

**VIRTUAL**



# 121<sup>st</sup> Annual Session and Congress of Christian Education

**June 28 —July 1, 2020**

## **REGISTRATION PACKET**



*Theme:*

*Reviving Our Roots:*

*Prophetic Preaching and Our Missional Mandate*

*Luke 4:18-19*



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Changing Communities!**

~ Act 1:8

~ Matthew 9:35-38

~ Mark 10:13-16

## Week At A Glance

### Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>

**11:30 AM—12:30 PM Unknown Soldier Memorial Day, National Cemetery, Arlington**

Participants: Dr. James E. Victor, Reverend Eugene Pearson Family (Children) and Sister Pauline Young, Veteran & Area D – Vice President.

### Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>

**CHILDREN, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES DAY**

**5:00 PM Youth Explosion**

**Featuring:** Praise, Prayers, Scriptures, Songs, Mime, Dance, Spoken Word, & Instrumental Offerings by Children & Youth Ministries.

**YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

**7:00 PM Evening Worship**

**Preacher:** Evangelist Charity Fisher

### Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>

**CLERGY MINISTRY & COMMUNITY DAY**

**7:00 AM BGCVA PRAYER CALL**  
**Facilitated by Clergy Ministry**

**9:00 – 10:30 AM CONGRESS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES**

Select One (1) See: Page 6-8

**11:00 AM MINISTRY SPECIAL SESSIONS**  
**Select One (1)**

**YOUTH MINISTRY:** BGCVA & NVBA YMAT

**CLERGY MINISTRY:** Dr. John W. Kinney

**MEN'S MINISTRY:** Dr. James E. Coleman

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY:** Dr. Allison Gise-Johnson

**2:00 – 4:00 PM— PLENARY:**

**AFRICAN AMERICAN HEALTH: Before, During and After COVID-19 &**

**HEALTH MINISTRY ACROSS BGCVA: Blood Sugar Rising Movie & Panel Discussion with Q&A**

**7:00 PM Evening Worship**

**Preacher:** Dr. Howard-John Wesley

### Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>

**PRESIDENT'S DAY & MEN'S MINISTRY DAY**  
**7:00 AM BGCVA PRAYER CALL**  
**Facilitated by Men's Ministry**

**9:00 – 10:30 AM CONGRESS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES**

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**11:00 AM MINISTRY SPECIAL SESSIONS**

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**YOUTH MINISTRY:** BGCVA & NVBA YMAT

**CLERGY MINISTRY:** Dr. James H. Harris, Sr.

**MEN'S MINISTRY:** Dr. James E. Coleman

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY:** Dr. Allison Gise-Johnson

**2:00 – 4:00 PM— PLENARY: MEN**

**PRESIDENT'S NIGHT**

**7:00 PM Evening Worship**

**Preacher:** Dr. Gregory M. Howard, President

### Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY DAY**

**7:00 AM BGCVA PRAYER CALL**  
**Facilitated by Women's Ministry**

**9:00 – 10:30 AM CONGRESS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES**

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**Select One (1)**

**YOUTH MINISTRY:** BGCVA & NVBA YMAT

**CLERGY MINISTRY:** Dr. Deborah M. Martin

**MEN'S MINISTRY:** Dr. James E. Coleman

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY:** Dr. Allison Gise-Johnson

**2:00 – 4:00 PM— PLENARY: WOMEN**

**7:00 PM Evening Worship**

**Preacher:** Dr. Deborah M. Martin

- The Business Meeting
- Gala Celebration & Recognition of Givers
- Recognition of Outgoing Officers
- Installation of New Officers
- Ministry Announcements
- Religious, Civil, & Business Greetings

## Guest Speakers



Evangelist Charity Fisher,  
Founder and Host of Weekly  
Devotional Ministry "Fresh  
Start"

SUNDAY NIGHT  
WORSHIP



Dr. Howard-John Wesley,  
Pastor, Alfred Street Baptist  
Church, Alexandria

MONDAY NIGHT  
WORSHIP



Dr. Deborah M. Martin, Assistant  
Dean, School of Theology, Virginia  
Union University

