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YAM Force Worship Service

As the kick off to the National Sunday School & HYM Congress, the National Congress Praise Team opened with praise and worship on Thursday night. Our very own, Minister Oscar Williams and Perfected Praise performed as our special musical guests for the evening. They helped us to usher in the Spirit of the Lord and our worship service continued to go higher and higher. Unfortunately, due to the funeral of gospel music's greatest Walter Hawkins and airline delays, Pastor Donnie McClurkin was not able to make it to the opening services. But, as Min. Fred Taylor so elegantly stated, "God had a set up". Even though we had prepared for a national recording artist to speak to us, God provided us with a "ram in the bush". Minister David Kennebrew brought the Word in a message entitled "Sunday's Best". It was an awesome message of challenge to the youth. He used Genesis, chapter four and spoke about the offerings given by Cain and Abel. Minister Kennebrew encouraged us to give God our best when He gives us something, because "God doesn't look at the gift, He looks at the giver". He challenged us to live holy lives so that we can remain focused and give God all that we have. Our "ram" provided us with just what we needed to hear at this service.

Connect With Us!

Did you know that the National Sunday School and HYM has a Facebook page? If you are not a friend of COCHUSA Congress, please log onto Facebook and request to be a friend. We have groups and you will be able to receive the latest updates and information. This is one step towards bridging the communications gap between our dioceses. Also, if you have any pictures that you have taken from this National Convention, please feel free to post and tag your friends. If you have any questions please email the coordinator at coordinator@cochusacongress.org

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THEME
MISSION POSSIBLE:
LIVING THE KINGDOM WAY

THEME VERSE
LUKE 18:27-30

THEME SONG
"PERFECT, PERFECT"
HYMN # 318

BIBLE QUIZ
LUKE 14-18

HOSTED BY:
The North Central Diocese
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Min. Daryl Whittington

Min. Oscar Williams

Rainer B. Wilson Fellowship Dinner Tops at 500 in Attendance

Church of Christ (Holiness) USA saints from North, South, East, and West gathered in great numbers to hear two of our very own: Minister Oscar Williams and Minister Daryl Whittington. This was one of the greatest attendance of our Rainer B. Wilson Fellowship Dinner.

Minister Oscar Williams and Perfected Praise sung Zion songs to inspire our hearts. Playing the piano, Min. Williams rendered a Charles Price Jones melody. This rendition expressed his love for our church.

Minister Daryl Whittington spoke with encouragement to all. He challenged the YAM to set goals, stay focused, and never give up. He gave his testimony on how God had allowed him to earn his Bachelors of Science degree in Environmental Design (Pre-Architecture), a Masters of Science degree and a "PhD" (Pain, Hurt, and Disappointment). From being a star player on his High School Football team, to the Philadelphia Eagles Football team, to tearing

his ACL, Min. Whittington experienced highs and lows in his life. But, he said, "As his leg was healing, God was reconstructing his faith". He gave God the credit for allowing him to travel around the world and giving him the call to be a mentor to young people and others.

Bro. Geoffrey Golden was an excellent Master of Ceremony and used several jokes to keep the program rolling with laughter. Miss LaKeiundria Kangar, a six year old, gave a beautiful solo of "I'm Happy with Jesus Alone". Twelve years from now, we will see her in the C.P. Jones Music Contest.

Sis. Cynthia Broxton and her staff worked really hard and the results really paid off. Everyone that attended expressed that they really enjoyed the night full of praise. At one point during the dinner, it seemed as if we were at a church worship service and not a dinner. The presence of the Lord and the anointing of His Holy Spirit was ushered into that ball room. We can't wait for next year. This event keeps getting better and better.

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Did you get this?

During the worship Service on Saturday night, President Vonzell Castilla challenged us on “Turn on the Power; It’s Time to Stop the Madness” (Luke 9:37-50).

Below are a few points that he gave us:

- Churches are on every corner, but madness is on every block.
- We can’t arrest the madness in the world until we address it in the church.
- We have lost our power due to no faith, no prayer, not paying attention, pursuing personal agendas, and not having the proper attitude.
- The way to get the power back is to realize that it is gone, repent, and reconnect to the power source.
- We have to recognize where the power comes from and rejoice in the power source.



