



# CHRISTIAN RITES OF PASSAGE, INC.

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"And we shall know them by their works."

-Ephesians 2: 9-10



## FOCUSED FOR SUCCESS: SESSION III

### Youth Evaluation Comments:

My favorite & best session so far; A lot was learned in this session. I love it! I feel more excitement & entertainment during the sessions is in order; I really loved the facilitators; Loved this session;. And, Hopefully, we can still use Fellowship Hall (due to space constrictions we had to use the Chapel).

### Eating Around the Globe:

The youth learned the cuisine's history of East India & then experienced a delicious menu-an educational experience of eating with their hands (only the right- eating with the left hand is considered unclean) while sitting on oriental rugs (or similar) The East Indians always wash their hands thoroughly before eating. They believe one should be able to

enjoy eating with as many senses as possible while smelling, looking and touching.

### Indian Cuisine

Tandoori Chicken (chicken, cooked with several spices) of India usually cooked in a clay pot  
Tabbouleh (Salad of bulgur wheat with fresh parsley, mint and lemon juice)  
Yogurt with Cucumbers  
Flat Bread – served on banana leaf  
Pineapple Pudding  
Beverage: Spiced Tea & water

### Comments from Ida Crook:

The main message emphasized was to plan and be prepared. One facilitator, Kenan Woods, expressed, If you feel a tugging at your decision or

heart, it may be because HE wants you to listen & use HIS bestowed "gift inside of you". Most times, we have been taught, and rightly so, to study a subject and choose a career to take you to a sound & secure life with a strong financial base. You set your sight & future on 'the plan' while your heart keeps tugging in another direction. Oft times, you must be quiet & listen to HIS words & guidance...

Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future". (NIV)

Proverbs 3:5 "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding". (NIV)

Save the  
Date ...



**Note: Youth are to bring their Bibles & notebooks to each & every session.**

**Sun/Jan 1**-You are wished a very prosperous and Happy New Year!

**Sat/Jan 7**-Session IV- Conflict Resolution-Off Your Chest

**Sat/Jan 7**-Thank You Notes-Bring a name & full address & stamp

**Sat/Jan 7**-Girls Only 1<sup>st</sup> Waltz Rehearsal 1-3 PM

**Sun/Jan 22**-Cultural II |Atlanta Symphony Violin Concerto

Woodruff Arts Center-3 PM| Arrive at 2:15 PM| 1280 Peachtree St NE, Atl

Attire: Black & White Uniform

Transportation-Drop & Pickup-suggest carpool

**Sun/Jan 29**-Formal Youth Intro to Cascade membership

9AM & 11:30 AM services

## Jingle & Mingle: Angel Tree Party Preparation

### Mon/Dec 19

At the last minute the CRoP youth had a chance to attend a Black Ballet performed by graduating high school teens & tots and an all-male high school ensemble which proved to be a holiday cultural delight. I will just say that the show was a poignant mini Alvin Ailey performance. There were a total of 10 musical & dance medley's sponsored by the Creative Spark Foundation and choreographed by the Atlanta Dance Connection with several other talented choreographers. When the youth were asked "how did you like the performance", they remarked (even the boys), "I could do that"! The parallel—they identified and related to the experience.

### Testimonies

Angel Tree Party Preparation:

The Youth were "Extremely Helpful"

Ida, Thank you so much for bringing the CRoP youth to



Angel Tree Party Preparation (an activity of preparing close to 800 gifts for children in group homes or orphanages). Group Homes: Short Term Placement | Orphanage: Permanent Placement.

volunteer on Saturday. They were extremely helpful and it seemed like they enjoyed themselves. I am glad it all worked out!

Sincerely, Gabrielae (Cascade Ministry Leader)

### Cultivating Excellence!

"The nurturing/coaching you provided my son was evident in his description of the presentation (Certificate of Appreciation). He stated "everything was on the certificate". When I asked him about eye contact,



he stated that he was looking at the facilitator. My son is unassuming with a quiet nature—that's why I appreciate your perspective. He stated that he did well. He thought it was cool to present to someone who knows of him through his parents.

"Thank you for cultivating excellence in all our children."

A CRoP Parent

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## A Black History Fact

### Jean Du Sable: Explorer

Jean-Baptiste-Point Du Sable (1750?-1818) was a Haitian-French pioneer and trader; he founded the settlement that would later become Chicago.

Du Sable left Haiti in the 1770's for the Great Lakes area of North America. Due to his loyalty to the Americans, he was arrested by the British in 1779. He was the first non-Indian resident of the area that is now Chicago, Illinois, at the mouth of the Chicago River on the shores of Lake Michigan (called Fort Dearborn).

Du Sable later moved to Missouri (in 1780) and died in St. Charles on August 28, 1818. Fort Dearborn was changed to Chicago in 1830.