



New Era District Congress of Christian Education

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An Auxiliary of the

New Era Missionary Baptist District Association

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Theme: Building Through Christian Education a Sure Foundation (Is. 28:16)

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Therefore thus says the Lord God, Behold. I am the one who has laid as a foundation in Zion, a stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation: 'Whoever believes will not be in haste.' Isaiah 28:16 ESV

To Moderator Nichols, Vice Moderators White and Gray, Executive Secretary Jones, District Auxiliary Presidents, and Staff, Host Pastor McNeil, Pastors, Ministers, and District Members.

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

The Congress would like to report the following:

This past October we had a successful "Taste of New Era" food and fellowship at Paradise M.B.C. where Rev. Michael Phillips is the Pastor. We would like to thank the church for opening its door for us. We would also like to thank all the churches that participated as well as all the patrons that came through. We are looking forward to a blessed turn out next year.

The District Congress is finalizing the details for the 2026 Annual Spring School. The Host church for the Annual Spring School will be Second M.B.C. in Grandview, MO. The school dates will be March 23-27, 2026. Classes for the school are as followed:

Course #1006: How to Accurately Interpret the Bible

Course #1080: The Life and Teachings of Jesus

Course #1086: Church History in Acts
Course #1001: Introduction to the Bible
Course #7024: Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts
Online Course #9024: Technology in the Life of the Church

Seminars for the school are as followed:

Career Planning Seminar

Mastering Robert's Rules of Order: Parliamentary Procedure Seminar

Teenage Mental Health Seminar

Pastors and Ministers Division

The District Congress is having its 2nd Annual "Seasoned Saints Brunch." This event will take place on Saturday, March 28, 2026 @ 11am – 1pm, at Second M.B.C. of Grandview located at 5111 Harry S. Truman Dr., Grandview, MO. The theme for this years brunch is taken from Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trusting God Throughout All Seasons of Life." During the brunch we plan to recognize and honor two seasoned saints (over 70 years of age) from each of our 20+ churches in our district that have done exemplary Christian service throughout their years at the district church where they serve. We are asking that each district church financially sponsor 2 seasoned saints from your church that best represents exemplary Christian service that we can recognize at the Seasoned Saints Brunch. Tickets are \$25/person or \$200/table of 8 people. This is a celebration/recognition brunch for our seasoned saints as well as a fundraiser for the District Congress. Our Keynote Speaker will be Dr. Alfred White – Pastor of Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church in Kansas City, MO.

Registration forms and other information concerning the Spring School and the Seasoned Saints Brunch will emailed to your churches as well as put on the district website. We solicit your prayers, participation, and support in what we feel will be a great Spring School and Seasoned Saints Brunch.

Prayerfully Submitted,

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