



OCOS TALKING POINTS

The focus of One Church One School is **education**.

- One Church One School helps churches, other faith based and community organizations to form meaningful partnerships with schools. These partnerships carry out programs and provide services that support student academic achievement, social behavior and personal development.
- OCOS operates on the principle “*It Takes A Whole Village To Raise A Child*”. The OCOS “P” Principle is a reflection of that belief. (Pastors, Parishioners, Principals, Parents, Pupils, Police, Poplar Personalities, Philanthropists, Politicians, Press and Professionals working together, teaching *the value of life and learning*).
- One Church One School is a not-for profit (501c3) organization that is non denominational and **does not proselytize** (teach religion or recruit church members) in the schools.
- One Church One School has partnerships throughout the nation and in Africa that include programs and services to **tutor; mentor; assist with homework; improve attendance; provide after school, Saturday and summer activities; increase parent involvement and support; provide school supplies and uniforms; award scholarships; provide career awareness and pre college support; inspire and develop good character traits; celebrate heritage**
- One Church One School is a volunteer based program
- Some OCOS demonstration models include **Freedom School; Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dream Keepers Workshop; Senior Attendance Improvement Program; Student Empowerment Seminar, World Citizen Camp.**

- The purpose of the national One Church One School Partnership Conference is to get more churches involved in school partnerships, to enhance the knowledge and skills of the volunteers working in those partnerships, to celebrate student progress and to raise funds for program operation and direct services.

- The **20th Partnership Conference** will be held **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, October 24-26, 2018** at the **Oak Lawn Hilton Hotel and Conference Center 95th Street and Cicero Avenue, Oak Lawn, Illinois.**

- The conference events include but are not limited to:

STUDENT EMPOWERMENT SEMINAR PARTNERSHIP WORKSHOP LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD GALA PLENARY SESSIONS WORKSHOPS AWARDS LUNCHEON

- Individuals and groups can support the work of One Church One School and help sponsor the conference by:

- * *Monetary donations*
- * *Conference registrations*
- * *Attendance at the conference*
- * *Volunteering in the programs*
- * *Motivating churches to support schools through the OCOS program*
- * *Spreading the word about the OCOS Partnership Program*

- **Bishop Henry M. Williamson, Sr.** founded One Church One School in 1992, while pastor at Carter Temple CME Church in Chicago, Illinois. The national office headquarters continues to be located in Carter Temple CME Church, 7841 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, **Rev. Dr. Joseph B. Gordon, Pastor.**