

TAWAWA CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CONGRESS PREPARATION PACKET



Micah 6:8 and Romans 8:22-23

Christian Education Congress *Wilberforce, Ohio July 9 - 12*

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He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?
Micah 6:8 (NRSV)

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.
Romans 8:22-23 (NRSV)

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VISION

We **project to the future, to give life to bold and vibrant new ideas** preserving our legacy of Christian Education in service for the Lord. We **remain current**, as we expose our youth to diverse tributaries of learning, focusing on spiritual enlightenment and educational opportunities **to prepare aspiring leaders**. Utilizing the new discipleship strand **to produce multiple Christ centered outcomes** across the district. With our firm foundation, we preserve and pay homage to our historical TAWAWA experience equipping all generations **to witness and win souls for Christ**.

MISSION

The Christian Education Department of The Third Episcopal District provides an intergenerational comprehensive unified curriculum designed **to inspire discipleship through Christ centered learning experiences that meet spiritual needs in the 21st century**.

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TO: Presiding Elders, Pastors, CED Directors & Component Presidents
FROM: Rev. Dr. Otis J. Gordon, Jr. and Rev. Karen R. Schaeffer, Ph.D.
DATE: March 15, 2018

TAWAWA CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CONGRESS 2018

“Pathways to Environmental Justice: Caring for God’s Creation”

Micah 6:8 Romans 8:22-23

JULY 9– JULY 12, 2018

Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio

TAWAWA will be held July 9 through July 12, 2018, at Central State University, Wilberforce, Ohio. This Christian Education Congress brings all components of the Third Episcopal District into worship, study and fellowship together.

On-site registration is 10:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. on Monday, July 9th. Engaging activities begin at noon and continue throughout the three-day congress.

Please make plans now to register and remit fees by June 23rd. Fees cover CED activities, a dormitory room for 3 nights and 8 meals. Fees are \$175.00 for youth and \$250.00 for adults staying on campus. (A Tawawa **T-shirt is included in the registration fee.**) Those sleeping off campus will pay a \$165.00 fee covering meals, T-shirts and activities.

Hotel information will be forthcoming. The Tawawa Hospitality Committee will forward information through the Presiding Elders and the Third District Office. This information will also be posted on line.

Chaperone requirements Every church must have an adequate number of chaperones to supervise their children and youth. Chaperones must be 21 years of age or older, **must attend chaperone orientations online and on site and must stay overnight in the dormitory with the youth they are supervising.**

Accommodations for special needs Central State campus is accessible. Any church bringing a child who has special needs must provide information that will help the Tawawa staff interact effectively with the child. The local church is responsible for providing supports to individuals who need one-on-one assistance in order to benefit from the Tawawa experience.

Watch for updates on our district website at <http://ame3.org/2018/01/21/tawawa-2018/>

PREPARATION TIMELINES

BRING REGISTRATION FORMS & PARENTAL PERMISSION/MEDICAL FORMS WITH YOU TO TAWAWA!

Date	Task to complete
By March 30	Please make financial plans to cover the cost of Tawawa and designate someone to coordinate registration. Please provide a copy of this <i>“Tawawa Christian Education Congress Preparation Packet”</i> and share the link to the Tawawa page http://ame3.org/2018/01/21/tawawa-2018/
April 15	<p>REGISTRATION OPENS</p> <p>BRING ALL PERMISSION AND MEDICAL FORMS WITH YOU TO TAWAWA. Anyone under the age of 18 must turn in a permission and medical form on arrival at Central State, or they will not be able to participate.</p> <p>To register online: Register at http://ame3.org/2018/01/21/tawawa-2018/ Collect individual <i>Registration, Permission and Medical Forms</i> from each person who will be attending from your local church. Retain these hard copies for your files AND <u>Enter each registration online, submit payment and print receipt. Bring the receipt with you to Tawawa.</u></p> <p>Online registration is preferred as it allows efficient assignment to classes and selected activities.</p> <p>To register by mail: Copy all required individual <i>Registration, Permission and Medical Forms</i> from each person who will be attending from your local church. Complete the Registration Summary Form and mail it, along with copies of all individual registration records with your Certified Check or Money Order made out to The Third Episcopal District to:</p> <p>CED/Tawawa Third Episcopal District AME Church P.O. Box 5 112 Jefferson Blvd. Columbus, Ohio 43215</p> <p>Be sure to retain copies of all registration materials in your files along with a copy of the Registration Summary Form that you mailed in.</p> <p>BRING ALL PERMISSION AND MEDICAL FORMS WITH YOU TO TAWAWA.</p>
Mar. 15-June 23	<p>Background Check Paperwork is due by June 23rd: If your chaperones and other Tawawa volunteers have not already done so, fill out and mail Background Authorization Forms to: The Third District Office P.O. Box 5 112 Jefferson Blvd. Columbus, Ohio 43215</p> <p>New background checks for the Third Episcopal District AMEC are necessary for all those who have not completed one this quadrennial, and those who have moved their membership to a new local Church. The Background Check costs \$10.00. All checks and money orders are to be made payable to The Third Episcopal District. BACKGROUND CHECK AUTHORIZATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 23, 2018!</p>
June 30	<p>Late Registration. To avoid late fees, please make sure your registration materials have been received by the Third District Office before June 30, 2018. Adjustments in attendance numbers after this date require last minute changes in our arrangements with Central State University and thus necessitate a late fee.</p>

