



Churches of God in Christ
International Youth Department

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COGIC S.P.O.T.Light CONTEST

These rules are subject to change or modification

The Gathering Place activities will take place at the Youth/Music hotel, the Detroit Renaissance Marriott. The purpose for the activities is to provide a viable, constructive, and exciting late night outlet for our young people during the AIM Convention July, 2008. Youth contestants will have previously submitted a letter from their jurisdictional and/or regional youth leaders corroborating their musical abilities, and, authorizing each individual to represent, and to participate in the Gathering Place event.

RULES/ELIGIBILITY

1. All youth contestants must be between the ages of 13-18 years, and have demonstrated talents in the following categories:
 - Singing (Vocalist)
 - Liturgical Dancer
 - Instrumentalist
 - Recitations/Spoken Word
 - Mime
2. A winner will be selected from each of the five categories listed above.
3. Young people who are 12 years of age may enter the COGIC Spotlight contest providing they will become 13 years of age on or before July 1, 2008.
4. Young people 18 years of age with an upcoming birthday may enter provided their 19th birthday does not fall before the June 15th deadline for submission.
5. Contestants must be saved and a member of the Churches of God in Christ Inc., and in good standing. Youth leaders must authorize and substantiate contestant's character and good standing in writing. This information should be submitted along with the Registration Form.
6. This information pertaining to each contestant should be submitted prior to arriving in Detroit to the Committee via a letter from their jurisdictional and/or regional youth leaders corroborating their musical abilities, and, authorizing each individual to represent, and to participate in the Gathering Place event. A form letter will be included with Registration Form. ***The Deadline for submission is June 15th!***



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7. Contest eligibility for this activity includes individuals and/or groups, providing the contestants are within the appropriate ages. If, contestants are participating in a group or choir each member must complete a Registration Form with a letter from their Youth Leaders. However, recommendation letters may be combined if the young people are from the same jurisdiction. Prior authorization is required for all youth participants.
8. No individual performing in a group or choir can compete as a single contestant. If a group or choir performs collectively, in a group, they are not allowed to perform again as a prop or backup for a single contestant or musical performance in the same category or any other category.
9. Contestants may not utilize live props (i.e. backup) except for accompaniment by instrument or CD music. If there is an accompanist to the performer (such as a keyboardist with a soloist) that accompanist will not be considered part of the performance and must not draw away from the person performing.
10. No contestant may enter the competition in more than one category.
11. Persons who sing (or perform) professionally, recording artists, whole or part time are not allowed to compete.
12. Persons who are related to individuals working with or coordinating the Gathering Place event are not eligible to compete.
13. Winners from previous local, regional and national contests related to the COGIC Inc. are allowed to compete.
14. Contestants must be registered delegates for the Aim Convention and submit the required documentation previously noted in eligibility rules 7 and 8 by the deadline of June 15th.