

Welcome!

First and foremost, I want to welcome you to Houston! It is truly a blessing to celebrate another prosperous year and to come together for worship and learning at the National Baptist Congress. It is my pleasure to announce that, at Congress in 2010, there will be the first ever Youth Summit!

It is important to realize the roles that religion and religious practices have on society, especially its youth. The Youth Summit is a result of a strategic planning session that was held following Congress 2008. It was decided that the youth should have the opportunity to voice their ideas and opinions and have more strategic input for our National Baptist Congress, since they are the future. We want to capture their thoughts and ideas in a secure, educational setting that will encourage innovative ideas.

At the Summit in 2010, the youth will be able to express themselves through writing, brainstorming sessions, and speeches. They will also enjoy entertainment and receive uplifting words from a guest speaker. Though I wish that all youth could participate, we will only accept up to 200 qualified participants. There is not a cost for attending the Youth Summit, although participants must be registered at the National Baptist Congress. However, your class registration fee will be returned to you upon the completion of the Summit.

Participants will be required to arrive at the Convention Center in Charlotte, North Carolina no later than 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 15, 2010. The sessions will end at approximately 12:00 p.m., followed by lunch. Afterwards, the participants will be involved in a community service project with the host church. All activities will be completed by 5:00 p.m.

Interested individuals should complete the registration packet and submit it by February 27, 2010. More details will be available as the Youth Summit approaches.

I look forward to this exciting and enlightening event!

In Him,

LaDonna Y. Boyd

Youth Summit Coordinator



YOUTH SUMMIT 2010 REGISTRATION FORM

Instructions: Please type or neatly print the required information in black ink. The one-page essay must be typed. All participants must be between the ages of 13 and 21 at the time of the Summit on June 15, 2010, and should have attended the National Baptist Congress at least once in the past three years. The registration packet is due by December 1, 2009. Please mail or fax to LaDonna Boyd at R.H. Boyd Publishing Corporation, P.O. Box 91145, Nashville, TN 37209. Fax number: 615-350-9018. For questions, please call 615-350-8000 ext. 258 or email lboyd@rhboyd.com. Thank you for your participation!

NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (____)-_____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

NAME OF CHURCH: _____

PASTOR'S NAME: _____

CHURCH ADDRESS: _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN INFORMATION:

NAME: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (____)-_____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE, IF PARTICIPANT IS UNDER 18 YEARS OLD:

_____ DATE: _____

WHAT ACTIVITIES DO YOU PARTICIPATE IN AT CHURCH, SCHOOL, OR CONGRESS? (FOR EXAMPLE, DRILL TEAM, LITURGICAL DANCE, SPORTS, MUSIC, ETC.)

HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU ATTENDED THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONGRESS? _____

DO YOU HAVE ANY FAVORITE MEMORIES OF CONGRESS? IF SO, PLEASE BRIEFLY DESCRIBE.

PLEASE SUBMIT NO MORE THAN A ONE-PAGE, TYPED ESSAY WITH THIS FORM REGARDING WHY YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SUMMIT. ALSO, PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING THREE QUESTIONS:

1. WHY ARE RELIGION AND CHURCH IMPORTANT TO YOU? HOW DO THEY INFLUENCE YOU?
2. WHAT TOPICS WOULD YOU LIKE TO DISCUSS AT THE SUMMIT? WHY?
3. ARE THERE ANY COURSES, CHRISTIAN ENTERTAINERS, OR ACTIVITIES THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE AT THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONGRESS?