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Superintendent David Todd Whittley

National Director

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Superintendent David Todd Whittley has been in ministry for over 20 years and is no stranger to leadership in the Church Of God In Christ. On December 11, 2010, Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake officially appointed Superintendent David Todd Whittley as the new National Executive Director for **Scholastic Motivation Ministries (SMM)**. Scholastic Motivation Ministries coordinates the educational, personal, social, arts and professional development programs for the children and youth of the Church of God in Christ. SMM also organizes the National AIM Convention NETWORKING

& COLLEGE FAIR, where hundreds of college bound youth are in attendance.

Locally, Superintendent Whittley serves as Pastor of the Corinthian Temple Church of God in Christ - "*The Cathedral of Praise*," located in Chicago, Illinois. The Church ministers weekly to hundreds of parishioners via its services and 30 plus ministries. He also serves as President of United for Better Living, a leading non-profit and social service agency in the City of Chicago, where numerous community – based programs are offered to thousands of individuals and families. He is heavily involved in community work, serving on numerous neighborhood and city-wide clergy alliances and groups. Just recently he launched the C.A.R.E. (Corinthian Advancing Rebuilding & Empowering) Project; a multi-dimensional community initiative, inclusive of affordable housing, recreational facility and homeless shelter.

On the Jurisdictional level, Pastor Whittley serves as a District Superintendent and Second Administrative Assistant for the Illinois Midwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction under the leadership of Bishop Darrell L. Hines, Sr. Superintendent Whittley is also an evangelist, motivational speaker, entrepreneur and accomplished songwriter.

Educationally, Pastor Whittley completed his studies at Roosevelt University (Chicago, IL) and is currently enrolled at Moody Bible Institute (Chicago, IL).

Pastor Whittley is married to the lovely Dr. Chandra Whittley, and they are the proud parents of David Jonathan and Sydney Nicole. They reside in University Park, IL.

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Auxiliaries in Ministry 2015

Bishop Charles Blake, Sr., Presiding Bishop
Superintendent Linwood Dillard, International AIM Chairman

“IN THE SPIRIT OF EXCELLENCE”



Supervisor Vicki Taylor
Second Assistant Director



Supervisor E. Yvonne Lewis
First Assistant Director



Elder Kevin McGee
SMM Director of Logistics



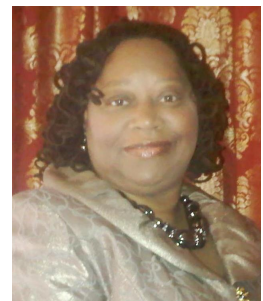
Missionary Sandra Rance
Executive Secretary



Missionary Dr. Caryn McGee
Dean of Education



Mother Darlene Poulard
SMM Special Events



Evangelist Vanessa Owens
*SMM Jurisdictional Coordinators
Leadership Training & Development*

Meet Our Facilitators



The “Helen Givens” Bible Bowl Competition



Deacon Arthur Bridges

Deacon Arthur Bridges (abridgessr@aol.com)

is a member of the Redeem Church of God in Christ where he has served for over 30 years. He has served on the Deacon Board, as the Sunday School President, as the Board of Trustees Chairman, Financial Chairman and Travel Coordinator. In August 2002, Deacon Bridges received his Honorary Doctorate Degree from Norfolk University Seminary and College. Bishop Dwight Green appointed Deacon Bridges as State of Virginia Bible Bowl Chairman in 1982. He was appointed as Assistant Bible Bowl Coordinator for the National Scholastic Motivation Ministries in 2000 and, in 2013, Deacon Bridges was appointed as National Bible Bowl

Personal and Professional Development Institute



***Missionary
Versie T. Cuthbert***

Missionary Versie T. Cuthbert (vcuthbert@comcast.net)

Began her Christian life at the age of 9 in Chicago, under the leadership of Elder J.B. Wheeler and Superintendent Willard L. Payton. Involved in youth ministry for most of her life, she is an advocate for excellence, and is the recipient of many outstanding awards from the Youth Department and Scholastic Motivation Ministries of the Church Of God In Christ. Missionary Cuthbert serves her local church as organist and Women's department president, as YPWW President and leader of SMM for Texas Southeast First Jurisdiction, and as Coordinator for the National SMM Personal and Professional