SECTION II: TAWAWA ACTIVITIES

Welcome Event Our Young Adult leaders are preparing a great kick-off event for Tawawa 2018. They will share more information via our Tawawa Facebook Page in the weeks ahead.

Worship Opening service sets the tone for worship throughout Tawawa. Each day we begin with praise and gather again at midday for relevant and timely messages. During closing service young disciples worship God in liturgical dance and dramatic presentations.

Classes Adults, Young Adults, Teens and Children engage in dynamic Bible study and other classes of their choice. Each class is geared to the age level of the participants. This year we will focus on “Environment Justice: Taking Care of God’s Creation”. Taking care of the earth and keeping our bodies healthy and safe will be central to our curriculum.

Music & Christian Arts Choir rehearsal each day provides music education while preparing participants to serve during worship. Christian Arts choices also include: Drama, Visual Arts, Mime, Orchestra and Liturgical Dance.

Oratorical Contest Prepare to be blessed by the voices of youth who bring persuasive oral presentations into competition.

Bible Bowl-AME Challenge Church and scripture knowledge will be increased through this team-based learning challenge. Leading up to Tawawa, participants will prepare for the challenge using the Third District AMEC **Bible Bowl-AME Challenge Study Guides** ready for download on April 1, 2018 at <http://ame3.org/2018/01/21/tawawa-2018/>

Talent Show “*The Third District’s Got Talent!*” Prepare to celebrate as participants demonstrate their gifts through songs, dances and more.

The Bishop’s Ball Come enjoy this annual amazing and entertaining Ball. Dress up and put on dancing shoes for this fun and festive celebration with our Episcopal Leaders.

Recreation Activities Tug-of-War, Swimming, Mini-Olympics, and the 5K (3.1 mi.) Healthy Choices Walk/Run are some of the recreational activities included on the Tawawa schedule. There will be fun activities for all age groups. PLEASE BRING SWIM WEAR AND A BEACH TOWEL. Central State lifeguards will be on duty.

Basketball Tournament A crowd favorite is our competitive basketball tournament. All participants must fully participate in Tawawa.

Church School Innovations Networking Event Come and learn what churches are doing to bring growth and vitality into local Christian education efforts. This year the focus will be on taking care of our bodies as part of God’s creation!

Young Adult Leadership Seminars Those in the 19-39 age group are stepping into various leadership roles and are re-activating RAYAC in the Third District.

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?
Micah 6:8(NRSV)

Tawawa

Third Episcopal District • Oratorical Contest 2018

CED Directors must register their ORATORICAL CONTESTANTS with Rev. Dr. Ruth McCants-Locke at ruthmccants@yahoo.com by July 9, 2018.

Each Presiding Elder is asked to have at least one representative from their District participate in the Oratorical contest during Tawawa. The CED Tawawa Committee is suggesting that time be allotted during each Church School Convention for contestants to make their presentations. **Contestants should come prepared from their local church and present their speech from memory with no notes and no use of visuals or any tangible items (e.g., pictures, props, theme related items, etc.). It will be mandatory that each participant provide a typed copy of their oratorical contest speech.** The winner(s) will represent the District during TAWAWA.

