

POETRY

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PURPOSE: This event provides the opportunity to express spiritual feelings and thoughts in the form of rhyme and verse.

PROCESS: Each participant will:

- Write a poem whose content reflects the current year's theme.
- Ensure that the poem is typewritten, in a size 12 or 14 font, not in script font, and does not exceed one page. (*Italics may be used.* Italics keep the individual letters separate making it easier to read than a script font that links the letters together.)
- **Mail four copies of the poem and one cover sheet to the Event Coordinator **on or before March 12, 2010.****

The Event Coordinator will:

- Send confirmation of receipt of poems to the Church Coordinator.
- Write name, grade, and church of participant at the top of 3 judging forms per student.
- Organize the poems for judging.
- Provide Judge's Score Sheets for your three Judges.
- Compile judging sheets and assign award category G, S, B, P.
- Mail all judging sheets, comment sheets, and a copy of each poem with its cover sheet to the Pre-Convention Coordinator with all award recommendations by **March 22, 2010.**
- The poems will be displayed 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 consistent rhyme scheme.
2. Poems should start with a title line.
3. Poems should have one cover sheet (See Submission of Poems, paragraph 2).
4. Adult assistance should be essentially verbal. Adults may discuss the theme and possible poetic applications. Adults may also make verbal suggestions on content and style, and point out editorial corrections of the participant's written work.
5. Optional – Participant may attach a 3" x 5" card to the back of copies of the poem explaining the type of poetry and its relationship to the current year's theme.

6. There are five grade categories for this event:

Grade 3-4, Grades 5-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-10, Grades 11-12

7. Poems must be typewritten, in a size 12 or 14 font, not in script font, and must not exceed one page. (*Italics may be used.* Italics keep the individual letters separate making it easier to read than a script font that links the letters together.)
8. Poems may be submitted by email.

SUBMISSION:

1. **ONE** typed cover sheet must follow this format:

Name
Grade
Congregation
Congregation Address
Congregation Phone Number
Name of Church Coordinator
Church Coordinator Email Address
Title of Composition

1. Paperclip **ONE** cover sheet to **four** copies of the poem. Send the poems to the Poetry Coordinator at the address listed at the top of these instructions **postmarked by March 12, 2010.**
2. All materials that are submitted for judging become the property of LTC. It is understood that LTC reserves the right to use materials for promotion, instruction, or any other manner deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.

AWARDS:

1. There will be three Judges. Comment sheets will be provided for each participant in the Take Home Packet. An award rating will be assigned based upon the three Judges scores on a 5 point scale:

5 = Excellent, 4 = Good, 3 = Average, 2 = Below Average, 1 = Needs work
2. Participants will be assigned a Gold, Silver, Bronze, or Participation Rating based upon the judges scores and will receive an appropriate-colored engraved plate for the individual's award plaque.