

## DEBUTANTE AND MASTER REQUIREMENTS

### Ages 16-22

#### PART ONE — OUTLINE OF CHRISTIAN DEBUTANTE MASTER COMMISSION (CDMC) CURRICULUM

##### I. Information for Participants to Memorize and Test

1. AME Motto	7. Beatitudes
2. Lord's Prayer	8. Summary of the Decalogue
3. Apostle's Creed	9. CDMC Founder and CDMC Purpose
4. Ten Commandments	10. CDMC Motto/Colors
5. General Confession - Holy Communion	11. Dedicatory Pledge
6. Twenty-Third Psalm	12. Dedicatory Songs (3)

##### II. A required community service project to be selected and completed by each Debutante and Master. (A packet containing detailed information about the community service project will be provided under a separate cover).

##### III. Seminar and workshops on local church, district, and conference levels to be determined by local church, district, and conference commissioners. Suggested topics, but not limited to:

- Church and dining etiquette
- Social Media and Teens
- Applying online for job, college, and scholarship applications, etc.
- Financial literacy
- Self-love in a global society
- The AME church and its Impact on your life
- A "Pandemic" before, during, and after
- Proper Grooming female and male
- The Importance of Understanding Diversity in a Global Society

##### IV. Selected Scriptures – learn the following scriptures in addition to four other scriptures selected by local church, district, and or conference commissioners:

- St. Matthew 6:9-13 (*Lord's Prayer*)
- Exodus 20:3-17 (*Ten Commandments*)
- Psalm 23 (*23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm*)
- St. Matthew 5:3-12 (*Beatitudes*)

##### V. Additional information that should be covered with all Debutantes and Masters:

- History of the AME Church
- Twenty-five Articles of Religion (summary)
- The AME Discipline (brief overview of its purpose)
- Connectional Church Organization
- Local Church Organization --Pastor, Pastor Leadership Team, General Ministries, and Commissions (will vary per church)
- Local Church Membership (breakdown, young adults, adults, senior citizens (will vary per church)

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#### ***PART ONE CONTINUED — OUTLINE FOR CDMC CURRICULUM***

- VI. **Additional information that should be covered with all Debutantes and Masters:**
- *Dedication Ceremony (memorize and test)*
    - *Founder of Ceremony*
    - *Ceremony Purpose and Significance*
    - *Motto*
    - *Liturgical colors*
- VII. **Additional activities for Debutantes and Masters:**
- *CDMC Luncheon and or Talent Show*
  - *Educational Field Trips to colleges*
  - *Voter Registration*
  - *Adopt a Senior Citizen*
  - *Partner with local elementary or middle school to provide tutoring services, etc.*
  - *Participate in Walk-A-Thons - Sickle Cell, Breast Cancer, March of Dime*
  - *Visit or collect items for Children Hospitals, Homes for Disadvantaged children, the Homeless, etc.*

#### ***PART TWO — DESCRIPTION OF CDMC CURRICULUM***

##### **AME Motto (memorize & test)**

“God our Father, Christ our Redeemer, The Holy Spirit our Comforter, Humankind our Family”

##### **The Lord’s Prayer (St. Matthew 6:9-13) (memorize & test)**

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

##### **The Apostle’s Creed (memorize & test)**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only son our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. The third day he arose from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Church universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

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##### **The Ten Commandments** *(memorize & test)*

*The Ten Commandments were given to Moses for the children of Israel and are found in the Old Testament of the Bible: Exodus 20:3-17*

1. I am the Lord Thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me
2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments
3. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.
5. Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee
6. Thou shalt not kill
7. Thou shalt not commit adultery
8. Thou shalt not steal.
9. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor
10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbor's

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#### ***PART TWO CONTINUED — DESCRIPTION OF CDMC CURRICULUM***

##### **General Confession – Holy Communion** *(memorize & test)*

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness which we from time to time most grievously have committed by thought, word, and deed against Your Divine Majesty, provoking most justly your wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us.

Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake; forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

##### **Twenty-Third Psalm** *(memorize & test)*

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

##### **Beatitudes** *(St. Matthew 5:3-12)* *(memorize & test)*

- Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted.
- Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.
- Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.
- Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
- Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
- Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.
- Blessed are they which have been persecuted for righteousness' sake. For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- Blessed are ye when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake
- Rejoice and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

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##### Summary of the Decalogue *(memorize & test)*

Hear what Christ our Savior saith: Thou shalt love the Lord, thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

#### PART THREE—CDMC PLEDGES AND SONGS *(memorize)*

##### Dedicatory Pledge

*(To be learned and recited in unison by the Debutante and Master as a part of the dedication ceremony)*

Believing that God's power is my strength, because of my faith in Jesus Christ, I join with other youth, in a united effort, to demonstrate the effectiveness and oneness of the Christian fellowship. For me, there is a desire to make Christ the focal point of my existence, to render unselfish services to my fellowman and to diligently seek the will of God for my life. I sincerely believe and will govern myself as far as I am able by the twenty-five Articles of Religion as set down in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the Lord being my helper. "God our Father, Christ Our Redeemer, Holy Spirit Our Comforter, Humankind Our Family," the motto of the AME Church, as enunciated by our founder, Richard Allen, will become my testimony. Help me, God, to keep this pledge. Take my life and let it be dedicated Lord to Thee.

##### Songs to Learn

*(To be learned and sung in unison by Debutante and Master as a part of the dedication ceremony)*

##### **Take My Life and Let It Be**

Take my life, and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee  
Take my hands and let them move At the impulse  
of thy love, At the impulse of thy love.

Take my love; my God, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee, Ever only, All for Thee.

##### **Spirit of the Living God**

Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me Spirit of the Living God, fall  
fresh **on** me Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me  
Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me

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#### ***PART THREE CONTINUED—CDMC PLEDGES AND SONGS***

##### **Songs to Learn Continued**

###### **Lift Every Voice & Sing (three stanzas)**

Lift every voice and sing, Till earth and heaven ring, Ring with the harmonies of Liberty; Let our rejoicing rise High as the listening skies, Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us, Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us; Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod Bitter the chastening rod  
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died Yet with a steady beat  
Have not our weary feet Come to the place for which our fathers sighed

#### ***PART FOUR—ADDITIONAL CDMC CURRICULUM***

##### **History of The AME Church - Our Beginning**

On a Sunday in November 1787, when Richard Allen and other worshippers arrived at St. George Methodist Church, they were ordered into new segregated seats in the gallery. Several blacks were threatened and shoved while in the midst of prayer. When prayer was over, Allen's group rose and left the church. They never returned.

After the walkout, angered white elders threatened to strip the blacks of membership. In response, Allen began to raise funds for a new church.

In 1793, Richard Allen bought an old blacksmith shop and converted it into FIRST BETHEL CHURCH, the first place of worship owned by Africans in America. Denied the right to preach in Bethel, the white elders brought their case to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. The court ruled that Bethel was free to control its own religious affairs.

Shortly after the court ruling, in April 1816, a conference of black churches was called (Philadelphia, Baltimore, Wilmington, Attleboro, Pennsylvania and Salem, New Jersey). There the African Methodist Episcopal Church was formed. Richard Allen was ordained an Elder and consecrated first Bishop of the new church.

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#### ***PART FOUR CONTINUED — ADDITIONAL CDMC CURRICULUM***

##### **History of The AME Church – The Meaning of A M E C**

AFRICAN: In Richard Allen's day, black people were generally called Africans. They formed the church and were its earliest members. Today, the church is open to all.

METHODIST: The polity of our church is Methodist. Richard Allen felt the need for the excellent organization and structure of Methodism.

EPISCOPAL: This refers to the form of government under which the church operates. The General Conference elects Bishops, who in turn make pastoral appointments, ordain deacons, and elders and supervise the work of the church.

CHURCH: The Christian Church is a community of people who have accepted Jesus Christ as the guide and master of their lives. They believe that God, through Christ, can transform each believer.

