TO: State JCDA Chaplain
   JCDA Chairmen and members

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REF: Call to Convention, theme “The Lord is My Maker and My Guide”

THIS IS THE OFFICIAL CALL TO THE 28th BIENNIAL TEXAS STATE JCDA CONVENTION.

The 28th Biennial Texas State JCDA Convention will convene in the City of Sugar Land, Texas, June 28, 2019, at the Marriott Hotel, 16090 City Walk, Sugar Land, Texas 77479. The convention runs June 28-30, 2019. The State JCDA Officers, State Co-Chairmen and Convention Committee are planning a spiritual and fun convention and you are all invited.

The room rate at the Marriott, Sugar Land, Texas is $124/per night up to 4 occupancy. The hotel is extending the rate of $124 per night for 1 day prior to and 1 day after the convention for anyone interested. To make reservations call 1-800-228-9290 and mention “Book your group rate for JCDA convention.” When making hotel reservations please reserve what is needed by your group, but please try not to greatly overbook. If you learn you will not need any of the rooms reserved by your group please do not cancel. Instead contact co-chair Peggy Supak, fayetteatty@hotmail.com, or 979-966-2286 so the rooms can be reassigned, if needed, at the special rate. Any room reserved that is later canceled will be lost to us at the special rate.

Activities will begin Friday evening with JCDA going to the ballpark. Convention goers will attend a semi-pro baseball game, participate in activities during the game, have access to the playground area, splash pad, swimming pool and be treated to a hot dog meal. Members should bring a swim suit if they want to participate in swimming, but will need to have parental permission on file to do so. The State JCDA officers will throw out the first pitch and JCDA will be recognized during the game.

The convention packet attached contains a great deal of information. Please read the items carefully and make note of the deadlines for each. Complete and submit the forms by the deadlines. If you have questions do not hesitate to contact the committee chairman and/or JCDA co-chairmen.
Encourage your officers to consider running for a state office. It is a 2 year commitment, but a most worthwhile experience. Please note the requirements for running for office, campaigning and paperwork needs.

Courts are allowed two delegates and two alternates. The delegates and alternates need to be elected and names sent in timely. There will be committees for court members to serve on. This is a worthwhile and good way to get members that are not delegates/alternates involved in doing something during the convention. Send these members names with their ages so that they can be assigned to committees.

All courts, whether attending the convention or not, should have an outstanding junior member to be sent in for the state contest as well as state pin applicants. Applications for both are included in the packet. So come on chairmen, toot your valued members’ horns. Note the deadlines!

All courts, whether attending the convention or not, are asked to create and send in a scrapbook page of their court’s activities. See spotlight page in the packet. We want every JCDA court to be represented in this year’s state scrapbook.

We encourage courts to participate in our statewide “Suitcases for Kids” project. We will be accepting donations of monies, suitcases, duffle bags and items to put inside up to the date of the convention. We hope to raise enough money and/or suitcases along with items to be put inside for every child that is unfortunately removed from their home.

We will be having a state raffle once again and we ask you to consider donating a raffle prize from your court. Please note the deadline for the information for your prize is due April 10. Your court may also want to purchase a program ad or provide something to include in the tote bags. You can find information on that in the convention packet as well.

If you find that your court will not be able to attend the convention there are still ways your court can help: provide prayers for a successful convention, send in a raffle prize for the raffle, purchase a program ad, provide tote bag goodies, and/or send a donation toward convention costs.

We are looking for a host for the next convention. It can be a lot of work, but is such a fun and rewarding ministry to be able to bring these young girls from all over the state together to share in their faith. If your court is interested contact your local court regent to get approval to bid for the next convention. You will not regret having done so! If you have any questions in that regard kindly contact Peggy or Sheila for more information.

The convention committees, state JCDA officers and state co-chairmen are planning a spiritual and fun convention. We are excited about the convention and look forward to seeing all of you in Sugar Land!

Approved CDA State Regent Rosie Stockwell