



**Elder Larry Lewis  
President**



To: College Professors, Administrators, and President

**RE: Excused Absence to Attend Southern Region IYD Youth Rally for the International Youth Department, Church of God in Christ, Incorporated**

To Whom It May Concern:

On Friday, April 10, 2026, and Saturday, April 11, 2026, the Southern Region IYD of the Church of God in Christ's International Youth Department (IYD) will convene its Annual Youth Rally in Baton Rouge, LA. The Southern Region IYD includes the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee.

Youth will participate in educational and spiritual classes, workshops, and services to support their religious training. **Please accept this letter as a formal request to grant an excused absence to your student(s) for Friday, April 10, 2026. All students should return to school on Monday, April 13, 2026.** If you have any questions, feel free to contact us via email or phone. Our contact information is listed below.

Sincerely,

Pastor Larry Lewis, Southern Region IYD President,  
Church of God in Christ, Incorporated  
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**TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT, PARENT/GUARDIAN, & YOUTH STAFF MEMBER**

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

Jurisdictional Prelate: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Worker Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_