SMM Jurisdictional Coordinator Leadership Training & Development



***Missionary
Vanessa Owens***

Evangelist Vanessa Owens (vanessa8609@att.net)

Jurisdictional SMM Director for Alabama First Jurisdiction, under the leadership of Bishop O. L. Meadows, Sr., began her role in leadership as local Sunshine Band President, followed by appointments as the local, district, regional, and Assistant Jurisdictional Director of SMM, and since 2010 as Jurisdictional Coordinator for SMM Leadership Training and Development. She is a faithful member of Emanuel Temple COGIC, serving as a licensed missionary, inspirational speaker and motivator of youth ministry. Evangelist Owens holds a B.S. Degree in Elementary Education, and has also served as a negotiator, facilitator, and trainer in her position as a Paralegal. She is married and the mother of three children.

The LaBarbara Whitehead Youth and Talent Showcase



***Dr.
Beth Coleman***

Dr. Beth Coleman (drbeth3956@yahoo.com)

Is a former member of Southside C.O.G.I.C. in Jacksonville, Florida, under the leadership of Bishop Edward Robinson, Sr., where she served as Sunday School Teacher, Dir. of Christian Education, Dir. of the Fine Arts Ministry, and Minister of Music for the Pentecostal District. She also served as former Jurisdictional Minister of Music for Florida Third Jurisdiction, under the leadership of the late Bishop C. D. Kinsey. Dr. Coleman is now a member of New Faith Temple C.O.G.I.C. in Saginaw, MI where her husband, Elder Charles H. Coleman Sr. is pastor. Dr. Coleman serves in Southwest Michigan Third Jurisdiction as the District Missionary for the Judah District. Missionary Coleman serves as the National Coordinator for the LaBarbara Whitehead Youth and Talent Showcase.

Achievers Hall of Fame



***Missionary
Verastine Wardlaw***

Missionary Verastine Wardlaw (vmwardlaw@sbcglobal.net)

A retired educator, has administrative and classroom experience from pre-school through adult education. A faithful member of St. Luke Church Of God In Christ in Chicago, IL, she and her husband, Elder Benjamin Wardlaw, teach the New Members Class. She also serves as Vice-President of the Missionary Board and as church librarian. In 2006 Bishop James C. Austin, Sr., her pastor and jurisdictional bishop, appointed her as Coordinator of Scholastic Motivation Ministries for 5th Jurisdiction Illinois-East. In 2009 Dr. Michael Eaddy, former SMM National Director appointed her as

COGIC Gentlemen's Workshop



***Elder
Thomas Allen***

Elder Thomas Allen (ta1976@me.com)

A vibrant and faithful member of Corinthian Temple Church of God in Christ, serves as Special Assistant to his Pastor, Administrative Assistant David Todd Whitley. Licensed to preach in 2006 and ordained in 2008, Elder Thomas Allen, along with his wife, Evangelist Lakisha Allen, serves as Director of the Married Couples Ministry and Chairman for the church's growth and expansion campaign. In 2012 he was appointed as National Coordinator for the SMM COGIC Gentlemen's Workshop.

COGIC Ladies



*Missionary
Pyron Smith*

Missionary Pyron Smith (ywcc399@hotmail.com)

is a member of New Life St. Paul Church of God in Christ, where her father, Eld. Johnny Lee Smith, is the pastor. There, she serves as the Youth President, Church Secretary, Choir President, and YWCC President. In 2002, she was appointed District YWCC President, an appointment that changed her life. Miss'y Smith is the Prayer and Praise leader and the Armour Bearer for the First Lady, Geneva E. Smith, her mom. She joined the SMM team in 2012 where she was appointed as the Coordinator for COGIC Ladies. She has been a

Oratorical Competition



*Dr.
Caryn McGee*

Dr. Caryn McGee (cdocgee@yahoo.com)

is a member of True Vine Church Of God In Christ in Bellwood, IL, where her pastor is Elder Harley Hagler and her husband, Eld. Kevin McGee, serves as Assistant Pastor and where she serves as a member of the choir, the Ministers' Wives Alliance, and the Women's Department. She also serves in these same capacities in the St. William Campbell Memorial District and in Third Jurisdiction-Illinois, under the leadership of Bishop Robert R. Sanders and Supervisor Marilyn Cross. Dr. McGee works faithfully as Dean of Education for the National Scholastic Motivation Ministries. After being a winner in the 1990 Oratorical Competition, she returned to work with the SMM Oratorical Competition, and in 1995 was appointed as Assistant Oratorical Coordinator. In 2006 she was appointed as Oratorical Competition Coordinator.

