Poetry

PURPOSE:

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

GUIDELINES:

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 shall start with a title line.
3. Each poem shall be typewritten and shall not exceed one page. Sixth grade and under may submit handwritten work if neat and orderly.
4. A cover sheet shall be on the front of each entry, and its format is explained below.
5. Adult assistance shall 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.
6. Only one poem per participant will be accepted.
7. Grade levels are 3-12.

SUBMISSION OF POEMS: Typed cover sheet shall follow the format of this example:

Event	Poetry
Name	A. Christian
Grade	9th Grade
Congregation	Anywhere Church of Christ
Congregation number	999
Congregational Coordinator	B. Saved
Congregation Address	1234 Church Street
City, State, Zip	Any City, State 00000
Title of Composition	"(your title)"
Congregation phone number	214-555-1212

AWARDS: There are three ratings available in each grade level – Gold, Silver, and Bronze.

JUDGING CRITERIA:

- **Creativity** - Use of theme
- **Rhyme** - Use of rhyme schemes, meter or non-rhyming schemes
- **Readability** - Appropriate use of "poetic license", desired effect
- **Overall Effect** - Words, style, meaning

COACHES AND CHURCH COORDINATORS:

- Make certain that the students are correctly registered as LTC participants (whether or not they come to the convention) and complete all requirements by the **Pre-Convention One Event deadline**.
- Guide the students as they write a poem that reflects the current year's LTC theme.
- Help the students prepare and mail a typewritten cover sheet (described above) with the work (4 copies on 8½ x 11 paper of both title page and poem) to the event coordinator on or before the **Pre-Convention One Event deadline**.