Greetings My Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

Welcome to the 96th Baptist State Congress of Christian Education. Allow me to thank this great Convention once again for entrusting me with this opportunity.

This year we intend on continuing the course of study handed down by our parent body, “Solidarity With The Savior.” However, many have failed to recognize the extension added to this mandate by our Congress President, Dr. George Waddles, Sr., “Through His Word.” This prepositional phrase/clause adds imperative directives.

I have watched our denomination go through several face lifts, identity shifts, stagnated praise and even instructional displacement.

In growing True Disciples, we must embrace a comprehensive and far-reaching commitment to the Word of God. 2nd Tim. 3:16 give us, as a Baptist denomination, the right to develop external security. That says that we can practice the 5 fold ministry of Christianity without compromising our identity.

I invite you to engage in exploratory intent, without expletive interpretation, and finalizing your week with explicable information.

I also invite you to take advantage of the opportunities afforded this week by pursuing the completion of two courses utilizing the two-tier option as well as the discussion groups and forums. This can very well be your week of revitalizing your commitment to the doctrinal mandate handed down by our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ!

We will be privileged to hear from, Dr. Michael P. Williams of Houston, TX, Pastor of the Joy Tabernacle Baptist Church. He is one of the astute minds of our time. Don’t miss his lectures.

Finally, thank you Dean Marlene Smoot and staff for the efforts put forth this year in constructing for us a well rounded curriculum of studies.

May God bless you in your endeavors for His Kingdom.

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Dr. L.D. Tate
Congress President