

# CHRISTIAN POETRY

## PURPOSE:

To develop the ability to express spiritual feelings and thoughts in poetry and verse.

## PROCESS:

Each participant will:

- Write a poem whose content reflects the current year's theme
- Mail two copies of the poem on 8 ½ x 11 paper to the Event Coordinator on or before the pre-convention event deadline.

The Church coordinator or coach will:

- Mail a self-addressed postcard to the Event Coordinator if confirmation of receipt of the event entries is desired. Please submit one postcard **per event** per congregation.

The Event Coordinator will:

- Confirm receipt of event entries to the church coordinator if a self-addressed postcard is included with the congregation entries
- Organize the poems for judging
- Provide critique sheet for each entry
- Report results to the Awards
- Assemble an anthology for the display of poems at the convention

## RULES:

1. The poem may be written in any meter or rhythm. It does not have to rhyme. Poems that do rhyme can adhere to any rhyme scheme.
2. Poems will start with a title line.
3. Typed cover sheet for each poem will include:
4. Name, address, and grade of participant
5. Name and city/state of the congregation of the participant
6. Title of the poem
7. Each poem will be typewritten and will not exceed one page. Sixth grade and under may submit handwritten work if neat and orderly.
8. Adult assistance will be essentially verbal. Adults may discuss the theme and possible poetic applications, make verbal suggestions on content and style, and note editorial corrections on the participant's written work.
9. Only one poem per participant will be accepted.
10. There are 3 grade levels in this event: 3-6, 7-9, and 10-12.

## AWARDS:

There are three ratings available in each grade level - Gold, Silver and Bronze.