After all of the hard work during the year. . . who are the winners?

Congratulations to all the winners of the following contests:

	Bible Quiz	Oratorical	Music	Youth of Year	Choral Festival	Fine Arts
Eastern	1 st Place	3 rd Place Donte Mont	-	HS – Alisha Reed	-	Overall Youth & Adult Best of Show (Youth) 2 nd Place (Youth) 3 rd Place (Adults)
North Central	2 nd Place	-	2 nd Place HS Instr. Angela McGee	HS- Angela McGee	Excellent	2 nd Place (Adults) 3 rd Place (Youth)
Northern	5 th Place	-	-	-	Excellent	Best of Show (Adults)
South Eastern	6 th Place	-	2 nd Place HS Vocal Amber Smith 2 nd Place Col. Vocal Vanessa Goode	-	-	1st Place (Adults)
South Central	3 rd Place	2 nd Place Aaron Bingham	1st Place HS Instr. Matthew Castilla 1st Place Coll. Instr. Jamilla Crowner 1st Place Coll. Vocal Courtney Proctor	HS – Briana Myles	Good	-
South-western	7 th Place	1st Place Tamara Castille	1st Place HS Vocal Trevor Jefferson, Jr.	HS Winner Curtis Jackson Coll. Winner Latreshia Stormer	Fair	-
Pacific NW	-	-	-	-	-	-
Western	4 th Place	-	3 rd Place HS Instr. Devonta Winn	-	-	1st Place (Youth)

Kerry J. Allen Scholarship Recipients:

Nakeda Fletcher – Eastern Diocese
Reginald Golden – Northern Diocese
Curtis Jackson – Southwestern Diocese
Angela McGee – North Central Diocese
Briana Myles – South Central Diocese



Congress National Day of Service

Every year during the national convention, the youth have participated in a community service project in the hosting city. Led by Elder Kevin Golden, Operation Giveback had a service project as a whole national endeavor. This year, Operation Giveback was focused on the St. Louis Covenant House. Elder Golden along with 25 volunteers (Youth and Adults) filled 500 tote bags with personal items that

were given to the youth at the center. The volunteers loaded three vehicles and delivered the items to the homeless youth.

The volunteers were given a brief overview of the center and a tour of the Covenant House. On Thursday night, approx. 20 youth from the center attended our worship service. Churches and members donated \$2,766 towards this effort. God truly blessed the event.

Next year, Elder Golden

is planning another National Day of Service during our convention. Also, he is looking to set up internships for youth to travel to Camp Pioneer in Pearl, MS for six weeks. There will also be internships for youth to work within the urban city with the Neighborhood Christian Center. Please continue to check the Congress website www.cochusacongress.org for more information to be posted soon.

Sunday School & HYM President's Annual Address

National President Vonzell Castilla started off his address with the statement, “God has given me more than I deserve.” It seems as if that was the best way he could express how he feels about his calling as the Congress President. He assured the members of how much he enjoys serving as our president.

President Castilla stated that the state of our congress is excellent. “The Congress has paid all debts, and we owe no man.” The President said that in our statistical report we have grown by 592 members, which means we have exceeded our growth expectation of 7%. He made a point to say that it is imperative for us to grow our HYM.

President Castilla also announced that Tiandra Bland, which is COCHUSA’s first

female Diocese President, received the Diocese President of the Year award. This award was much deserved, and brought tears to her eyes.

A brief video was presented, showing some of the work that YAM has done over the past year. In the closing of his address, he pointed out that the board has been praying, and will continue to pray every third Sunday together. His address was concluded by expressing how proud he is of the legacy of COCHUSA, and in the words of our founder, “...the conquest lies ahead we shall conquer never dread...”

New Initiatives

- National Youth Conference – March 2011
Min. David Kennebrew, Coordinator
- 3rd National Recording – July 2011
Derek Johnson, Executive Producer

2011
SS & HYM Congress

Theme:
S.T.A.N.D.:
SANCTIFIED,
TRANSFORMED,
ABOUNDING, NEVER
DENIED.

Theme Verse
I CORINTHIANS 15:57 - 58

Theme Song
“GOSPEL VICTORY
MARCH”

Bible Quiz
I THESSALONIANS

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