##### **Twenty-Five of Articles of Religion prepared by John Wesley (A brief summary)**

1. ON FAITH IN THE HOLY TRINITY – There is one true God, the maker and preserver of all things. Father, Son, and Holy Ghost are one God, who is known as the Trinity.
2. ON THE WORD OR SON OF GOD, WHO WAS MADE VERY MAN – Jesus, the divine Son of God, was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, dead and buried for the sin of man.
3. OF THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST – Jesus Christ arose from the dead and ascended into heaven. He will return at the last day to judge all men.
4. OF THE HOLY GHOST – The Holy Spirit came from the Father and Son and is one with them in the Trinity.
5. THE SUFFICIENCY OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURE FOR SALVATION – The Holy Scriptures of the Bible contain all truth necessary for salvation.
6. OF THE OLD TESTAMENT – The ancient rites and ceremonies of the Old Testament do not bind Christians. However, its moral teachings should be obeyed.
7. OF THE ORIGINAL OR BIRTH OF SIN – Original sin is the evil in man's nature which he inherits.
8. OF FREE WILL – The free will of man must have divine help in order that he does good and pleases God.



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##### **Twenty-Five of Articles of Religion prepared by John Wesley Continued (A brief summary)**

9. OF JUSTIFICATION OF MAN - We are justified or pardoned, not by good works but by faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
10. OF GOOD WORKS - Good works are the fruits of faith and are pleasing to God
11. OF WORKS OF SUPEREROGATION - We can never do more good works than God requires.
12. THE SIN AFTER JUSTIFICATION - If one sins after justification or pardon, he may repent, and it will be forgotten.
13. OF THE CHURCH - The visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful men and women in which the gospel is preached, and the sacraments duly administered
14. OF PURGATORY - Purgatory is not taught in the Bible, neither is invocation of saints or worshipping images or relics
15. OF SPEAKING IN OTHER TONGUES - Prayer and worship in the Christian Church should be in a language the people can understand. To do otherwise is contrary to the Word of God
16. OF THE SACRAMENTS - Sacraments are badges of Christian profession and signs of God's grace. Christ ordained only two sacraments, Baptism, and the Lord's Supper
17. OF BAPTISM - Baptism is a sign of Christian profession. Both children and adults are baptized before becoming members of the Church
18. OF THE LORD'S SUPPER - The sacrament of the Lord's Supper is a sign of brotherly love and also a memorial of Christ's death. It should be observed in a spiritual manner, but not be made an object of worship
19. OF BOTH KINDS - Both the bread and wine are to be given the people in the Lord's Supper
20. OF THE ONE OBLATION OF CHRIST, FINISHED UPON THE CROSS - There is no value in masses for the dead. This is a dangerous deceit and is not necessary
21. OF THE MARRIAGE OF MINISTERS - Ministers may marry at their own discretion



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##### **Twenty-Five of Articles of Religion prepared by John Wesley- (A brief summary)**

22. OF THE RITES AND CEREMONIES OF CHURCHES - It is unnecessary to have the same rite and ceremonies in all places. These may be changed to meet the needs of different countries and times
23. OF THE RULERS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - This article states the authority and independence of our national government
24. OF CHRISTIAN MEN'S GOODS - Christians may possess private property, but they should give liberally to the Church and to the poor
25. OF A CHRISTIAN MAN'S OATH - A Christian may swear when magistrate requires it, without violating the teachings of the Bible

##### **AME Structure of Church**

The African Methodist Episcopal Church is a connectional organization. Each local church is a part of the larger connection.

The Bishops are the Chief Officers of the Connectional Organization. They are elected for life by a majority vote of the General Conference which meets every four years. Bishops are bound by the laws of the church to retire upon the General Conference nearest their 75th birthday.

Presiding Elders are the assistants, like middle management, whom the Bishops appoint to supervise the preachers in a Presiding Elder's District. A Presiding Elder District is one portion of an Annual Conference which in turn is one part of the Episcopal District over which a Bishop presides.