Local churches should prepare young people with a clear understating of an Orator- One who delivers an oration; a speech with power, using good expression, vigor, enthusiasm, and gusto. The speech must be delivered by memory (no notes).

Topic for the contest is “**Pathways to Environmental Justice: Caring for God’s Creation.**”

Speeches should respond to the following guidance questions:

1. What is your scriptural foundation?
2. What does the idea “Caring for God’s Creation” mean?
3. How do we Build Pathways to Environmental Justice?
4. How do we encourage/empower others to Build Pathways to Environmental Justice through Caring for God’s Creation?

The Age ranges and time limits are as follows:

- Ages 7-9 (2 minutes)
- Ages 10-12 (3 minutes)
- Ages 13-15 (4 minutes)
- Ages 16-18 (5 minutes)

Each contestant will be judged in the following areas:

Appearance	Articulation
Poise	Pronunciation
Personality	Eye Contact
Adherence to theme	Gestures
Structure of message (is it well organized)	Timeliness
Logic (does it make sense)	Effectiveness of message
Use of imagery or examples	Adherence to typed speech

It is suggested that each District utilize the following individuals to assist in making the oratorical contest process effective and efficient:

Judges Should have a printed sheet prepared for them with scoring points and criteria (One judge should be assigned the task of rating the contestant’s adherence to the typed version of their speech on a 0 to 20 scale. The score of 20 would indicate that the contestant said each word exactly as it was written on the typed version of their speech. The score of 0 would indicate that the contestant did not adhere to the typed version of their speech at all. These points should be added to the contestants final score on the judges score sheets.

Timekeeper Timekeeper for the contest who must be seated on the main floor and in full view of the contestants as they deliver their orations. (Need a person for this task)
Stop watch or stop watch on cell phone
A bright sign to hold up when one minute is remaining

Tabulators (Need at least two people for this position)
Judges give the scorecard to the tabulators immediately after each contestant. Tabulators start calculating scores. The tabulators will have a thorough knowledge of the scoring process, be adept with a calculator (to check judges' addition totals). The tabulation process should be thorough and not be expedited or abbreviated by time restraints. Before the results of the tabulation are announced, all tabulators, as well as the contest chairman, should be certain that the proper procedures were followed and correct winner(s) identified.

Escorts Two to escort young person onto the stage to proper location in front of microphone, one to escort young person off the stage (Need at least two people for this position)
Escorts to stay with or near youth at all time during the program

Ushers Ushers to assist with seating of audience and ensuring of consistency of lack of movement and distractions during orations.

Suggested Resources/Materials Required:

Clipboards for judges	Timekeeper Instructions/Timekeeper
Stopwatches (2)	Record Card
Pencils	Appreciation for contest workers
Calculator or adding machine	Gifts
Judges' instructions/Scorecards	Certificates for participation
Judges' scratch tally sheets	Water bottles
Tabulator instructions/Tabulation	
Card	

Committee Members: Sister Gwen Ellis, Rev. Dr. Ruth McCants Locke, Rev. Dr. Peggy Turner, Sister Kimberly Brooks, Sister Ladonna Liggins and Rev. DeBora Duckett

BIBLE BOWL/AME CHALLENGE

PRESIDING ELDER DISTRICT CED Directors must register their BIBLE BOWL TEAMS with Lic. Tanya Young tryoung2014@outlook.com by July 9, 2018.

JUDGES WILL ENSURE THAT THESE PROCEDURES ARE IMPLEMENTED

Each Presiding Elder District **may** enter a team in the 9-12 age group **and** a team in the 13-18 age group. **Teams should consist of no less than 3, and no more than 5 players.** Teams may represent one or more local congregation(s) from within the Presiding Elder District. Team members must have competed in the Presiding Elder District Bible Bowl and AME Challenge. Team members must be between nine and eighteen years of age.

TEAMS WILL COMPETE IN ROUNDS TWO TEAMS AT A TIME. REGISTERED TEAMS WILL BE ASSIGNED SLOTS IN THE COMPETITION RANDOMLY VIA DRAWING OF TEAM NAME. **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED, THERE WILL BE NO ON-SITE SIGN UPS.**

GAMEBOARDS WILL BE SELECTED BY RANDOM DRAWING.