Computer Workshop



*Missionary
Vera Cunningham*

Missionary Vesa Cunningham (vesa@thecityonthenet.com)

Serves under the leadership of Pastor Raymond E. Dunn Sr. as the Co-Youth Director of Lloyd Memorial Church of God In Christ in Salina, KS. She and her husband, Elder Robert M. Cunningham, work side by side mentoring and ministering to youth and young adults. Missionary Cunningham has served for 10 years as President of Scholastic Motivation Ministries for Kansas Southwest Scholastic Motivation Ministries. She started working in SMM assisting the coordinator for the Computer Workshop and in 2005, was appointed as the Computer Workshop Coordinator. She believes she can make a difference in the lives of youth by identifying their various interests, talents, and skills and applying their unique gifts

COGIC Golf



**Sister
Catherine Wells**

Sister Catherine Wells (pathway2@comcast.net)

Has worked with youth and youth programs and as a musician and choir member since she was a teenager. She grew up in Southern Illinois under her former pastor, the late Bishop John I. Cobb. Both of her grandmothers were evangelists and her mother was the State Supervisor for Southern Illinois Jurisdiction. Presently, Sister Wells is a member of All Nations Church Of God In Christ in Joliet, IL, where her Pastor and Jurisdictional Prelate is Bishop Robert R. Sanders, serving faithfully as her Bishop's secretary, executive board member, finance clerk, and YPWW President. She also serves as Public Relations Chairperson for Illinois Third Jurisdiction, Dr. Marilyn Cross, Supervisor.

Creative Writing Workshop



**Sister
Glenda Goodson**

Glenda Goodson (princeggglenda@aol.com)

Is the Coordinator for the Creative Writing Workshop. In this capacity she assists the young writers in developing their writing skills. Sis. Goodson is the Associate Editor and Columnist for the Whole Truth Magazine. Some of her accomplishments in the church include Team Member, Youth on a Mission/Cuba (2011), COGIC Scholars Outstanding Achievement Award, Charlotte, NC (2010), COGIC National Educational Leadership Award, Memphis, TN (2008), and Curriculum Writer, International Sunday School Lessons (Junior High/High School) just to name a few.

The AIM Mathematics Olympiad Mathematics Workshop



**Dr.
Sam Dyson**

Dr. Sam Dyson (samsondyson@sbcglobal.net)

Is a member of Glad Tidings Church Of God In Christ under the leadership of Bishop J. W. Macklin. He serves as Chairman of Glad Tidings COGIC Board of Trustees. Dr. Dyson also manages the large engineering Capital Improvement projects for the church, and (as the Navy always adds) "other duties as assigned." Dr. Dyson enjoys being the Mathematics Coordinator for Scholastic Motivation Ministries and strongly believes that the young people of the church need an opportunity to explore different things through mathematics.

Spelling Bee Competition



Lilli Willingham (tripletmother1995@gmail.com)

is a member of the New First Church of God In Christ where her pastor is Bishop Robert R. Sanders, Prelate of Third Jurisdiction of Illinois. She serves as the Scholastic Motivation Ministries Coordinator for her jurisdiction. Lilli has been with Scholastic Motivation Ministries many years alongside her sister, the late Sandra Smith, former Assistant Executive Director for SMM. Lilli began assisting with the Spelling Bee Competition and was named as its Coordinator. Due to family challenges Lilli stepped down from her position. Now, Lilli has returned to her position as the Spelling Bee Coordinator.

Networking Opportunity and Social



***Mother
Darlene Poulard***

Mother Darlene Poulard (darlene.poulard@gm.com)

Hails from Kokomo, IN and serves as Special Events Coordinator for the National Scholastic Motivation Ministries. During the AIM Convention you can find Mother Poulard putting the finishing touches on the Networking Opportunity and Social for college bound youth. She also coordinates the Talent Showcase and Awards Ceremony held on Friday during the AIM Conventions at which time category participants and winners are acknowledged. Back in Kokomo, Mother Poulard is just as busy in her local church, holding various positions to assist in the up-building of God's kingdom.

