Dean Certification</u> Dr. Edward Williamson	FEB. 9, 6:30PM EST <u>9025 Computers in the Life of</u> <u>the Church – ADV.</u> Elder LaShell Currie
	February 25, 6:30PM EST <u>1072 Survey of the New Testament</u> Rev. Michael Johnson	FEB. 16, 6:30PM EST <u>2099D Dean Certification</u> Dr. Edward Williamson	<u>THU., JAN. 28, 6:30PM EST</u> <u>2097 Rethinking Christian</u> <u>Education</u> Dr. Luther S. Allen III
	March 4, 6:30PM EST <u>1072 Survey of the New Testament</u> Rev. Michael Johnson	FEB. 23, 6:30PM EST <u>2099D Dean Certification</u> Dr. Edward Williamson	<u>THU., FEB. 4, 6:30PM EST</u> <u>2097 Rethinking Christian</u> <u>Education</u> Dr. Luther S. Allen III
CLOSING SEMINAR (6001): <u>FRIDAY, March 5, 2021, 6:30PM EST</u> “Polity and Practices of the Baptist Church:” The Shape Of Leadership And Lay Persons GUEST PRESENTER		MAR. 2, 6:30PM EST <u>2099D Dean Certification</u> Dr. Edward Williamson	<u>THU., FEB. 11, 6:30PM EST</u> <u>2097 Rethinking Christian</u> <u>Education</u> Dr. Luther S. Allen III
		MAR. 9, 6:30PM EST <u>2099D Dean Certification</u> Dr. Edward Williamson	<u>THU., FEB. 18, 6:30PM EST</u> <u>2097 Rethinking Christian</u> <u>Education</u> Dr. Luther S. Allen III
			<u>THU., FEB. 25, 6:30PM EST</u> <u>2097 Rethinking Christian</u> <u>Education</u> Dr. Luther S. Allen III

SPRING SESSION 2021 (III): Week 19 through Week 27
CLS 2011: Baptist Doctrine – Rev. Kenyetta Galiote
CLS 6021: Spiritual Formation - Dr. Geoffrey V. Guns or STAFF

WEEK 19: OPENING SEMINAR

March 11, 2021 6:30PM EST
Effective Reading Skills Seminar (9007)
Dr. Luther S. Allen III

THURSDAY NIGHT INSTRUCTION:
2-HOUR SESSIONS

Class
Week 20

March 18, 6:30PM EST
2011 Baptist Doctrine
Rev. Kenyetta Galiote

Class
Week 21

March 25, 6:30PM EST
2011 Baptist Doctrine
Rev. Kenyetta Galiote

HOLY WEEK / EASTER / SPRING BREAK
MAR. 29 – APR. 9, 2021

Class
Week 22

April 15 6:30PM EST
2011 Baptist Doctrine
Rev. Kenyetta Galiote

Class
Week 23

April 22, 6:30PM EST
2011 Baptist Doctrine
Rev. Kenyetta Galiote

Class
Week 24

April 29, 6:30PM EST
6021 Spiritual Formation
Dr. Geoffrey V. Guns or STAFF

Class
Week 25

May 6, , 6:30PM EST
6021 Spiritual Formation
Dr. Geoffrey V. Guns or STAFF

VBSC ANNUAL SESSION >>>>>
MAY 9-13, 2021

Class
Week 26

May 20, , 6:30PM EST
6021 Spiritual Formation
Dr. Geoffrey V. Guns or STAFF

Class
Week 27

May 27, 6:30PM EST
6021 Spiritual Formation
Dr. Geoffrey V. Guns or STAFF

CLOSING SEMINAR

FRIDAY May 28, 2021 6:30pm EST
“Using Teaching Technology Effectively”
VBSC SDCE STAFF

State Director’s Workshop

**OFFERINGS TO BE
ANNOUNCED AS NEEDS
ARISE**

2021 VBSC ANNUAL SESSION – May 9-13, 2021

State Department of Christian Education

PART 1: (T, W, Th.+ seminars attended)
3 to 5 CLS Courses offered for Delegates

PART 2: T.A.C.T. Intensive: Trained And Certified Teachers

M, T, W, Th. AM (7 hrs.)