JUDGES AND COMPETITION VOLUNTEERS

There will be **3** judges and an alternate judge (no judge will officiate when members of their home church are competing), a facilitator, a game board operator, a buzzer verifier, and a timekeeper. The facilitator will administer the questions. In case of discrepancies with questions or answers, **the judges' decision will be final.**

STUDY GUIDES

All Bible Bowl/AME Challenge questions and answers are included in study guides available at <http://ame3.org/2018/01/21/tawawa-2018/> on the Christian Education page.

JUDGES WILL ENSURE THESE RULES ARE FOLLOWED

- Players must stay seated on their chairs with their hands either at their sides or in front of them on the table (not hovering over the buzzer). A team game buzzer will be on the table in front of each player.
- Teams should not respond to the questions until recognized by the buzzer verifier. The player cannot answer the question until called to respond. The player who pressed the buzzer is responsible for answering the question.
- In order for an answer to be deemed correct, the judges must verify it matches the meaning of the content on the study guides. All answers will be readily verifiable from the study guide.
- If a player buzzes in before a question is completely read, **the player must first complete the question, and then answer the question correctly without hearing the additional content of the question.** If the answer is correct, it counts, if not, the other team has the opportunity to answer after hearing the entire question re-read.
- Ten seconds will be given for a team to buzz in after the question has been read in its entirety. If no team buzzes within that timeframe, the facilitator will move to the next question.
- The person who buzzes in first will be given 15 seconds to complete the answer. If the answer is not given in that time frame, the other team is given 10 seconds to answer.

THIRD EPISCOPAL DISTRICT TAWAWA CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CONGRESS 2018

July 9-12, 2018
Central State University, Wilberforce, Ohio

TALENT SHOW CRITERIA

Those wishing to participate in the Tawawa Talent Show may sign up at registration within the following categories:

All acts must be approved by Pastor or Presiding Elder

Drama

Visual Arts

Instrumental Music

Vocal Music

Dance

Other (must specify and meet criteria below)

Music and content must be presented for review by Lic. William Tillman, Committee Chair, at the time of registration

- Must abide by the behavioral expectations for Tawawa: Safety, Respect & Leadership
- Costumes must be modest. Shirts and blouses must cover the complete torso and shorts must be mid-thigh or longer.
- Content of the presentation must include only polite language no gender or racial slurs, sexually explicit words or cussing
- Talent presentations must be no longer than 4 minutes** and may include between 1 and 10 participants per act
- Participant(s) will only have ONE try at talent
- Participants must supply own music, on cd or mp3. Lyrics to ALL songs must be of a *religious or inspirational* nature

Deadline: registration must be completed July 9, 2018.

****Non-competitive talent will be timed**

Tug of War

Do you think that AMEC young people can pull AMEC clergy persons across the line?

Which Annual Conference do you think has the strongest team of rope pulling champions? North Ohio, Ohio -South Ohio, or Pittsburgh-West Virginia?

Start recruiting your team now!

Basic Tug of War Rules

The Rope

The game involves usage of single equipment i.e. a rope. There is a red mark made in the middle of the rope. This red mark on the rope needs to be at a perpendicular angle to the exact center point on the ground, before the commencement of the game. A white mark is made exactly 13 feet from the red mark on either sides of the rope. The game is won when either side with this white mark crosses the center point.

Teams

According to the rules of tug of war, each team can accommodate a maximum of 8 members. However the combined weight of these members should not exceed the weight determined for the particular category.

Field and Marking

The game has to be played on a flat grassy patch of land. A line referred to as a center line is marked on the playing zone and the rope is placed in a manner that its center mark should align the center marked on the ground. On either sides of the rope at the distance of 4 m from the center line, 2 more marks need to be made. This is the point where in the first member of each team will stand.

How to Play

As mentioned earlier, the center of the rope should align with the center marked on the ground. As soon as the referee blows the whistle, each team can start pulling the rope into their territory. The objective of the game is for each team to pull the rope along with the members of opposition team to their side. As soon as the second mark on the rope from the center red mark crosses over to center line, the team to pull the rope to their area wins the game.

Competition

The tug of war competition requires a judge. There are 3 different commands that the judge gives to the players. The judge first announces "Pick up the rope", he then says "Take the string", and finally he tells the players to "Pull". Once the pull command is said out the teams start pulling the rope. If a member of the team falls down that member is given a caution. Each team is allowed two cautions before getting disqualified.