The Drama Workshop

***Ms Erahlyn
Bingham***

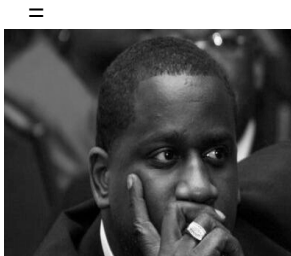
Political Education



***Pastor
Charles Coleman***

Pastor Charles Coleman (charlescolem@gmail.com)

A graduate from Central Michigan University, is involved in the greater Saginaw Community, formerly holding an elected seat in the Saginaw City Council. In his role as a Councilperson, he represented over 61,000 Saginaw residents at the policy making table, serving as chair of the Prevailing Wage Oversight Committee, on the City County School Liaison Committee, and on the Strategic Planning Committee. He presently serves as a representative to the Saginaw County Crime Prevention Council. In the church, Pastor Coleman serves Southwest Michigan Third Jurisdiction as Chairman of the Old Landmark District, Parliamentarian of the Pastors and Elders Council, and as a member of the National Adjutancy. Pastor Coleman is the coordinator of the Political Education category for Scholastic Motivation Ministries, nationally. He is responsible for overseeing the SMM Mayor and Village Council elections in the AIM conventions. As well, he orchestrates political activities for churches within the Church Of God In Christ.



***Elder
Paul Fortson***

Elder Paul Q. Fortson (pqfortson@gmail.com)

A 4th generation COGIC, is the son of Bishop Paul and Evangelist Carolyn Fortson of the Barbados and Caribbean Jurisdiction. He serves as an Associate Elder and Adjutant at Paradise Church of God In Christ in Forest Park, GA and as Chief Operating Officer for Paradise Ministries Institutional (PMI), a Christ centered and community focused, \$4M + ministry & organization. PMI consists of Paradise Childcare and Development Center, Paradise Community Development Corporation, Paradise Real Estate and Paradise COGIC, overseeing the day-to-day operations of the ministry. Elder Fortson is also founder of Fortson Business Solutions (FBS), a consulting company that helps churches and aspiring entrepreneurs develop business plans and form for-profit and non-profit business entities. Eld. Fortson joined SMM as the Coordinator for Smart Money Matters. Now, he has also been appointed as Coordinator for The SMM Financial District.

The Robotics Program



***Dr.
Valerie Bennett***

Dr. Valerie Bennett(vbennett21@yahoo.com)

Holds a Bachelor of Engineering Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Vanderbilt University and received her Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Mechanical Engineering, both from the Georgia Institute of Technology. Dr. Bennett's experience includes working for Morehouse College as an engineering and physics Assistant Professor, Westminster Schools in Atlanta where she taught Physics and was one of the two founding coaches of the Robotics Program, serving on the Georgia FIRST Robotics Regional Committee in the planning of Regional Events and Co-Coordinator of the Georgia FIRST Robotics Mentor Advisory Council; serving Physics Research Coordinator for the TRIO Program as part of the Upward Bound Initiative, Research Coordinator for the Peach State Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Program, and she was awarded the Innovative Teacher award by the Georgia Independent Schools Association. Dr. Bennett is currently an Engineering Professor and Regents' Engineering Transfer Program Advisor at Georgia Perimeter College. A member of Temple of Faith Church Of God In Christ where Administrative Assistant Thomas L. Frazier is her Pastor, she has coordinated Vacation Bible School, Job Fairs, and developed tutorial and wellness programs. She has