CLS 2023 Creative Ways of Teaching - *Dr. Luther S. Allen III*
or staff

M, T, W, Th. PM (7 hrs.)

CLS 9008 Public Speaking - *Shinese Collins*

***Introduction to
The Christian Leadership School (CLS)
Program of Instruction***

***By Rev. Dr. Luther S. Allen III,
Dean of the VBSC Virtual CLS School***

***WHY SHOULD LOCAL CHURCHES, ASSOCIATIONS, AND STATE CONVENTIONS CONSIDER
USING THE CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP SCHOOL (CLS) PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION?***

Most problems in churches – *poor stewardship, poor leadership, poor decision-making, and poor-accountability* – come down to a lack of training. Even a seasoned pastor, called to a second or third church, will be challenged to create the specific ministry culture that will allow God’s vision to grow in a new garden of people. But where does the pastor begin? And what resources are available to address the numerous issues at work in local Baptist congregations? The answer is the ***Christian Leadership School (CLS) Program of Instruction***.

Developed by the Division of Christian Education Accreditation and Credentials (DCEAC) of the Sunday School Publishing Board, the literary arm of the *National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.*, the CLS Program is a multi-faceted Christian Education curriculum which addresses the training needs of Baptist believers and Baptist congregations. Using standardized guidelines for content, instructors, and administrators, the CLS Program is a tremendous resource for pastors who want to enrich the knowledge of their members and prepare them for service in the Kingdom of God.

Here are several reasons why Baptist churches, Associations, and State Conventions should consider using the Christian Leadership School (CLS) Program of Instruction:

IT PROVIDES A STRUCTURED PROGRAM FOR THE LOCAL CHURCH TO TRAIN ITS LEADERS.

Unless a pastor has a background in education or curriculum writing, the task of structuring a sequential, sound Christian Education program is a daunting task. For example, issues such as knowing where to begin and what to include may lead to what is often called “paralysis by analysis.” Instead of focusing on potentially obsolete content or presenting outmoded information, church leaders who employ the CLS Program are assured of denominationally sound, academically researched content

which will positively impact the students and the church's overall Christian Education foundation.

IT PROVIDES A PRINTED, FIXED, AND STANDARDIZED DENOMINATIONAL CURRICULUM.

Because of the somewhat transient nature of believers within Baptist congregations, it is quite possible that there are persons in any given church who hold doctrinal perspectives from other Christian denominations. From church governance concerns to positions on social issues, pastors need an accurate, standardized Christian Education curriculum which communicates the core values and beliefs of the Baptist denomination.

WITHOUT A STANDARDIZED PROGRAM, THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM IN THE CHURCH BECOMES PEOPLE DEPENDENT.

Some pastors are blessed to have full time, trained Christian Education leaders; others are obliged to allow enthusiastic, but poorly trained Sunday School Superintendents to lead the church's learning environments. The CLS program levels the playing field by providing courses of instruction which are functional and user-friendly. Also, these courses are supported by recommended materials from the Sunday School Publishing Board, and ***accredited by the Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE)***. The ABHE is a nationally approved agency of the U.S. Department of Education, and the accreditation agency for the American Baptist College in Nashville, Tennessee. Ultimately, there is a clear advantage of CLS instruction: even if knowledgeable individuals leave the church, the Christian Education program does not leave the church with them.

IT GRANTS THE PASTOR THE FREEDOM TO DELEGATE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM TO OTHERS.

Even worse than having a Christian Education program that is people dependent, is the idea of having a program which is *pastor-dependent!* From administration to programming, pastors are already juggling a copious amount of ministry responsibilities. However, by selecting and training key leaders to serve as Certified Instructors and Deans of the CLS program, pastors will have a tremendous opportunity to free themselves from direct oversight of the church's Christian Education with the assurance that the congregation will receive theologically and denominationally accurate training.

IT PROVIDES SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGICAL THINKING ACROSS THE DENOMINATION.