CLERGY SESSION  
WEDNESDAY &  
WEDNESDAY NIGHT  
WORSHIP



Dr. John W. Kinney, Ph.D., Pastor,  
Ebenezer Baptist Church,  
Beaverdam; Director, Center for  
African American Pentecostalism  
and Leadership Development,  
School of Theology, Virginia  
Union University

CLERGY SESSION MONDAY



Dr. James E. Coleman, Jr.,  
Pastor, Providence Ministries  
International, Lynchburg

MEN'S SESSIONS



Dr. Alison Gise-Johnson,  
Ph.D., Associate Professor of  
Historical and Theological  
Studies, School of Theology,  
Virginia Union University

WOMEN'S SESSIONS



Dr. James H. Harris, Ph.D., Pastor, Second Baptist Church West  
End, Richmond; Distinguished Professor of Pastoral Theology &  
Homiletics, School of Theology, Virginia Union University

CLERGY SESSION TUESDAY



Dr. Mark A. Croston, Sr., National  
Director, Black Church Partnerships,  
LifeWay Christian Resources

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# Pre-Registration Deadline

## Post Marked by June 15

**Register Online ([www.bgcva.org/events.html](http://www.bgcva.org/events.html)) by June 15**

Late Registration begins June 16, 2020. Late registration deadline is June 22, 2020.

There is a late fee. Registrations received after June 21 will be processed as space is available.

### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

Please complete one (1) registration form for each individual who will attend the session.

#### **Package-Messenger Fee: \$50.00—**

Includes Virtual session link via Zoom, Facebook, and/or Conference call, an electronic souvenir journal of the Annual Session.

DVDs/CDs available at \$30.00 plus postage.

### **CLASS & MINISTRY SELECTIONS:**

Provide your church name, church city, name, email, home phone number, mobile phone number, mailing address, one (1) class from the BGCVA Congress Class Listings (P. 6—8) (9:00 AM—10:30 AM), AND one (1) ministry session (Children/ Youth, Clergy, Men, Women) (11:00 AM—12:30 PM).

**More than one registration form can be mailed in the same envelope from the same church. You can send one church check or money order for the total amount enclosed for each registration form.**

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**Once registered you will receive  
via email log in information to  
Virtual session and/or  
Conference call.**

**\*\*\*All Event Registration Fees are  
Non-Refundable.\*\*\***

**\*\*\*No Credits, Transfers, Refunds,  
or Rain Checks Allowed.\*\*\***

# 121<sup>st</sup> Annual Session Individual Registration Form

\*\*\*PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY\*\*\*

Church Name and City: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Telephone Numbers : Home ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Your Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, ST Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK ONE	Code	Type	Fee	Late Fee (After <b>June 15</b> )
	A	Package—Electronic	\$50.00	\$60.00
	B	DVDs/CDs	\$30.00	\$40.00

Total Registration Fee Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Day	Time	<b>CLASS SELECTIONS</b> Titles (Options—Descriptions on P. 6—8) PLEASE TYPE or PRINT LEGIBLY
MTW	9:00 AM	

Day	Time	<b>MINISTRY SESSION SELECTIONS</b> Circle (1) One			
MTW	11:00 AM	CHILDREN/YOUTH	CLERGY	MEN	WOMEN

## Classes

**Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday from 9:00 AM—10:30 AM**

*(All classes will be done in media/PPT format and shared with students who sign up for a particular class.)*

*\*Note: Class #1 has a different topic each day.*

### **Creating Emergency Plans for your Church and Home**

#### **1. Stewardship/Finances/Giving: The Effects Of A Coronavirus Age (And Beyond)\***

The world has changed and IS changing! What does this mean for the operation of the church? What does this mean for “being a good steward”? What does this mean for church finances and operations? How does the church remain faithful to its stewardship mandate? While truth does not change, and God does not change — our methods of ministry must change if we’re to remain effective in reaching our communities with the hope of Jesus Christ. This class will explore answers to these questions and more!

