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2008 Connectional Youth & Youth Adult Conference

Dear Parents,

Greeting in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ! This new fiscal year, we are getting ready to start preparing for the upcoming National Youth and Young Adult Conference that will be held in Orlando, Florida.

To prepare, we need assistance from you and your child. The children who qualify in the age group for youth are twelve to seventeen, and the young adult is from eighteen to thirty-five.

The children must participate in the different events and attend all sessions. Flat Rock CME Church will sponsor ten children. The ten children will be chosen by the following criteria:

- 1. Attend Sunday School ( the most )
2. Attend weekly Bible Study ( the most )
3. Participate in the Youth Choir or Youth Ushers ( good standing )
4. Attend the youth's rehearsals for National Youth/Young Adult Conference ( the most )
5. Participate in the fund-raisers for the conference ( the most )

The rehearsals are mostly on Wednesday evenings after/before bible study. The dates for the remainder of this year are as follows:

Dance Rehearsal

- October 24th after bible study
November 7th after bible study
November 21st after bible study ( maybe earlier )
November 28th after bible study
November 29th at 5:00 p.m.
December 5th after bible study
December 12th after bible study
December 19th & 20th at 6:00 p.m.
December 21st at 6:00 p.m. ( Dress Rehearsal )
December 22nd at 6:00 p.m. Dance Recital at the Church. They will also dance in the Christmas play.

The youth will also participate in the Sixth Episcopal Youth Choir, Bible Bowl, Video and Art Project. They must participate in a ministry for the year. This conference is very costly, estimated cost is about \$258.44 per youth; this does not include spending money.

The 2008 Connectional Youth & Young Adult Conference will be held July 7-11, 2008, at the Shingle Creek Resort, Rosen Centre/Plaza Hotels, Orlando, Florida.

Registration Fees:
\$85.00 - ( January 2, 2007-February 1, 2008 )
\$100.00 - ( February 2, 2008 - June 15, 2008 )
\$200.00 - ( On-Site Registration subject to Availability after June 15, 2008 )
Room Rates: \$123.44 per night ( includes 13.5% tax ) ( Single - Quad )
Cost includes lodging and registration only. ( Travel, meals, & entertainment not included. )

They will get the opportunity to go to Universal Studios in Orlando, Florida. If you would like your child to participate, please submit:

Name of child/ren: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

I would like for my child/ren to participate in the following:

If you have any questions, please contact me at (706) 245-9915 after 6:00 p.m.

Note: All children must participate in the Sixth Episcopal District Youth Choir.

Yours in Christ, Lois Alexander/CYF Advisor



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On December 1, 2007, The Medical Outreach Van offered Free Blood Pressure, Blood Sugar and Total Cholesterol Screenings. The screening was held at Flat Rock CME Church, from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Thank you to all who supported and made the AnMed Health Drive a success.

submitted by Ms. Betty Holland



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**2008 Presidential Candidate Sen. Barack Obama  
& Ms. Candace N. Porter**

*"An opportunity of a lifetime . . . "*

Is how Ms. Candace N. Porter felt on September 30, 2007. On that day, she served as a driver for the **2008 Presidential Candidate Senator Barack Obama's** motorcade as he attended services at two churches in Columbia, South Carolina. Candace drove a vehicle that included, among others, the candidate's communication director, his personal assistant, and one of his senior advisors. The day began early, at 6 a.m. and concluded at the airport around 3 p.m. where she had the pleasure to meet Senator Obama and have her picture taken with him just before he stepped onto his jet.

Candace has been actively volunteering on Senator Obama's campaign through his SC campaign headquarters in Columbia since he announced his presidential bid in February. This summer, she hosted several interns while they worked daily on the campaign. She has made telephone calls on his behalf and canvassed Columbia neighborhoods on two separate occasions, by knocking on doors and sharing Senator Obama's message why she believes he should be the 44th President of the United States of America. Candace has volunteered and attended many other campaign events. She is also a member of the volunteer leadership team in her precinct.

Candace N. Porter was a member of Flat Rock C.M.E. Church before relocating to Columbia, South Carolina in 2003, where she is a member of Bethel A.M.E. Church. She is the daughter of Mrs. Bunice Porter and the late Mr. Robert Porter.



Dear Friend,

How are you? I just had to send you this letter to tell you how much I love and care about you.

I saw you yesterday as you were walking with your friends. I waited all day, hoping you would talk to Me also. As evening drew near, I gave you a sunset to close your day, and a cool breeze to rest you, and I waited. You never came. Oh, yes, it hurt Me, but I still love you because I am your friend.

I saw you fall asleep last night, and I longed to touch your brow, so I spilled moonlight upon your pillow and face. Again I waited, wanting to rush down so we could talk. I have so many gifts for you. You awakened late and rushed off for the day . . . My tears were in the rain.

If you would only listen to Me! I love you! I try to tell you in blue skies and in the quiet green grass. I whisper it in leaves on the trees and breathe it in the color of flowers, shout it to you in mountain streams, and give the birds love songs to sing. I clothe you with warm sunshine and perfume the air with nature scents. My love for you is deeper than the ocean and bigger than the biggest need in your heart!

Ask Me! Talk with Me! Please don't forget Me. I have so much to share with you!

I won't hassle you any further. It is your decision. I have chosen you, and because of this I will wait . . . Because, I love you.

Love Always,  
Your Friend, Jesus