

Ritual Competition 2018

November 10, 2018

Community United Church of Christ
300 North Main Street, Morton, Illinois

Registration will open at 1:00 PM
Competition will begin at 1:30 PM

To the Honored Queen, Officers and Members:

I am excited about Ritual Competition and am looking forward to a fabulous turn out. This year you can compete in any two individual categories. Plus, you can be on a team, as well as participate in Bethel set-up.

Each Bethel can have one Messenger Team and one Set-up Team. If you do not have enough participants from your Bethel you can ask members of other Bethels to help provided they are not on another team.

Individual categories:

Honored Queen	25 minutes
Senior Princess	10 minutes
Junior Princess	10 minutes
Guide	10 minutes
Messengers (Individual)	5 minutes
Chaplain	10 minutes
Story of Job	20 minutes
Proficiency	10 minutes
Jr. Grand Ritualist	35 minutes
Sr. Grand Ritualist	35 minutes

Team Categories:

Messenger Team	25 minutes
Bethel Set-Up	7 minutes

Ritual Quiz: 30 minutes

Open to all Daughters and will cover Ritual and Music Ritual

There will not be official robe judging, but you will be scored on general appearance. Robes must be clean, neatly pressed and of proper length. Headbands or crowns must be worn correctly. White shoes and hose are expected. There should be no colored nail polish and no clips in your hair.

Dinner will follow the competition. The cost of the dinner will be \$5.00 per person.

I hope that you like the changes and are excited about being able to participate by doing your favorite part. My hope is that once you win first place in a given category you will not participate in that category again and will try to win first place in another category.

The awards will be presented after dinner. You must have a minimum score for each place.

- 1st place a minimum of 90 points
- 2nd place a minimum of 80 points
- 3rd place a minimum of 70 points

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Yours in Job's,

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This letter has the approval of the Grand Guardian.

INDIVIDUAL OFFICER CATEGORY:

- 1) Honored Queen – 25 minutes
Must wear official Honored Queen regalia. Stand to signify start of competition. Start with “The officers will take their stations” and end with “Inner Guard, notify the Outer Guard that our Bethel is closed and direct her to take her place for the Retiring March.” Give all parts that are shown in the Ritual for the Honored Queen including Initiation. Sit to signify close of competition.

- 2) Senior Princess – 10 minutes
Must wear official Senior Princess regalia. Stand to signify start of competition. Give Charge and Senior Princess Initiation work (Junior Princess responses will NOT be given). Sit to signify close of competition.

- 3) Junior Princess – 10 minutes
Must wear official Junior Princess regalia. Stand to signify start of competition, give Charge, initiation work, including examination of a member. (Senior Princess prompts may be given upon request). Sit to signify close of competition.

- 4) Guide – 10 minutes
Must wear official regalia. Stand to signify start of competition, give charge, begin initiation work (do not leave room) – including floorwork (Messengers, Princesses and Honored Queen prompts may be given upon request). Return to station at the conclusion of Initiation and be seated to signify close of competition.

- 5) Chaplain – 10 minutes
Must wear official regalia. Stand to signify start of competition and approach the Altar, opening the Bible, Pledge of Honor for Adults, return to station, give charge, approach Altar and give Lord’s Prayer, all Initiation work, Mother’s Father’s and Guardian’s Prayer, Closing Prayer, close Bible, return to station and be seated to signify close of competition. Stand and kneel according to Ritual.

6) Messenger – 5 minutes

Must wear official regalia. Stand to signify start of competition, give charge, take position for Initiation work, including instructions to Guide and Marshal as appropriate. Return to station and be seated to signify close of competition.

7) Story of Job – 20 minutes

Must wear official regalia. Start at the 1st Messengers chair, stand to signify start of competition, take position for Initiation work and give all five messenger parts without instructions. Be seated in the 5th Messengers chair to signify close of competition.

OTHER INDIVIDUAL CATEGORIES:

8) Proficiency Lessons Examination – 10 minutes

This category is open to all Daughter who have not yet passed Proficiency in their Bethel. A certificate will be issued to each Daughter that scores 90%. The Daughter must wear official regalia. Rise to signify the start of competition. Kneel and give Obligation, rise and give Signs and Responses, kneel and give Mothers and Father's Guardian's Prayer, rise and give Salutation Sign and the Grip of Job's Daughters.

9) Junior Grand Ritualist – 35 minutes

This category is open to all active Daughters and Grand Bethel Members who have not attained the age of 22 by the date of competition. Date of birth is required. Ritual will be all speaking parts of the Ceremony of Initiation in its entirety. The scoring will be a maximum of ten (10) word mistakes will be allowed.

10) Senior Grand Ritualist – 45 minutes

This category is open to Junior Grand Ritualists only. The Ritual work consists of all speaking parts of a regular meeting, beginning with "The Officers will take their stations", Escort, Introductions and Honors – use wording on page 54-58, Order of Business starting on page 60, Ceremony of Majority, continue with Order of Business through Good of the Bethel including Proficiency Lessons Examination on page 111-114 and closing Ceremony. The scoring will be a maximum of fifteen (15) word mistakes will be allowed.

BETHEL CATEGORY:

11) Bethel Team – 25 minutes

This category is for five Daughters who must wear official regalia. Competition will start when 1st Messenger stands and takes her place for Initiation. Messenger Initiation work – including instructions to Guide and Marshal as appropriate. Each Messenger will return to their station and be seated to signify end of her part – Competition will close when the 5th Messenger is seated

12) Bethel Set Up – 8 minutes

This category is for any three Daughters from the same Bethel. A Bethel may only have one team. Instructions are found in the Ritual on pages 12-14. Total points possible: 35. Chairs: 19 points (1 per chair), Outer Guard, Inner Guard, Jr. Custodian, Sr. Custodian, Recorder, Librarian, Musician, Chaplain, Treasurer, 1st Messenger, 2nd Messenger, 3rd Messenger, 4th Messenger, 5th Messenger, Guide, Marshal, Jr. Princess, Sr. Princess, Honored Queen. Pedestals: 6 points (2 per pedestal). Placement of Bible, Urn, Dove, Horn of Plenty, Lily of the Valley: 10 points (2 per item). Competition begins when Daughters begin moving first item. Daughters will sit on sidelines to signify close of completion.