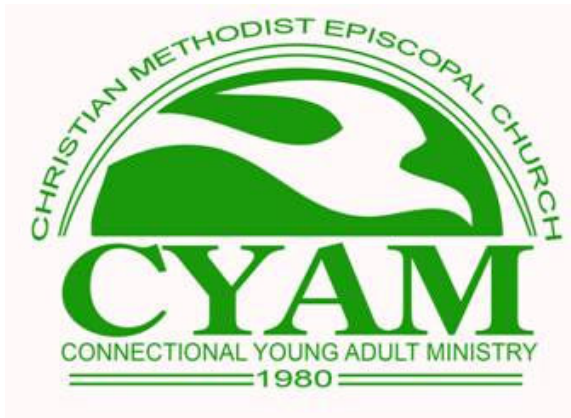


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Dear Christian Brothers and Sisters,

*Greetings in the Name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ!*

We would like to invite you to the 2010 *FOCUS Retreat* scheduled to be held Thursday, May 27 – Sunday, May 30, 2010 in New Orleans, Louisiana as we ***'Serve the Present Age through Service and Christian Nurture!'*** Come and be a part of this spiritual breakthrough. We will be offering Spirit-filled and informative workshops, with topics ranging from 'Love and Relationships' to 'Engaging Young Adults in your Local Church.' There will be awesome Praise and Worship, as well as nightly Worship Service led by renowned Preachers of the Gospel. There will also be opportunities to fellowship with other CMEs across our great Zion and participate in a service project destined to bless the community of New Orleans!

Our goals for the Retreat are simple but bold: to raise awareness of the diverse national interests of young adults, to promote greater young adult involvement within the community and church, and to enhance the spiritual enlightenment of all in attendance.

We are offering an all inclusive registration of \$100.00, *if postmarked before March 1<sup>st</sup>*, \$125 *postmarked by May 1<sup>st</sup>*, and \$150 on-site. Registration includes a daily breakfast (based on double occupancy in the Westin), participation in the Day of Service project, Cook-out, Reception and much more!

Hotel accommodations will be furnished by **The Westin New Orleans Canal Place** located at 100 Rue Iberville, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130, at a rate of \$94 nightly, plus tax. You may contact (504) 566-7006 or visit [www.starwoodhotels.com](http://www.starwoodhotels.com) to reserve a room at this special rate.

For additional information about the 2010 Focus Retreat, tentative schedule of events, souvenir journal, and volunteer opportunities, please visit [www.c-m-e.org/cyam](http://www.c-m-e.org/cyam).

Yours in Christ,

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