



North Central Alabama Region Board of Christian Education

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Connectional Theme: ***“An ‘Essential Church’: Poised for 21st Century Ministry”***

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Presiding Elders, Pastors, District Directors, and Christian Educators:

We greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! We have two exciting upcoming events: The CYYAC2012 scheduled for July 2-6, 2012 in Orlando, Florida and the North Central Alabama Region 2012 Annual Conference scheduled for July 11-13, 2012 in Huntsville, Alabama at the Embassy Suites.

The focus of this letter is for the North Central Alabama Region 2012 Annual Conference. Please be informed that after consultation with Bishop Snorton, we are encouraging our Children and Youth to attend the Annual Conference. Our Young Adults should have already made plans to attend. Sessions are scheduled for our Children and Youth. Registration for Children and Youth is \$10.00. Checks may be made payable to the Fifth Episcopal District and brought to the Annual Conference.

As stated on the website, we are asking you to bring school supplies to the conference to help our disadvantage children. In addition, we are asking you to look into your hearts to help out fellow Haitian sisters and brothers. Bishop Snorton has given permission for me to ask for this help in this mission project. This is strictly voluntary and not an assessment. Our brothers and sisters have need of diabetic shoes and ladies sneakers. The special rate for these shoes and sneakers is \$60.00 per pair. The children of Haiti often eat “dirt” cookies. These cookies are made of dirt from the ground and mixed with oil. We are also encouraging you and your children to bring funds to cover the purchase of cookies for \$3.00 per bag. **Please bring all funds for this project to the Annual Conference and make checks payable to the Fifth Episcopal District.** Notate on your check the number of each item purchased. **“Do not bring shoes or cookies to the conference”.** There is a special place where these will be purchased with your funds and these items will go to the people of Haiti through credible agencies already established in Haiti. We are asking that you or your church purchase at least one pair of shoes. Furthermore, we are asking that your children and youth purchase as many bags of cookies as possible. We are also requesting our children and youth to write words of encouragement to the Haitian children on a 4” x 6” note card to let them know that our children and youth in the church are praying and thinking of them. This will be an opportunity for you to talk to your children about making sacrifices for those who are less fortunate. Please consider bringing funds to cover as many bags of cookies as possible. Acts 20:35 Jesus tells us, “It is more blessed to give than to receive”.

We look forward to your assistance, sacrificial giving, and participation. May God continue to richly bless you as you continue to lift the name of Jesus and accept the challenge of effective ministry. If there are questions, please contact me at (256) 544-2634 or (256) 479-6143.

Sincerely,
James H. Perkins
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Region Director

Cc: Bishop Teresa E. Snorton

“Let’s Build Something Together”