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Schedule of Events

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00AM Morning Meditation	8:00AM Morning Meditation	7:00AM – 9:00AM SMM Breakfast <i>Salon E</i>	
9:00 AM SMM Village Opening Service <i>Salon F</i>			
10:00AM Spelling Bee <i>Salon F</i> Sister Lilli Willingham	9:00AM Spelling Bee <i>Salon F</i> Sister Lilli Wilingham	9:00AM Spelling Bee <i>Salon F</i> Sister Lilli Willingham	9:00AM Awards Ceremony & Showcase <i>Salon F</i>
10:00AM Bible Bowl <i>Salon A</i> Deacon Arthur Bridges	9:00AM Bible Bowl <i>Salon A</i> Deacon Arthur Bridges	9:00AM Bible Bowl <i>Salon A</i> Deacon Arthur Bridges	
10:00AM Computer Workshop <i>Meeting Room 3</i> Missionary Vesa Cunningham	9:00AM Computer Workshop <i>Meeting Room 3</i> Missionary Vesa Cunningham	9:00AM Computer Workshop <i>Meeting Room 3</i> Missionary Vesa Cunningham	
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10:00AM Financial District <i>Salon H</i> Elder Paul Fortson	9:00AM Financial District <i>Salon H</i> Elder Paul Fortson	9:00AM Financial District <i>Salon H</i> Elder Paul Fortson
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	2:00PM – 5:00PM Networking Social & College Fair <i>Salon E</i> Kansas City Convention Center Mother Darlene Poullard	12:00 Noon Holy Millionaires Luncheon <i>Salon H</i> Third Level
3:00PM SMM Choir <i>TBA</i> Missionary Teresa McClendon	3:00PM SMM Choir <i>TBA</i> Missionary Teresa McClendon	3:00PM SMM Choir <i>TBA</i> Missionary Teresa McClendon
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The logo is a circular seal. The outer ring contains the text "SCHOLASTIC" on the left and "MINISTRIES" on the right. Inside the ring is a large green cross. The cross has four rectangular boxes at its intersections. The top-left box contains the word "MOTIVATE", the top-right box contains "EMPOWER", the bottom-left box contains "CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST", and the bottom-right box contains a small graphic of a globe. The main title "Activities & Session Description" is overlaid on the cross.

Activities & Session Description

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SMM OFFERING	OBJECTIVE	PARTICIPANTS
Bible Bowl Competition	To provide the platform for young people of the Church Of God In Christ to demonstrate their abilities. Specifically, competition will give team members opportunity to enhance communication skills and to think reflectively promoting a cooperative team spirit. It will also serve as a motivating factor for genuine and systematic Bible study and raise awareness of the history and doctrine of the Church Of God In Christ.	The competition has both junior and senior teams. Junior team members range in age from 5 to 15 years, while senior team members are 16 to 22 years old. Team members must meet specific age requirements by the start of the competition. Recognition: 1 st and 2 nd place winning teams receive large Gold Cup Trophies.
Personal & Professional Development Institute	To inspire, equip and challenge youth to pursue excellence in their personal, professional, and spiritual lives. This will be accomplished as students are provided resources through instruction, achievement principles, and through networking with accomplished professionals.	The target group for this category is senior high school and college students.
Jurisdictional Coordinator Leadership Training & Development	To provide an opportunity for SMM Jurisdictional Coordinators to interact with other coordinators to receive training and development that will enhance their jurisdictional SMM program.	This session is open to all Jurisdictional SMM Coordinators and those responsible for developing and implementing SMM programs in their jurisdiction.
Youth Talent Showcase	To serve as a platform for young people to compete and showcase their talent in such areas as: art- Choreography – Gospel Comedy Instrumental Music – Poetry Vocal Music: (<i>Classical & Gospel</i>)	The target group for this category is youth and young adults between the ages of 5 and 22 years.

	Solo, Duet, Trio, Youth Choir or Chorale, Lip Sync – Mime Praise Dance	
Achievers Hall of Fame	To recognize outstanding “COGIC YOUTH” for exemplary performance in church leadership, academics, and community service.	The target group for this category is male and female members of the Church Of God In Christ, between the ages of 15 and 22.
SMM OFFERING	OBJECTIVE	PARTICIPANTS
COGIC Gentlemen’s Workshop	<p>To heighten the level of spirituality and self-appreciation in COGIC young men so that they will be representative of their denominational training.</p> <p>To help develop personal power traits that promote and project young men in social and professional relationships in the home, society and church.</p> <p>To enlighten in life management skills which bring positive results through the application of biblical principles.</p> <p>To explore the dynamics of spiritual truth as it relates to a rewarding and enriching lifestyle.</p> <p>To equip young men with the tools to become confident, well-rounded, skillful leaders.</p>	The target group for this category is COGIC youth and young adults (males) ages 16 to 22 years.
COGIC Ladies’ Workshop	<p>To heighten the level of spirituality and self-appreciation in COGIC young ladies so that they will be representative of their denominational training.</p> <p>To help develop personal power traits that promote and project young ladies in social and professional relationships</p>	The target group for this category is COGIC youth and young adults (females) ages 16 to 22 years.