##### **A. Know Your Benefits (MONDAY ONLY)**

**Audience: Clergy, Spouses; Trustees, Deacons, Church/Ministry Leaders**

The church/ministry that provides comprehensive benefits for pastor, staff person, protects both the Body of Christ as well as the pastor, staff person & family. What basic components should be included in such a plan? How soon should these benefits be available for a pastor, staff person? Your church/ministry may not choose to enroll you in one or more of the MMBB Financial Services Plans, however, it’s good to know the basics when searching for a complete employer sponsored plan. You deserve income protection while you labor and income replacement in retirement!

##### **B. Medicare Or Medicare Advantage: Which is Right for Federal/State Government Workers (TUESDAY ONLY)**

**Audience: Federal/State Government Workers**

Focus will be placed on the changes and differences between Medicare and Medicare Advantages programs and which is best for you. For person who will be retiring from federal/state government, commercial employment, or retired.

**Federal/State Government Workers Insurance**

##### **C. Exploring Personal Financial Planning (WEDNESDAY ONLY)** **First Genesis of Virginia**

#### **2. A “New” Church for the NOW! (Ministry Training Track—M.T.T.)**

Amidst the many changes and challenges in the world today, many churches and ministry leaders are asking questions such as: “How can we do church differently?”; or, “How can the church survive in the crisis we’re in?” This class will assist leaders in identifying how the church moves forward from “what was” to “what is”.

**3. Dressing Up Your Ministry from the Inside Out and Outside In (Leading Major Change in Your Ministry)**

Isn't it amazing how God uses us in our present situation to train us for future challenges? And, most of us don't realize it! This class will help leaders to become unstuck as they discover principles and processes necessary to be effective in the 21st Century.

**4. Engaging ALL Ages Through Virtual Technologies**

This class will explore methods for engaging and connecting all congregants through the use of several technological means. Some areas include worship, study, meetings, etc.

**5. The Gathered and Scattered Church: Are You Walking Wounded?**

The church does a great job of "staying in the building". So, what happens when the church is always gathered in the building but never scatters into the world to do the work Christ has called it to do? Showing the love of Christ by serving the community must include gathering for mutual encouragement and edification (prayer, worship, teaching and fellowship (Acts 2:42-47). Spiritual strengthening/healing must take place before disciples are sent out to reflect Christlikeness.

**6. How You Doing? Grief, Anxiety, Bereavement, and Stress During A Time of Uncertainty – New Models for a New Day (Continuing Education for Chaplains)**

Connecting with others is really important in this day of physical distancing. This class will present and discuss models and strategies for dealing with grief, anxiety, bereavement, stress, etc. in the work place, church, home, everyday life.

**7. CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES ONLY (Ages 4 to 17)— BGCVA and NVBA Youth Ministry Advisory Team**

Youth learn to stay rooted in the gospel of Jesus Christ and cherish our rich history as African Americans. They will be introduced to skills such as entrepreneurship, scholarship and community activism. Each student will participate in daily experiential learning activities that will allow them to explore God's creation in a more in depth way while having fun.

**8. Faith Beyond the Pews - Health and Social Justice Considerations (Continuing Education for Chaplains)**

This three-part webinar is based on the book "Faith Beyond the Pews: An Experience in Social Action Ministry," by Dr. J. Elisha Burke. The sessions offer biblical grounding that many persons in congregations may need in order to launch or re-launch social action ministry in communities in need of 'good Samaritans' to pick them up, bandage their wounds and provide the hope that is often lacking.

**9. The Thriving Church – Faith Formation in an Unthriving Day**

Even in unfamiliar and challenging circumstances, your church can still Thrive! This class will explore several models for engaging your church to thrive in spite of a "new" normal for faith formation.