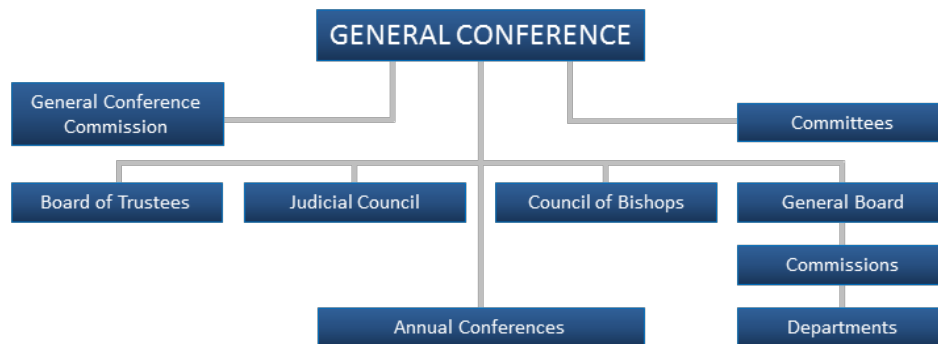
In the Presiding Elder District, the appointed Presiding Elder meets with the local churches, which comprise the District, at least once every three months for a Quarterly Conference. The Presiding Elder also presides over a District Conference and a Sunday School Convention in his or her District. At the end of an Annual Conference year, the Presiding Elder reports to the Bishop at the Annual Conference and makes recommendations for pastoral appointments

Pastors receive a yearly appointment to a charge (church), on the recommendation of the Presiding Elder and with the approval and final appointment of the Bishop. The pastor is in full charge of the Church and is an ex-official member of all boards, organizations, and clubs of that Church.

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#### AME Structure of Church Continued



#### **The General Conference**

The General Conference is the supreme body of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. It is composed of the Bishops, as ex-officio presidents, according to the rank of election, and an equal number of ministerial and lay delegates, elected by each of the Annual Conferences and the Lay Electoral Colleges of the Annual Conferences. Other ex-officio members are the General Officers, College Presidents, Deans/Presidents of Theological Seminaries, Judicial Council and other persons listed in the General Conference Composition.

#### **Council Of Bishops**

The Council of Bishops is the Executive Branch of the Connectional Church. It has the general oversight of the Church during the interim of General Conferences. The Council of Bishops shall meet annually at such time and place as the majority of Council shall determine and also at such other times as may be deemed necessary in the discharging its responsibility as the Executive Branch of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. The Council of Bishops shall hold at least two public sessions at each annual meeting. At the first, complaints and petitions against a Bishop shall be heard, at the second, the decisions of the Council shall be made public. All decisions shall be in writing.

#### **Board Of Incorporators**

The Board of Incorporators, also known as the General Board of Trustees, has the supervision, In Trust, of all Connectional property of the Church and is vested with authority to act on behalf of the Connectional Church wherever necessary.

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##### **AME Structure of Church Continued**

###### **The General Board**

The General Board is in many respects the administrative body and is comprised of various departmental Commissions made up of the respective Executive-Director, the General Secretary of the AME Church, the Chief Financial Officer, the members of the various Commissions, and one Bishop as presiding officer with the other Bishops associating.

###### **Judicial Council**

The Judicial Council is the highest judicatory body of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. It is an appellate court, elected by the General Conference, and is amenable to it.

##### **Historical Overview of CDMC**

What is now a popular activity, the introduction of young people to society under church auspices, and their dedication to continued Christian service, was inaugurated as a Christian rite of passage by the A.M.E. Church in 1952 and is denoted by the phrase, “The Christian Debutante Master Dedication Commission”.

The CDMC originated by Dr. Julma Crawford under the division of Christian Education. The first Debutante-Master Dedication was held May 18, 1952, in Chicago, Illinois at the seat of the 34th General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. The DMC became an official commission by elected legislation enacted at the 39th session of the A.M.E. General Conference held in June 1972 in Dallas, Texas.

The CDMC is a commission of adults comprising a new supportive and supplemental service to youth groups of the Christian Education at each level of the A.M.E. Church.

On July 1, 1972, Mrs. Crawford was elected Administrator of this commission with the rank of General Officer. In 1976, Mrs. Crawford became a connectional officer as the administrator of the newly legislated Debutante Master Commission.

