

## Commitment to Excellence

Bishop Henry M. Williamson, Sr. of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church launched the One Church One School initiative in 1992 while serving as pastor of the historic Carter Temple CME Church in Chicago, Illinois. He enlisted the aid of area pastors and churches to provide volunteers to help the schools in tutoring, mentoring, and other programs to increase attendance and parental involvement. OCOS has grown to become one of the national outreach ministries of the CME Church with over 200 partnerships in over 50 cities in 15 states across the country.



Phedonia Johnson, National Executive Director of One Church One School, an experienced educator and administrator, helps the organization keep focused on the mission—

**“Teaching The Value of Life and Learning our children.”**

She, along with a committed staff, pastors, principals, teachers, parents, and volunteers across the nation make this partnership succeed in the life of each participating school and church.



## Our Vision

Our vision is that every school in America will be in partnership with one or more neighboring churches to improve the academic achievement, social behavior, and personal development of our children and youth.

## Our Mission

One Church One School brings together churches and schools in partnerships that teach children to value life and learning. This national network of church/school partnerships also acts as a catalyst to build bridges between other community-based organizations, social service agencies, business enterprises, and the school.

## Our Support



*College of Bishops, Christian Methodist Episcopal Church*

OCOS is proudly sponsored by the CME Church, other ecumenical denominations, the corporate community and school partners.

### ***Past Conference Speakers, Awardees and Honorees***

Dr. James Hawkins

Mr. Paul Vallas

Dr. Asa Hilliard

Dr. Jawanza Kunjufu

Mr. Arne Duncan

Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr.

Rev. Clay Evans

Father George Clements

Rev. Dr. Michael Dyson

Congressman Bobby Rush

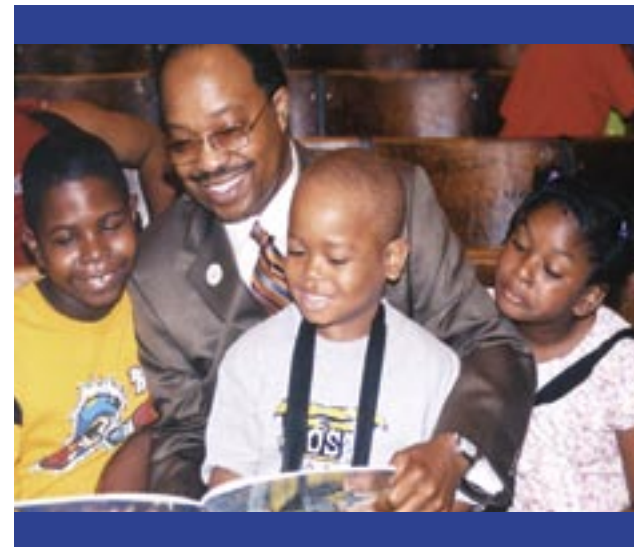
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# One Church One School

## A Community Partnership Program

*Teaching the Value of Life  
and Value of Learning*



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## Why One Church One School?



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*Now, more than ever, we must join together to provide African American Children and all children with an environment that nurtures, strengthens and fortifies them for our global society.*

One Church One School is built upon the foundation described by the African proverb: “It takes a Whole Village to Raise a Child.” Educating our children is a part of our village responsibility. The church and the school must be committed and dedicated to a single vision of this shared responsibility.

Teaching the Value of Life and the Value of Learning to our children will foster excellence and accomplishments in the future. This is a movement that we must nurture and reinforce in a race against the evils that reach out for our children’s minds and spirits. Utilizing the “P” Principle to teach our children will serve as a foundation for success.



Your full participation is essential if One Church One School is to become a viable and influential movement for this century.

## The Teaching Model

One Church One School implements a model for teaching the value of life and the value of learning that positively impacts the student's total development.

Although each partnership is specific to the needs of its community, all address academic achievement, social behavior, and personal development.



## Academic Achievement

Tutoring programs, homework centers, classroom aids, summer and after-school literacy programs, and the Professor B Mathematics Program are OCOS initiatives that positively engage students in the educational process.

## Social Behavior

Because we are in competition with other forces for the attention of our children, OCOS utilizes a mentoring program model that provides role models, guidance, and support to reinforce positive values. Conflict resolution is taught through Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Six Principles of Non-Violence.

## Personal Development

Each partnership takes a comprehensive approach in serving its children. As young people become goal driven, career centered and spiritually grounded, we must help to create an atmosphere in the home, school, and community to support positive personal growth.

## What Makes One Church One School Work?

### Total Involvement

#### Pupils

- Develop good study habits and skills
- Become disciplined, scholarly, and creative
- Show that you understand why striving for excellence is important

#### Parents

- Be enthusiastic and concerned about your child’s education
- Monitor study hours and ensure development of good study habits
- Review all report cards and test scores
- Communicate regularly with your child’s teachers
- Volunteer at your child’s school
- Be a positive influence!

#### Principals and Teachers

- Teach, counsel, and administer with high expectations
- Give and assess homework with meaning, impact and purpose
- Expect quality work and discipline from students
- Communicate regularly with parents
- Be a positive influence!

#### Pastors and Parishioners

- Provide volunteers to be trained
- Conduct tutoring and mentoring programs
- Be a positive influence!