Fouls

There is a particular technique that needs to be applied while playing this game, if not then there will be a foul which can call in for disqualifications. For e.g. lowering your elbow below the knee level while pulling the rope is considered to be a foul and is called 'locking'. Touching the ground for a longer period of time is also considered as a foul.

Signup sheets will be available on Mon. July 9th during the Tawawa 2018 check in process.

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

CED Directors must register their BASKETBALL CONTESTANTS with Rev. Thomas Fant tomf@bex.net by July 9, 2018.

1. All participants must be registered for Tawawa and must attend classes and worship services.
2. Teams may be made up of players from one or more churches from a Presiding Elder District.
3. Each Presiding Elder District can enter one team per age group.
4. There will be 4 age groups: 7-9, 10-12, 13-16, 17-up.
5. Each team should have T-Shirts with team name on them.
6. Each team should be made up of no more than 8-10 players.
7. Every player must play at least 2 quarters.
8. Schedule of team play will be made up once all teams are registered.
9. There shall be 4 quarters of play for each game.
10. Clock stops on time-outs only.
11. Every age group will have a championship game time permitting.
12. All teams shall be co-ed.
13. Prayer will be given at the start of each game!

Bishop Bucks

Will be awarded for demonstrating **Outstanding Acts of Discipleship**.

A few examples:

- Being courteous (saying--*Please* and *Thank you*)
- Using kind words and respectful actions.
- On-time—to classes, worship services, activities
- Participation in class.
- While traveling from location to location, providing assistance to others.
- Following the instructions of your chaperone and the rules of the dorm (lights out time!)
- During meal time, cleaning up your area **and** assisting those around you.
- Respectfully entering /exiting classroom buildings – *mindful of Central State personnel who are working.*

Bishop, Supervisor, Presiding Elders, teachers, chaperones, Central State staff (cart drivers and office personnel) and Tawawa staff will have **Bishop Bucks** to distribute when outstanding acts of discipleship are observed.

Bishop Bucks will be exchanged for reward items on Wednesday evening from 9:00 p.m. until sold out at the Redemption Store.

**TAWAWA 2018
BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS**

“Conduct yourself in a Christ-like manner at all times.”

At Tawawa, each one shows respect for persons, places and things; by insuring the safety and well-being of self and others; and by demonstrating leadership. These examples of respect, safety and leadership are not a complete list. Any violation will be corrected. Unsafe or persistently disrespectful behavior may result in dismissal at the expense of parent/legal guardian.

RESPECT

1. Follow the instructions of the adults in charge at all times.
2. Comply with Tawawa dress code at all times.
3. Use technology responsibly.
4. Males stay in male dorms and females stay in female dorms
5. Show consideration for others by observing campus quiet times (outside 10 pm-6:30 am and inside midnight- 6:00 am).
6. Join the group effort to prevent bullying. Work together to insist on respectful treatment of everyone at Tawawa.

SAFETY

7. Use the buddy system (at least two youth together at all times).
8. Youth must remain on campus at all times.
9. Drugs, alcohol, or sexual involvement will result in immediate dismissal at the parent’s expense.
10. All youth must stay in their assigned dorm after curfew.

LEADERSHIP

11. Be on time.
12. Actively participate in all classes and worship services.
13. Make good common-sense decisions and encourage peers to do the same.
14. Take a stand against bullying or harassment. Encourage peers to insist that each person is treated with respect.

Copy to be signed by each youth and given to local chaperone

I _____ understand the behavior expectations for proper conduct at Tawawa and agree to abide by these rules.

Signature _____ Date _____
(Student)

TAWAWA CHAPERONE GUIDELINES

All Chaperones are adults (at least 21 years of age). These adults are proxy parental figures during the time youth are at Tawawa. Chaperones ensure the safety of the youth they are responsible for by accompanying them at any time when they are not directly under the supervision of other adults (e.g. a teacher or teacher's assistant). **Chaperones must have background checks within each quadrennial and again if they move.** Participation in Chaperone orientation is required.

Central State Requirements

Conferences must provide at least one (1) chaperone for every twenty (20) participants. Chaperones will be expected to supervise the participants at all times, including meal times and evenings. Chaperones are required to reside in the residence hall along with the participants to which they are assigned.

