Ideas for Celebrating Christian Educators

In the AME Church, many congregations have designated September as Christian Education month. This is a perfect time to thank and celebrate those who give leadership in the Christian Education ministry. Here are a few ideas as to how you can use the month to do so. Just remember, for these ideas, the Christian educators themselves may not be the one to give the leadership. This is an opportunity for those who are blessed by their ministry to take on the tasks necessary to honor them.

1. A Moment in Worship

Have a moment in the worship service when all the leaders in the Christian Education ministry come forward and are recognized by the congregation. This is a time to honor their service and pray for them as they serve in their leadership roles. There are a number of litanies and prayers that can be used for such a moment in the service. You can find some of them on the Free Resources page of the AME CED website: [https://ameced.com/free-resources/](https://ameced.com/free-resources/)

2. A Pinning Ceremony

To mark that these leaders are set apart for the important teaching ministry, gift each one of them with a Christian Education pin. This could be done during the worship service or during the fellowship hour or even during Church School. Lapel pins can be ordered at: [https://ameced.com/product/department-of-christian-education-lapel-pin/](https://ameced.com/product/department-of-christian-education-lapel-pin/)

3. Say it with Cards

Pastors, young people, students, parents, and all those who are blessed by the service and ministry of these leaders can buy or better yet make Thank You cards to give to the Christian Educators in the congregation. This will take some planning and coordination; but, it can be a great expression of thanks and can even be FUN.
4. Gift Them with Tools

Again, there will need to be a bit of coordination for this one as with all the other suggestions. Some might be designated to collect the funds; others might be call upon to shop; but, you can always show appreciation to these leaders by giving them tools and resources that will help them in their teaching ministry: a book, a Bible App, or a subscription to the *Journal of Christian Education*, if they do not already have one:


5. Breakfast, Brunch, or Lunch

This suggestion is more involved and will require the most planning and coordination of all the suggestions here; but, it can be a wonderful time of food and fellowship in honor of these hard-working Christian Education leaders. This is particularly a good idea if you wish to thank someone who has served many years and who may be stepping down from a more active role in the teaching ministry. Even a simple menu and a very short and simple program can still be very meaningful.

**Recognition Breakfast for Retiring Church School Co-Superintendent Genora Leverette**

Shiloh AME Church; McCormick, SC, 7th Episcopal District

(L) Pastor Paul Wharton  (C) Co-Superintendents G. Leverette & Patricia Price  (R) Co-Superintendents Fletcher Pierce & G. Leverette

*These are just five ideas. You can try one or all of them! Be creative! Be Bold! Just remember,*

**LET THESE LEADERS IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION KNOW YOU LOVE THEM AND APPRECIATE THEIR MINISTRY!**

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