



Scripture Matthew 5:13-16 NLT- (13-You are the salt of the earth, but what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless. (14-You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. 15)-No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. 16)-In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

### **PERMISSION SLIP**

The National Black Presbyterian Women and the National Black Presbyterian Caucus will present cash awards, and certificates to the recipients. The winning essays may appear on the National Black Presbyterian Caucus Website, National Black Presbyterian Women Newsletters, and publication for released to the public.

**Youth entering the essay contest must be between the ages of 12 – 18 years old.**

#### **PERMISSION TO RELEASE:**

Parents must give permission to release essay information for publication.

**Signature of Parent or Guardian** \_\_\_\_\_.

Student must give permission to release essay information for publication.

**Signature of**

**Student** \_\_\_\_\_.

**The essay submission is a two-step process, you will need to submit by email a digital copy to Ms. Avys Massey and mail hard copy to Rev. Lydia Willingham by May 14, 2023.**

#### **EMAIL ADDRESS:**

First you will need to download or scan your completed essay information and email it to the following address: **amassey3@aol.com by May 14, 2023, to the attention of Ms. Avys Massey.**

**U.S. ADDRESS:**

**Mail the hard copies of your essay to the following address by May 14, 2023.**

**Attn: Rev. Dr. Lydia Willingham, 513 Folkstone Road, Columbia, South Carolina 29223.**



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**INSTRUCTIONS**

**The 2023 Lucy Craft Laney Essay Contest - For Youth and Affiliates of NBPC Member Churches:**  
Under the sponsorship of the National Black Presbyterian Women, the 2023 Lucy Craft Laney Essay Contest is being held in conjunction with the 47<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the National Black Presbyterian Caucus.

**TOPIC: Pick topic number one and the three subtopics to number one (1)**

**TOPIC: Pick topic number two and the three subtopics to number two (2)**

**TOPIC: Pick topic number three and the three subtopics to number three (3)**

**The last step is to be sure to complete the subtopics (A,B,C,) steps of your topic.**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

Submit a typewritten essay in a 12 – point font.

- a. Attach a cover sheet with the following information.
- b. Participants name, home address, and a preferred telephone number, and grade level of youth.
- c. Essay Title
- d. Church name, address, and telephone number, or chapter.
- e. Please list documentation of all research at the end of your work.  
(Citation, pages, names, and attached sheets(s)if applicable).
- f. **Forward all information on time by May 14, 2023.**
- g. **Do not put your name on the essay itself!**

h. Judges will not review your work if you put your name on the essay!! i. All participants essays must be submitted electronically to the following: [amassey3@aol.com](mailto:amassey3@aol.com) by May 14, 2023.

j. Also, the hard copy of the essay along with the appropriate cover sheets are to be submitted to:

k. Attn: Rev. Dr. Lydia Willingham, President of the NBPW

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Student List Your Essay Title \_\_\_\_\_

(Judges Only Entry # \_\_\_\_\_)

**(Student List)**

### **The 2023 Lucy Craft Laney Essay Contest**

#### **Extracurricular/Academic Activities**

Please list information about the student's awards, honors, and extracurricular activities that can be used when publishing the student's essay:

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Please list below the student's academic or vocational goals beyond high school:

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College, Military, Teacher, Nurse, Doctor etc.

Essays will be judged by the following checklist:

## Structure/Content

- \_\_\_\_\_ Does the essay contain an introduction?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Does the essay contain a description?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Does the essay contain a body?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Does the essay contain a conclusion?

\_\_\_\_\_ Is the data correct and in a clear, logical and/or sequential order? \_\_\_\_\_

Does the essay exhibit good language skills, proper spelling, and grammar. \_\_\_\_\_

Are the references to sources on Lucy Craft Laney essay, correct?

Creativity/Originality

\_\_\_\_\_ Is the format neatly/typed or written legibly?

\_\_\_\_\_ Is the cover sheet attached?

\_\_\_\_\_ Is the cover sheet correct?

There is a total of 100 points maximum per essay.

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The 2023 Lucy Craft Laney Essay Contest

The deadline is May 14, 2023, at 2:00 noon.

This cover sheet must be with each essay submitted for the Lucy Craft Laney Essay.

All the information on this cover sheet must be finished for your packet to be complete.

Please circle the appropriate grade level of the student: 7 8 9 10 11 12.

Essay Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Essay First (10)Written words by the student: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street/Post Office Box City State Zip Code Student's Telephone Number:

\_\_\_\_\_ Church:

\_\_\_\_\_ Church

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Words: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Pages: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail the completed cover sheet attached to the essay to the  
following: Attn: Rev. Dr. Lydia Willingham, President of NBPW

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