Chaperones insure that quiet hours are respected and that all students are in their dorms at the scheduled time. They help the Chairperson of the Discipline committee redirect and correct as needed. Chaperones work with the security team to assist students who lock their keys in their room and make sure all students stay inside their dorms from Midnight until 6:30 am.

INSTRUCT & MODEL

- Instruct the youth in the behavior expectations and the purpose for them.
- Review the behavior expectations with youth frequently.
- Be an example of the behaviors expected from the youth. Be a positive role model.

SUPERVISE

- Know room numbers and class schedule for each person in your group.
- Actively move around keeping your eyes and attention focused on the youth (have eyes in the back of your head).
- Chaperones stay in an area where they can keep an eye on the youth they are responsible for unless the youth are under the supervision of a teacher.
- **Chaperones of those ages 12 and younger sit with the children during worship services unless the children are on the worship program.**

ENCOURAGE & SUPPORT

- Wake youth in the morning with words of encouragement for the day.
- Provide prompts, reminders and acknowledgements to keep youth attending classes, worship and prayer services as well as other activities.
- Use Bishop's Bucks to acknowledge outstanding efforts to show leadership, safety and respect.
- Ensure that youth are in their rooms at curfew. Provide a nighttime routine that helps them settle down.

REDIRECT & CORRECT

- Immediately correct any youth who is behaving in a way that violates respect, safety or leadership expectations by reminding them of the expectations for their behavior.
- If redirecting the youth with a reminder of the relevant expectation is not sufficient, call for back up as needed.
- Place any child or youth who does not respond positively to correction on a schedule of "check in" with an assigned supervisor.

Copy to be signed at Chaperone Training

I _____ understand and agree with the guidelines for chaperones at Tawawa.

Signature _____ Date _____

WHAT TO PACK

Clothing & Personal Items:

- When packing for Tawawa, you will usually need enough clean clothing for the duration of the time spent there.
 - Keep in mind that clothing should be modest and not revealing, therefore crop tops, low waist jeans, and short shorts are a definite **no-no**.
 - Clothing with controversial or offensive writing or imagery is also highly inappropriate.
- You will need a daily change of clothes and extra items just in case.
 - Modest underwear for every day, as well as extras, should also be included.
 - Socks, sweaters, pajamas –cool sleepwear
 - Modest swimwear and swim caps, for those who choose to swim.
 - Tennis shoes are appropriate and also the best option for outdoor activities and exercise. Flip-flops or sandals are acceptable for use near the pool.
- Personal hygiene items are necessary, including deodorant, shower shoes, towels (for swimming) toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, hairbrush, shampoo and conditioner.
- **Be sure to bring sheets for a twin-size bed**
- **You will need to supply your own towels and washcloths**
- You will want to bring a pillow and a comforter, sleeping bag or blanket.
- Semi-Formal clothing for the Bishop's Ball: Women and girls semi-formal outfits are dressier than typical Church attire. Dresses or flowing pants made of fabrics similar to silk, satin or brocade are generally worn. Hem lengths for dresses or skirts should be near the knee or longer, and tops should not be cut too low or be too revealing. For men and boys, semi-formal attire means a suit, with vest optional. A tie, either bow or straight, should be worn, and the shirt should be a simple button down. Men and boys should choose modest clothing that is not too tight and that does not show underclothing.
- Be sure to pack sunscreen and insect repellent to avoid getting sunburned or bitten by a mosquito.
- If you wear glasses, be sure to bring these and a spare pair if necessary, also contact lenses and lens solution if applicable.
- It is always a good idea to bring a laundry bag for dirty clothes.
- **Some extra money will be a good idea for purchasing extra snack items**

Spiritual Essentials:

- Since you are attending a Christian camp, a Bible is an essential item to bring because you will be studying it. This can be an electronic or hard copy of the Bible.
 - Ensure camper's name, address, church name, and pastor's name are securely placed within Bible (to assist with locating owner if lost).
- Also, be sure to bring a notebook and pens/pencils for note taking.
- A small light may also be helpful for nighttime reading.

**THIRD EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
TAWAWA CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CONGRESS 2018**

*“Pathways to Environmental Justice:
Caring for God’s Creation”*

REGISTRATION DATES & FEES

**April 15 - Online Registration
Beginning July 1 – \$15.00 Late Fee Per Person
Pre-registration ends June 30th**

Youth Registration Ages 7 Through 18 years

\$175.00 per person

Registration includes lodging in a student dormitory, all classes, competitions, activities, Tawawa T-shirt, The Bishop’s Ball and eight meals beginning with dinner on Monday.