The nature of Baptist freedom allows for each congregation to govern itself. Unfortunately, self-governance sometimes lends itself to blended, erroneous denominational practices. For example, when pastors are called from other Christian

denominations to serve as Baptist pastors, they generally bring with them organizational approaches that do not align with congregational church polity. Magnify this by ten to fifteen churches in a region or thirty to forty churches in a state, and it is easy to see how local Baptist Associations and Baptist State Conventions are weakening in denominational support. The CLS Program will empower Associations and Conventions to hold training sessions for churches, and help church leaders to stand firm on Biblical doctrine, Baptist polity, and church governance.

IT EMPOWERS PEOPLE TO BE TRAINED AND THEN TRAIN OTHERS.

In today's challenging economic times, many churches find their operating budgets shrinking. In efforts to reduce costs, expenditures on Christian Education training have been reduced. All too often, local pastors have to decide between *maintenance or ministry*. Through the CLS program, churches will still have the opportunity to engage their members in quality Christian Education that is also cost-effective. Key Leaders can be sent to training, and once certified, conduct and train others. Churches could also establish a CLS School in their Christian Education department, and offer training to sister congregations at nominal per-person rates. Because of the program's structure, course offerings can be adapted for multiple time frames and for various age groups.

IT SUPPLIES NEW PERSPECTIVES, INFORMATION AND RESEARCH FOR STRUGGLING CHURCHES.

As the current social climate shifts, more and more churches find themselves ill-equipped to address the changes that are impacting local churches across the nation. While some congregations are improvising, innovating, and adapting, it seems that others are floundering and failing. The CLS Program brings new information and research-based responses to the areas of need that churches are wrestling with today. By implementing a CLS School in the local church, local Association, or State Convention, pastors and church leaders can take advantage of a credible resource by demonstrating, "Somebody else is dealing with these issues... and here is what others are saying..."



PROCEDURES FOR ENROLLING IN THE CERTIFICATE OF PROGRESS PROGRAM OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL PUBLISHING BOARD

Introduction

The Certificate of Progress Program (COPP) was organized at the Sunday School Publishing Board in October 1937. It was designed to produce qualified church leaders.

Objectives

The objectives of the Certificate of Progress Program, which are the same as those introduced by Dr. Talley in 1939, are as follows:

To increase the biblical knowledge of the student;

To create an understanding of the Baptist faith;

To provide an educational structure that will develop candidates qualified for teaching and leadership positions;

To provide incentives for the candidates to complete the program, and

To produce trained church leaders.

Persons currently enrolled in the COPP are challenged to meet new objectives and to prepare for Christian service.

Policies and Procedures

A person wishing to enter the Certificate of Progress Program must follow specific procedures for enrollment:

The participant will have a dean of record made available to him or her by a Christian leadership school certified

dean. The dean of record is responsible for giving guidance throughout the COPP.

Phase Requirements

Classes can be taken in any order within a phase, but each phase should be completed within a five-year period. Phases should be completed in sequential order. Upon completion of Phases 1, 2, and 3, students will receive a certificate for each phase. A COPP diploma will be issued upon completion of Phase 4.

Alternate COPP Fulfillment Requirements

A candidate may be exempted from the COPP by submitting a copy of an official transcript from an accredited Bible college, divinity school, seminary, or school of religion for evaluation.

A candidate with a degree from a liberal arts college - desiring exemption from the COPP must have a minimum of twelve (12) semester hours of courses in religion, Christian education, church history, or theology. Official transcripts should be submitted for evaluation and approval.

The *Certificate of Progress Program* course offerings per phase are as follows:
There are no electives in the Certificate of Progress Program. COPP phases should be completed within a five (5) -year period.

