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**LOCAL THEME
&
ORATION
TOPIC:
“CONTENDERS
FOR THE
FAITH”**

January 15, 2017

4:00 pm

*Heidelberg United
Church of Christ
118 Salem Street
Thomasville, N.C.*

Martin Luther King Holiday Celebration 2017 Adult Speakers Contest

Proposed Guidelines for judging participants in oratorical competition

AGE GROUPS	ATTIRE		TIME FRAME	AWARDS
	male	female		
20 years & older	Shirt, tie and business suit	Dark dress or business suit	3 minutes minimum - 5 minutes maximum	Plaques & Prize Money

Criteria for participants:

1. Appropriate business attire
2. Authenticity of content (extrapolates some content from Dr. King's speeches)
3. Inclusion of theme
4. Maintaining eye contact with audience
5. Participants can deliver speech using technology, props and other tools. If the speech is not memorized, the use of notes is permissible.
6. Copy of speech for judges (total of 5 copies) 3 days prior to contest

NOTE: Presentations must adhere to time frame and criteria. Contestants are penalized –10 points exceeding specified time limit.

Criteria for judging:

1. Articulation
2. Stage Presence
3. Creativity
4. Theme: local interwoven into speech (extrapolates some content from Dr. King's speeches)
5. Interaction with audience
6. Content: Research, focus, organization, coherent thoughts

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