All dorm rooms and indoor venues are air conditioned.

Adult Registration Lodging on Campus

\$250.00 per person

Registration includes lodging all classes, competitions, activities, Tawawa T-shirt, The Bishop’s Ball and eight meals beginning with dinner on Monday.

Registration Lodging off Campus-All Age Groups

\$165.00 per person

Registration includes all classes, competitions, activities, Tawawa T-shirt, The Bishop’s Ball and eight meals beginning with dinner on Monday. **(DOES NOT INCLUDE LODGING)**

Bedding and towels are not included in the registration fees.

TAWAWA CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CONGRESS 2018
Registration Form July 9, 2018 – July 12, 2018

Name _____
Last First

Age: Adult (40 and over) Young Adult (19-39) Teen (16-18) Teen (13-15)

Pre-Teen (10-12) Child (7-9) Child (4-6 with parent or legal guardian only)

Male Female

Shirt size Child Sm, Child Md. Child Lg Adult Sm Adult Med. Adult Lg XLg 2x
 3x 4x

Home Address _____
Street Apt# City State Zip

Email _____ Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Church _____ City _____

Pastor _____
Rev. Last First

If under 18 name of chaperone _____ chaperone email _____

Background check is needed if chaperone moved membership since previous check, or if they did not have a Third District Background check last year. Background Check Authorization Forms are available in The Tawawa Preparation Packet and online at page <http://ame3.org/2018/01/21/tawawa-2018/>

Presiding Elder District

Allegheny Scranton-PE Brown

Pittsburgh-PE McLemore

Cincinnati-Dayton-PE Valentine

West Virginia-PE Dillard

Cleveland-PE Harris

Youngstown-PE Tate

Columbus Springfield Xenia-PE Holley

MCAM (required field ALL AGES choose one of the six)

Choir

Drama

Visual Arts

Orchestra

Mime

Specify the type of Instrument you will bring

Liturgical Dance

The HEALTH INFORMATION AND MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION FORM must be turned in on-site.

Please specify any medical condition that may require special accommodations _____

Please note, photographs and other audio-visual recordings will be collected throughout Tawawa. These materials will be used to inform others about the activities and benefits of participating in this Christian Education Congress. These recordings and images may be used in online and print materials as well as other media to promote Third District ministries. **All participants under the age of 18 must have parent/legal guardian signature indicating permission to participate in Tawawa 2018 and to be included in multi-media recordings as described above. A completed Medical Authorization Form signed by parent/legal guardian is also required. Copies of these documents must be turned in at the registration table when you arrive at Tawawa 2018.**

Signature of Tawawa participant _____

Parent or Guardian must sign if participant is under 18 years of age.



HEALTH INFORMATION AND MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION FORM

PART ONE: PARTICIPANT INFORMATION			
Name: <i>(Last, First, MI)</i>	Date of Birth: <i>(MM/DD/YR)</i>	Age:	
Chaperone's Name:		Cell Phone:	
CHURCH INFORMATION:			
Church Name:	City:	Pastor Name:	Church Phone Number:
PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION:			
Father's Name <i>(or Guardian)</i>	Place of Employment:	Business Phone:	Cell Phone:
Mother's Name <i>(or Guardian)</i>	Place of Employment:	Business Phone:	Cell Phone:
EMERGENCY CONTACT: To be called in event that Parent/Guardian cannot be reached.			
Name:	Phone Number:	Relationship:	
MEDICAL INFORMATION:			
Name of Insured:	Insurance Company:	Policy/Card Number:	
Please list all medications, dosage and frequency of use (prescription and non-prescription):			
Medication: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	Dosage: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	Frequency: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	
Please list all allergies: _____ _____ _____ _____		Please list all medical conditions (asthma, seizures, sickle cell, diabetes, etc.), dietary restrictions and/or other chronic conditions: _____ _____ _____ _____	

Please complete Part Two on back.