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Oratorical Competition	<p>To introduce participants to suggested speech formats which equip them to present subject matter to powerfully impact the emotions of hearers.</p> <p>To develop language awareness skills focusing on diction, grammar and articulation, as well as skill in delivery and stage presence, demonstrating how to capitalize on directness, enthusiasm, dress, and physical appearance.</p>	<p>Male and female youth or young adults in two categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Junior (ages 12 -15 years) •Senior (ages 16-22 years)
Computer Workshop	<p>To acquaint youth with hardware, software, operations, and terms of computer science.</p> <p>To offer hands on experience and tutorial assistance that will make participants more knowledgeable of and proficient in computer technology.</p>	<p>The target group for this category is all youth ages 10- 18 years.</p>
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Creative Writers Workshop	To help youth and young adults who aspire in writing careers discover their potential. To assist in the development of skills and creativity in literary composition as well as advising in the preparation of manuscripts for publication. This, in turn, will identify COGIC writers who may contribute to the church's literary ministry.	The target group for this ministry is all youth and young adults ages 5 to 22 years.										
Mathematics Workshop	To foster an appreciation for the role mathematics plays in everyday life experiences. To lead participants to understanding that mathematics is the very foundation of scientific technology and a clearer exegetical Biblical understanding.	This session is open to all you in grades 3-12. Students with a strong background in mathematics are encouraged to participate. Calculators are not permitted in Level 1 and Level II Competitions. Please note that Levels III, IV, and V participants are encouraged to bring and use their own calculators.										
Spelling Bee Competition	To help our youth develop good spelling skills which will enhance reading potential and increase career opportunities.	<p>The target group for this category is youth in grades 1 through 12. To participate and receive a trophy all participants must show their Convention Badge. Only registered delegates are permitted to enter competitions.</p> <p><u>GRADE LEVELS</u></p> <table><tr><td>Level I</td><td>Grades 1-2</td></tr><tr><td>Level II</td><td>Grades 3-4</td></tr><tr><td>Level III</td><td>Grades 5-6</td></tr><tr><td>Level IV</td><td>Grades 7-8</td></tr><tr><td>Level V</td><td>Grades 9-12</td></tr></table>	Level I	Grades 1-2	Level II	Grades 3-4	Level III	Grades 5-6	Level IV	Grades 7-8	Level V	Grades 9-12
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Level V	Grades 9-12											

COGIC Golf	To introduce COGIC youth to the basics of golf as a sport. To help youth understand golf etiquette, rules, scoring, equipment and appropriate attire.	The target group for this category is males and females between the ages of 12 and 22.
SMM OFFERING	OBJECTIVES	PARTICIPANTS
Networking Opportunity and Social	To allow high school and college students to interact with accomplished professionals in many areas, benefiting from their knowledge and experiences, and to begin lifelong relationships with those in similar fields.	The target group for this category will be youth and young adults who are high school seniors and college students.
Political Education	To develop a controlled municipal government environment for the purpose of allowing youth to engage in true to life political exercises which will equip them with a basic understanding of terminology, principles, and inner workings of the American political system.	The target group for his category is youth between the ages of 8 and 22. Youth must be at least 13 years of age to be eligible to run for an office in the SMM VILLAGE.
Smart Money Matters	Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake's COGIC Urban Initiative targets financial literacy to expand economic opportunity in underserved communities through economic education and	This category has been designed for the following grades: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elementary School (4th & 5th Grades) • Middle School (6th through 8th Grades)

	empowerment throughout the Church of God in Christ. This initiative is done in partnership with Operation – HOPE.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High School (9th through 12th Grades)
SMM Financial District	To provide a multi-day long exercise in a structured environment, allowing youth to engage in true to life financial transactions for the purpose of educating them with terminology, principles, and disciplines that will formulate basic understanding of money matters.	<p>This ministry is designed for male and female youth and young adults in three age categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8-12 years of age • 13-17 years of age • 18 years and older
The Robotics Program	To expose youth of the COGIC to engaging, fun, and meaningful STEM experiences that will have a positive impact on their lives in exciting mentor-based programs that build science, engineering, and technology skills that inspire innovation and that foster well-rounded life capabilities including self-confidence, communication, and leadership.	This program is designed for ages 8 – 22 years.