- 10. Preserving Sacred Spaces (Church History, Cemeteries & other Structures) (Continuing Education for Chaplains)** These sessions- will provide training for new and current Church Historians, History Committee members and individuals. The attendees will learn the basics on how to research; document and archive all data related to developing church history and archives. This class introduces the Dominion Energy sponsored the Sacred Places: Church History, Cemeteries and Lands Project.
- 11. CLERGY MINISTRY ONLY— Prophetic Preaching and Teaching Amidst a Pandemic (Continuing Education for Chaplains)** This class will examine the relevant question: How are we to be the church in the midst of a scattered church?: Reframing Theology and Homiletics.
- 12. MEN’S MINISTRY ONLY— Transforming Men’s Ministry for the 21st Century**  
How do we attract current generations of men (younger and older) to all that the faith community offers? This class will explore models for men’s ministry for ALL ages with the focus on meeting the needs of individuals in each generation. Participants will learn how to engage males in intentional outreach as well as increase participation in the church, association, BGCVA, affiliate organizations and, the community at large.
- 13. WOMEN MINISTRY ONLY— For Such A Time As This: The Call for Women’s Wisdom, Courage and Spirit**  
We are living in a time when we are confronted with the deadly COVID pandemic causing pain, misery, death, loss and feelings of hopelessness. In times like these which mandate masks, social distancing and isolation, we must find new ways to reach out to one another, be present with one another, be community to one another and support one another. The call is for a spiritual model of sisterhood in a time of crisis. “For Such A Time As This: The Call for Women’s Wisdom, Courage and Spirit” is an educational class that offers a Spiritual DNA Leadership Model rooted in the voices, values and visions of women. Their perspectives and insights are critical to the life and ministry of the local church, Baptist General Convention of Virginia and the broader community.





## **Ministry Special Sessions**

**Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday from 11:00 AM—12:30 PM**

- ◆ Children/Youth
- ◆ Clergy
- ◆ Men
- ◆ Women

## **Plenary Sessions**

**Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday from 2:00 PM—4:00 PM**

### **MONDAY—Clergy Day**

#### **African American Health: Before, During and After COVID-19**

This live webinar will include presentations as well as Q & A addressing the following issues:

- ◇ Why are we dying at a much higher rate than others? What is behind it; and, what must we do to improve our health outcomes?
- ◇ An update on COVID-19 and its impact on persons with pre-existing conditions; and, Blood Sugar Rising – Video Presentation on diabetes (a major factor in African American health disparities.)

### **TUESDAY—Men’s Day**

- ◇ Men: Brothers for All Seasons (Panel Discussion)
- ◇ Men’s Meeting

### **WEDNESDAY—Women’s Day**

- ◇ Women: Sisters for All Seasons (Panel Discussion)
- ◇ Women’s Meeting



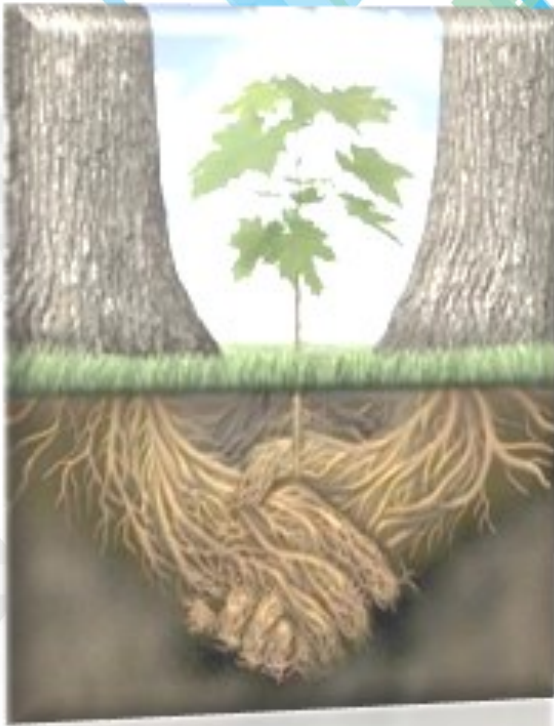
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