HEALTH INFORMATION AND MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION FORM (Con't)

PART TWO: MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION

Parents/Guardian give permission to provide emergency treatment for children who become ill or injured while under church authority, when parents/guardians cannot be contacted. **Part I or II MUST BE COMPLETED.**

PART I: GRANTING MEDICAL CONSENT: If reasonable attempts to contact me, other parent/guardians have been unsuccessful, I give my consent for you to contact the following for treatment:

Family Physician:

Phone Number:

Family Dentist:

Phone Number:

Signature of Parent/Guardian:

Date:

Part II: REFUSING MEDICAL CONSENT: I do not give my consent for emergency medical treatment of my child. In the event of illness or injury requiring emergency treatment, I want authorities to take no action or to:

Signature of Parent/Guardian:

Date:

THIRD EPISCOPAL DISTRICT TAWAWA 2018
July 9-13, 2018 – Central State University

**SUMMARY REGISTRATION FORM FOR
 THOSE REGISTERING BY MAIL**

Online registration is preferred. To register by mail, send this registration form along with **copies of individual registration forms** and a Check or Money Order to **Christian Education Department, Third Episcopal District AME Church, P.O. Box 5 117 Jefferson Blvd. Columbus, Ohio**

Children and Youth ages 7-18—\$175.00

Adult 19 and older—\$250.00

All Attendees Living Off Campus \$165.00

Late Fee \$15.00 per person beginning July 1, 2018

Annual Conference _____
 Presiding Elder _____
 Church _____
 Pastor _____

Registrants		Number per group	Cost per person	AMT. PAID
Children ages 6 and younger attending with parent/legal guardian.				
Females ages 7-18 staying on campus				
Males ages 7-18 staying on campus				
Male chaperones staying on campus	Background check & fee			
Female chaperones staying on campus	Background check & fee			
Other adults ages 19 and older staying on campus				
Off campus attendees: Children ages 6 and younger attending with parent/legal guardian.				
Off campus attendees: Girls ages 7-18				
Off campus attendees: Boys ages 7-18				
Off campus attendees: Other adults ages 19 and older				

TOTAL \$ _____



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The Right Reverend McKinley Young, Presiding Bishop
Dr. Dorothy Jackson Young, Episcopal Supervisor

TO: Presiding Elders, Pastors, CED Directors, Component Leaders & Tawawa Workers
FROM: The Office of Presiding Bishop McKinley Young
DATE: March 15, 2018
RE: Background Checks

Disciplinary requirements regarding background checks: Pastors must obtain a new background check when moved to a new appointment. Those working with youth and other vulnerable populations must have background checks.

Tawawa requirement for background checks: Central State University requires confirmation of background checks for all volunteers serving at Tawawa.

Third District background check process: The purpose of our background checks is to protect all youth and other vulnerable groups across all Third District AMEC functions. We comply with state and federal laws requiring your specific consent to conduct background checks and to let you know the results. Background checks are conducted at least once each quadrennial.

The Third District AME Church conducts basic screening background checks to manage risk related to offenses of an abusive, violent or sexual nature. The district does not examine credit records or motor vehicle offenses. All information provided to the district is strictly confidential and shared only with Bishop McKinley Young and his administrative staff. Records are maintained in a secure location.

Background check authorization forms Please complete the attached form to provide the information needed to complete your background check. Your check or money order in the amount of \$10.00 and your signature indicating authorization to conduct the background check must be included.

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BACKGROUND CHECK AUTHORIZATION

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Middle Name _____ Name Suffix _____

Other Last Name (s) _____ Other First Name (s) _____

Other Middle Name (s) _____

Presiding Elder District _____

Local Church _____ (City & State) _____

Please check all that apply

- Pastor
- Church School Teacher
- Other Youth Worker or Serving Vulnerable Populations at Local Church
- Tawawa Volunteer including, but not limited to Chaperone, Dorm Monitor
- Tawawa Teacher

Approximate Annual Salary (Pastors and Paid Church Staff only) \$ _____

SSN _____ Apt # _____

Sex _____ City _____

Date of Birth _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Street # _____ County _____

Street Name _____ Phone # _____

I, _____, authorize the use of this information for the purpose of conducting a federal and state criminal background check. I understand that this background check is being conducted to provide protections for minors and other vulnerable individuals and to help the Third District of the AMEC manage risks.

- I have enclosed a \$10.00 check or money order to cover the cost of this background check.**

Signature _____

Date _____

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