



Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith, Inc.

International Congress Banner Award Judging Criteria

All Financial and Spiritual Reports should reflect the most current information between March 1st of the previous year and March 1st of the current year. Example: for the 2011 Congress, spiritual reports should contain all activities and information from **March 1, 2011 to March 1, 2012**. Each church and diocese is required to submit **TWO FULL COPIES of their entire report** for judging. The 1st copy will be given to the Treasurer for financial record keeping and the 2nd copy is then given to the Banner Awards Committee for judging.

**All reports submitted to the International Congress will be judged on the following basic 100 point system:
(If you submit a full report—which includes both a financial and spiritual report—you will automatically receive 20 points).*

FINANCIAL REPORT: 40 POINTS

THIS SCORE IS COMPRISED OF THE FOLLOWING:

- **Verified Amounts** 10 pts
 - ✓ The amount turned in must match the amount reported on the local/diocese blank.
- **Accuracy** 10 pts
 - ✓ Correct calculations
 - ✓ Information filled out correctly
 - ✓ Spelling!!
- **Complete Entries** 10 pts
 - ✓ No empty financial fields. If information is not available, enter a zero (“0”) on that line.
- **Clarity/Neatness** 10 pts
 - ✓ Legible (either clearly written or typed)
 - ✓ Clean paper (not crumpled or soiled)

SPIRITUAL REPORT 40 POINTS

THIS SCORE IS COMPRISED OF THE FOLLOWING:

- **Accuracy** 10 pts
 - ✓ Spelling & Grammar!!
- **Clarity/Neatness** 10 pts
 - ✓ Legible (either clearly written or typed)
 - ✓ Clean paper (not crumpled or soiled)
- **Presentation** 10 pts
 - ✓ Design
 - ✓ Creativity
 - ✓ Format
- **Required Information** 10 pts
 - ✓ All spiritual reports should be submitted with the church/diocese name at the top.
 - ✓ All activities ran during the calendar year.
(March 1, 2011 - March 1, 2012)
 - ✓ Detailed descriptions of the programs including the goal of the program, concept, and the outcome of each program.
 - ✓ Consideration will be given for new members, members saved and/or baptized

BONUS POINT OPPORTUNITIES:

Officer Report Bonus.....+10 points

- ✓ An extra ten (10) points will be awarded to the church/diocese which includes a list of **all** their ABYPU & Sunday School officers' contact information (the list **must** include mailing addresses, phone numbers and email addresses.)

Youth Membership Report Bonus.....+1 point and up

- ✓ One (1) point will be awarded for every name and email address of their ABYPU & Sunday School members between the ages of 18 – 40 that are in their ABYPU union (not including officers).

Early Entry Bonus+5 points

- ✓ To be awarded the church who sends their report in prior to the Congress. All Early Entry Bonus submissions should be received by **Thursday, April 12, 2012 at 3 pm in the International Congress Office** (during the International Congress)

JUDGING

Judging will be based upon the total of all points specified above with 1st, 2nd and 3rd level placing. In the case of a tie in any category, a vote will be taken and a leader picked by the majority. For Best Report and Outstanding Congress Awards, winners will be selected based on a vote by the committee.

AWARDS (24 total)

- ✓ Best Local Financial Report: 1st, 2nd & 3rd place
- ✓ Best Local Spiritual Report: 1st, 2nd & 3rd place
- ✓ Best Local Report: 1st place only (determined by majority vote)
- ✓ Greatest Local Fundraiser Award: 1st, 2nd & 3rd place. Given to the local church that has given the largest amount outside of fulfillment of any of the criteria set above.
- ✓ Best Diocese Financial Report: 1st, 2nd & 3rd place
- ✓ Best Diocese Spiritual Report: 1st, 2nd & 3rd place
- ✓ Best Diocese Report: 1st place only (determined by majority vote)
- ✓ Greatest Diocese Fundraiser Award: 1st, 2nd & 3rd place. Given to the diocese that has given the largest amount outside of fulfillment of any of the criteria set above.
- ✓ Outstanding Congress Award: 1st place only. Given to the churches/dioceses that total the highest points in the financial and spiritual categories as well as going above and beyond in their activities.
- ✓ Most Registered Delegates: 1st, 2nd & 3rd place. The state that has the most registered delegates will win and the award is given to the Regional Apostle over the winning states!

CONGRESS BANNER AWARDS GLOSSARY OF TERMS

LOCAL & DIOCESE FINANCIAL REPORT TERMS:

- ✓ **“Number of Members”**: This should be the number of active ABYPU & Sunday School members within your church/diocese (not including visitors).
 - Age of ABYPU Members: Ages 4-35 only
 - Age of Sunday School Members: 4+ (must be active at least 6 consecutive months on the Sunday School roster)
- ✓ **“Number of New Members”**:
 - **LOCAL**: This should be the exact number of new ABYPU & Sunday School **members** who have joined your union (church) since the end of the previous International Congress of the previous year.
 - **DIOCESE**: This should be the exact number of new ABYPU & Sunday School **unions** who have joined your union (church) since the end of the previous International Congress of the previous year.
- ✓ **“Number Baptized”**: This should be the exact number of ABYPU & Sunday School members who were baptized in your church/diocese during an ABYPU/Sunday School Sponsored event since the International Congress of the previous year.
- ✓ **“Number Saved”**: This should be the exact number of ABYPU & Sunday School members who were filled with the gift of the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:38 during an ABYPU/Sunday School Sponsored event within your church/diocese since the International Congress of the previous year.
- ✓ **“Representation”**: This should be the indicated amount of money. This amount keeps your ABYPU & Sunday School unions actively registered with the International Congress as a functioning union/diocese.
- ✓ **“Workshop Presentations”**: This amount should be the indicated amount of money given from your local/diocesan ABYPU & Sunday School toward the cost associated with their specific workshop needs during the International Congress.
- ✓ **“President’s Love Offering”**: This amount should be at a minimum of the amount indicated as your show of appreciation to the International Congress President and to aid them in their efforts for coordinating the International Congress.
- ✓ **“Membership Dues”**: **LOCAL ONLY** This amount should be at a minimum of the amount indicated from your local membership.
- ✓ **“Fundraiser”**: This amount refers to the amount of money your local/diocese ABYPU union and local Sunday School union is giving into the International Congress from the funds they have raised since the previous meeting of the International Congress. This number can be any amount and also counts toward the Best Local or Diocese Financial Report award and Greatest Local or Diocese Fundraiser Award.