

## **National Capital Congress of Christian Education**

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***2026 Congress Theme: UNITED IN CHRIST: GROWING TOGETHER  
TO SERVE GOD (Ephesians 4:16 NIV)***

**COURSE NAME** **Functioning As a Member to Unite the Body of Christ**  
Thursday May 21, 2026 -7:00 - 9:00 PM

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Dear Christian, God loves you so much. He has great plans for you, no matter who you are. This course is designed to guarantee that you understand who you are as a member of the body of God the Son, Jesus Christ. Knowing the role you have been assigned to play in God's plan will make you an effective, fruitful, connected member of the Body of Christ who will help build His Kingdom and bring glory to God Almighty.

### **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

- To see the importance of being a member in the body of Christ;
- To function as a member and not as a spectator by using your gifts;
- To develop the Mind of Christ to unite as one in the Body of Christ; and
- To unite as one for the work and purposes of the Kingdom of God

### **COURSE SYLLABUS**

- I. Your Role as a Member in the Body of Christ is Important (I Cor. 12-26)
  - A. The Metaphor of the Human Body vs. the Body of Christ (Church)
  - B. Every Member is Needed to Make Up the Whole Body
  - C. God Appoints Each Member to their Specific Role in the Body of Christ

- II. Functioning as a Participant and Not a Spectator (I Cor. 12:4-11; Eph 4:16)
  - A. Getting Involved through Action
  - B. Knowing your Gift(s)
  - C. Working Effectively with Other Members in the Body of Christ
  
- III. Developing the Mind of Christ (Philippians 2:1-5)
  - A. Through Humility and Servanthood
  - B. Through Reaching Across the Aisle
  
- IV. Moving from Disunity to Unity (I Cor. 1:10-11)
  - A. Identifying Barriers to Disunity
  - B. No more Lone Rangers/Solo Artists
  - C. Unity is a Choice – “I Will”
  
- V. Uniting Together as One for the Kingdom of God (Eph. 3:21; 4:12)
  - A. To Fulfill God’s Purpose for the Church
  - B. To Show the Value of Unity
  - C. To Bring Glory in the Church

## **RECOMMENDED READING**

- *The Holy Bible (Any version)*
  - 1 Corinthians, Chapter 12
  - Romans, Chapter 12, vs. 3-8
  - Ephesians, Chapter 4, vs. 4:1-16
- Rainer, Thom S. *I Am a Church Member: Discovering the Attitude That Makes the Difference*. B & H Publishing Group, 2013. ISBN 10: 1433679736 ; ISBN 13: 9781433679735
- Rainer, Thom S. *I Will! Nine Traits of the Outwardly Focused Christian*. B & H Publishing Group, 2015. ISBN 1433687291, ISBN-13 9781433687297

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