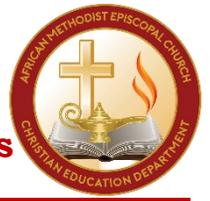




# Eleventh Episcopal District AME Church 2025 Christian Education Youth & Leadership Congress



## COVENANT & CODE OF CONDUCT

Attending the Christian Education Youth & Leadership Congress (CEYLC) is an honor and privilege that has been entrusted to each Participant because of their proven leadership qualities. Throughout CEYLC, each Participant has an opportunity to share with the church their manifold gifts. As such, each Participant is called to present their best selves as members of CEYLC. With this goal in mind, each Participant must agree to read, understand, and abide by the guidelines below.

### YOUTH:

1. You are expected to be on time to plenaries, learning labs, meetings, and rehearsals.
2. You are expected to wear your **ARM BANDS** at **ALL** times. This is your ticket into all learning labs and activities.
3. You are expected to be in your rooms by curfew (10:30 PM).
4. You are expected to have at least 7 hours of sleep each night.
5. You are responsible for getting yourself up and to your selected activity/learning lab on time.
6. When speaking in group activities, you are expected to use “I” statements and to speak only for yourself.
7. You are expected to be appropriately dressed, avoiding clothing that promotes tobacco, alcohol, or illegal substances. Underwear and torso must be covered. Please refrain from wearing the following **PROHIBITED** items: Short Shorts, Yoga/Biking pants, Sagging Pants, Mini Skirts, Tank/Halter/Tube Tops, Midriff Blouses, Excessively Tight Clothing.
8. You are expected to keep noise to a minimum at all times. This includes music and talking in the hallways.
9. You are expected to use earphones or headsets when listening to music during your free time. Loud audio from any apparatus/device is not permitted at Congress.
10. You are expected to refrain from using cell phones and media devices in a manner that does not enhance worship and teaching moments.
11. You are expected to be cognizant of your spiritual walk and sphere of influence when utilizing social media.
12. You are expected to adhere to all rules and directions given by Chaperones, Clergy, Missionaries, Sons of Allen, Women in Ministry and official CEYLC Staff Members.
13. You are expected to be active and involved throughout the entire CEYLC, participating fully in selected activities and assigned groups.
14. You are expected to take responsibility for your needs, keeping your chaperones informed of your whereabouts and general state of being at all times.
15. You are expected to keep yourself hydrated and fed. Meals and snacks are at your own expense.
16. You will respect the privacy of your sleeping space. Only your roommate(s) may be in your room.

## **ADULT LEADERS:**

1. Chaperones at CEYLC must check-in with their participants daily and at bedtime to ensure all youth are well and accounted for.
2. All medical situations/incidents must be reported to the CEYLC Staff for appropriate response, care, and documentation.
3. All disciplinary issues must be reported to the Chaperones and escalated to the CEYLC Staff for appropriate response and reporting as necessary.

## **Responsibilities and Regulations**

### **COMMUNITY COVENANT**

1. Respect the dignity of **EVERY** human being.
2. Quiet will be maintained in sleeping rooms from 10:30 PM to 6:00 AM
3. All youth participants are to be in their sleeping rooms by curfew.
4. All youth participants will remain in their sleeping rooms from curfew until 6:00 AM
5. All participants will be responsible for damaged property.
6. Young people leaving CEYLC must sign out with their respective chaperone(s) **AND** must be accompanied by an Adult. **Under no circumstances may one adult (who is not a parent or guardian of the youth they're accompanying off campus) and one young person leave the Congress alone.**
7. No sexual behavior or sexualized or harassing speech will be tolerated.
8. No use of tobacco or vaping products, alcohol, or illegal drugs will be tolerated.

### **NON-NEGOTIABLE REGULATIONS**

The following regulations also apply to all participants (young people and adults) and **failure to comply will result in expulsion from the CEYLC at your parent/guardian's expense:**

1. There will be **NO** possession or use of tobacco, vaping, alcohol or illegal drugs/controlled substances at any time during the event.
2. Participants are expected to respect campus property and individual property and will be held financially responsible for willful destruction of it.
3. **NO** pets (except for documented service animals), fireworks, firearms, knives or other weapons are permitted.
4. All young people leaving CEYLC at any time must be accompanied by adults registered at the Event. **Under no circumstances may one adult (who is not a parent or guardian of the youth they're accompanying off campus) and one young person leave the Congress alone.**

I have read and understood the Responsibilities and Regulations. I agree to abide by these regulations while I am attending CEYLC.

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*Participant's Signature*

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*Date*

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*Printed Name*