Dr. Julma Crawford retired in 1992. In July 1992 Mrs. Loretta Fields Hill of Austin, Texas was elected the 2nd Connectional General Administrator of the Christian Debutante-Master Dedication Commission. During Mrs. Hill's 16 years of leadership, she created the CDMC Manual and handbook. She also established the Julma Crawford Scholarship as well as the current organizational structure for the program. She is a retired public health educator and an active lifetime member of Grant AME Worship Center, Austin, TX.

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##### **Historical Overview of CDMC Continued**

In July 2008 during the General Board meeting at the General Conference in St. Louis, Mo., Mrs. Gloria Massey Ward of Memphis, TN was appointed to serve as the 3rd Connectional General Administrator of the Christian Debutante-Master Commission. She is a retired teacher and an active lifetime member at St. Andrew AMEC in Memphis, TN. Mrs. Ward is no stranger to the CDMC Commission. She has served as chairperson of the Julma Crawford Scholarship Committee, coordinator of the Christian Debutante-Master Dedication Ceremony held at the General Conference in 2008 as well as having held the positions of conference and district commissioner in her district (13th).

In July 2016 during the General Board meeting at the General Conference in Philadelphia, PA, Mrs. Lyndajo Watson of Little rock, AR was appointed to serve as the 4th Connectional General Administrator of the Christian Debutante-Master Commission. She is employed by the Secretary of State's Office of the state of Arkansas and an active member at Union AMEC in Little Rock for over 50 years. Mrs. Watson is no stranger to the CDMC Commission. She was the commissioner for the 12<sup>th</sup> District from 1994-2016, served as chairperson of the CDMC scholarship banquet in 2012 and 2016, and coordinator of the Christian Debutante-Master Dedication Ceremony held at the General Conference in 2002 and 2016. She also served as First Vice President during Mrs. Gloria Ward's tenure.

##### **Purpose and Significance**

The Christian Debutante-Master Dedication Commission (CDMC) introduces young people to Christian society and celebrates their transition to adulthood. Through its adult advisors, the CDMC reinforces the work of Christian education by providing guidance and information for relevant study and fieldwork activities. Young people participating in the CDMC have an opportunity to receive regular and special study programs for personal Christian development and creative leadership in the A.M.E. Church.

The CDMC focuses on the period of transition from adolescence to adulthood that many cultures consider a "rite of passage." Young people desire to celebrate and symbolize their new adult status. The CDMC channels this desire that enhances the mission of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

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##### **Purpose and Significance Continued**

The Christian Debutante-Master Ceremony is the official activity under the auspices of the CDMC, a solemn religious service whereby the young honorees in their period of transition celebrate their new adult status in the church. It pays tribute to the rites of passage from youth to adulthood. The Debutante-Master Ceremony, the flagship of the CDMC, affords young people, ages sixteen through twenty-two, the opportunity to be introduced to the church society and to dedicate their lives to greater Christian service.

##### **Motto and Liturgical Colors** (memorize and test)

A. Motto: "Daily Magnify Christ"

B. Colors: Red and White

- Red symbolizes excitement, energy, and power
- White symbolizes celebration, joy, and peace

##### **Divisions of the Christian Debutante Master Commission**

A. Debutante-Master Division | Ages 16-22

B. Sub Debutante / Sub-Master | Ages 13-15

C. Allenites (Pre-Junior & Junior Allenites (Ages 5-12)

## SUB-DEBUTANTE AND SUB-MASTER REQUIREMENTS Ages 12-15

### PART ONE — Outline for CDMC Curriculum Sub-Debutante and Sub- Master

#### I. Information for Participants to Memorize and Test

1. AME Motto	4. CDMC Founder and Purpose
2. Lord's Prayer	5. CDMC Motto and Colors
3. Twenty-Third Psalms	6. Dedicatory Pledge
4. Beatitudes	7. Dedicatory Songs (2)

#### II. Seminars, Workshops, and other activities

- A. Achieving High Marks - School Assessments
- B. Puberty - "Oh No"
- C. The Bible and Me
- D. Transitioning to Middle School
- E. A "Pandemic" before, during, and after
- F. Visit a theme park or museum
- G. A "Night of Fun" - bowling, skating, pizza party, etc.