Phase 1 Courses

1001 Introduction to the Bible
1004 Effective Bible Reading
1007 Survey of the Old Testament
1072 Survey of the New Testament
2011 Baptist Doctrine
6021 Spiritual Formation

Phase 2 Courses

1075 The Synoptic Gospels
2007 Christian Stewardship
3008 Theology and History of Christianity
4012 The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit
7024 Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts
9004 Writing Techniques I
*** *One Outside Writing Assignment***

Phase 3 Courses

1079 Survey of John
1089 Survey of Romans
3007 History of Baptists
7005 Christian Evangelism
7010 Introduction to Discipleship
9005 Writing Techniques II
*** *One Outside Writing Assignment***

Phase 4 Courses

1112 Survey of Revelation
2015 Foundation of Christian Ethics
6013 Organizing the Church for Christian Education
8035 The African-American Church and Social Justice
8066 Christianity and Contemporary Issues
9024 The Computer in the Life of the Church
*** *One Outside Writing Assignment***

There are no electives in the Certificate of Progress Program. COPP phases should be completed within a five (5) -year period.

Any student officially enrolled in any CLS program prior to the implementation of the 2016 revision of the CLS Manual will be granted the opportunity to complete his/her original program of instruction.

For more detailed information, The Christian Leadership School Policies and Procedures Manual and the CLS Handbook, Student Edition are both available for purchase online at www.sspbnbc.com or by calling Customer Care toll-free at 1-800-359-9398.

FORM 12-Admissions Application for the Certificate of Progress Program

(A member of the Education and Leadership Ministries, National Council of Churches)
As authorized by the Division of Christian Education Accreditation and Credentials
of the Sunday School Publishing Board, National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

Applicant must subscribe to the Christian Education Informer. Please submit an Informer subscription application and fees with this form.

Date ____/____/20____

Personal Information: Name: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone: Home (____) _____ Daytime (____) _____ Cell (____) _____

Church Information: Name of Church: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Pastor's Name: _____

Church Affiliation: _____

District Association

State Convention

Is your church a member of the NBC, USA, Inc.? ____ Yes ____ No Other (List _____)

Current Church Work Experience

Ministry/Auxiliary _____ Position _____

Ministry/Auxiliary _____ Position _____

Other _____ Position _____

Dean of Record: Name: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone: Daytime (____) _____ E-mail Address: _____

Christian Education Experience: Have you attended any Christian Leadership Schools? ____ Yes ____ No

How did you become aware of the Certificate of Progress Program? _____

Recommendation

I am familiar with the Christian character of _____ or have secured information from
someone familiar with him or her.

Applicant's Name

Signed Pastor: _____ Date ____/____/20____

Signed Dean of Record: _____ Dean No. _____ Date ____/____/20____

Signed Student: _____ Date ____/____/20____

Please complete this financial section: Appropriate fees must accompany this form. *Do not send cash! Do not staple or tape checks!*

Fees included: Admissions \$ _____ Informer \$ _____ Total \$ _____

Please list method of payment for this application. Make checks payable to: The Division of Christian Education

Check No. _____ Money Order No. _____ Cashier Check No. _____

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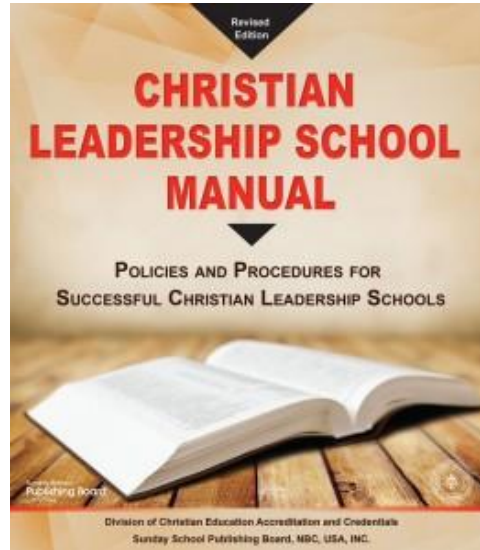
YOU MAY USE THIS FORM 12 TO ENROLL IN COPP. NOTE: INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.

Please complete the form, and mail it to: Dr. Luther S. Allen III, Dean 2744 Robert Jackson Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23452

PLEASE INCLUDE A CHECK OR MONEY ORDER FOR \$15.00. Your check/money order should be payable to:

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