#### III. Bible Verse Requirements *(learn the following three in addition to three other scriptures selected by local church, district, and or conference commissioners)*

- A. St. Matthew 6:9-13 (Lord's Prayer, *memorize & test*)
- B. St. Matthew 5:3-12 (Beatitudes, *memorize & test*)
- C. Twenty-Third Psalms (*memorize & test*)

### PART TWO – DESCRIPTION OF CURRICULUM

#### AME Motto (*memorize & test*)

"God our Father, Christ our Redeemer, The Holy Spirit our Comforter, Humankind our Family"

#### Lord's Prayer -- St. Matthew 6:9-13 (*memorize & test*)

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.

#### Twenty-Third Psalm (*memorize & test*)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

## SUB-DEBUTANTE AND SUB-MASTER REQUIREMENTS Ages 12-15

### PART TWO CONTINUED — DESCRIPTION OF CURRICULUM

#### **Beatitudes -- St. Matthew 5:3-12** *(memorize & test)*

- Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted.
- Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.
- Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.
- Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
- Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
- Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.
- Blessed are they which have been persecuted for righteousness' sake. For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- Blessed are ye when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake
- Rejoice and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

#### **Sub-Debutante Sub-Master Dedicatory Pledge** – *(To be learned and recited in unison by the Sub-Debutantes and Sub-Masters as a part of the dedication ceremony)*

We the Sub-Debutantes and Sub-Masters are filled with sheer delight to greet the Debutantes and Masters whom we honor tonight.

May your years be filled with gladness, as on through life you go performing Christian service with deep “inner glow.”

Sometimes the rain will fall; sometimes it will be dark; sometimes it will seem useless to pursue; but when the Master calls, unto his guidance hark, and your faith will see you safely through; so, God's speed and best wishes.

#### **Sub-Debutante and Sub-Master Songs to Learn** – *(To be learned and sang in unison by the Sub-Debutante and Sub-Master as part of the dedication ceremony)*

##### **Lift Every Voice and Sing (two stanzas)**

Lift every voice and sing, Till earth and  
heaven ring, Ring with the harmonies of  
Liberty; Let our rejoicing rise High as the  
listening skies, Let it resound loud as the  
rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past  
has taught us, Sing a song full of the hope  
that the present has brought us; Facing the  
rising sun of our new day begun, let us march  
on till victory is won

**ADDITIONAL SONG (S) WILL BE DECIDED BY THE EPISCOPAL DISTRICT**



## **SUB-DEBUTANTE AND SUB-MASTER REQUIREMENTS**

### **Ages 12-15**

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#### **I. Information for Participants to Memorize and Test**

1. AME Motto	5. CDMC Motto and Colors
2. Lord's Prayer	6. Dedicatory Pledge
3. Twenty-Third Psalms	7. Required Songs
4. CDMC Founder and Purpose	

#### **II. Seminars, Workshops, and other Activities**

- Achieving High Marks – School Assessments
- Puberty – “Oh No”
- The Bible and Me
- Transitioning to Middle School
- A “Pandemic before, during, and after”
- Visit a theme park or museum
- Fun night – bowling, skating, pizza party, etc.

#### **III. Bible Verse Requirements** *(learn the following two in additional two other scriptures selected by local church, district, and or conference commissioners)*

- St. Matthew 6:9-13 (Lord's Prayer, **memorize & test**)
- Twenty-Third Psalms (**memorize and test**)

### **PART TWO – DESCRIPTION OF CURRICULUM**

#### **AME Motto** -- (**memorize & test**)

“God our Father, Christ our Redeemer, The Holy Spirit our Comforter, Humankind our Family”

#### **The Lord's Prayer** – (St. Matthew 6:9-13) -- (**memorize & test**)

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever Amen.

#### **Twenty-Third Psalm** (memorize & test)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever

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##### **Lift Every Voice & Sing (two stanzas)**

Lift every voice and sing, Till earth and heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty; Let our  
rejoicing rise High as the listening skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
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