



# NATIONAL ADJUTANCY CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC.

2020 SUMMER ACADEMY  
VIRTUAL & WEBINAR CLASS SESSION



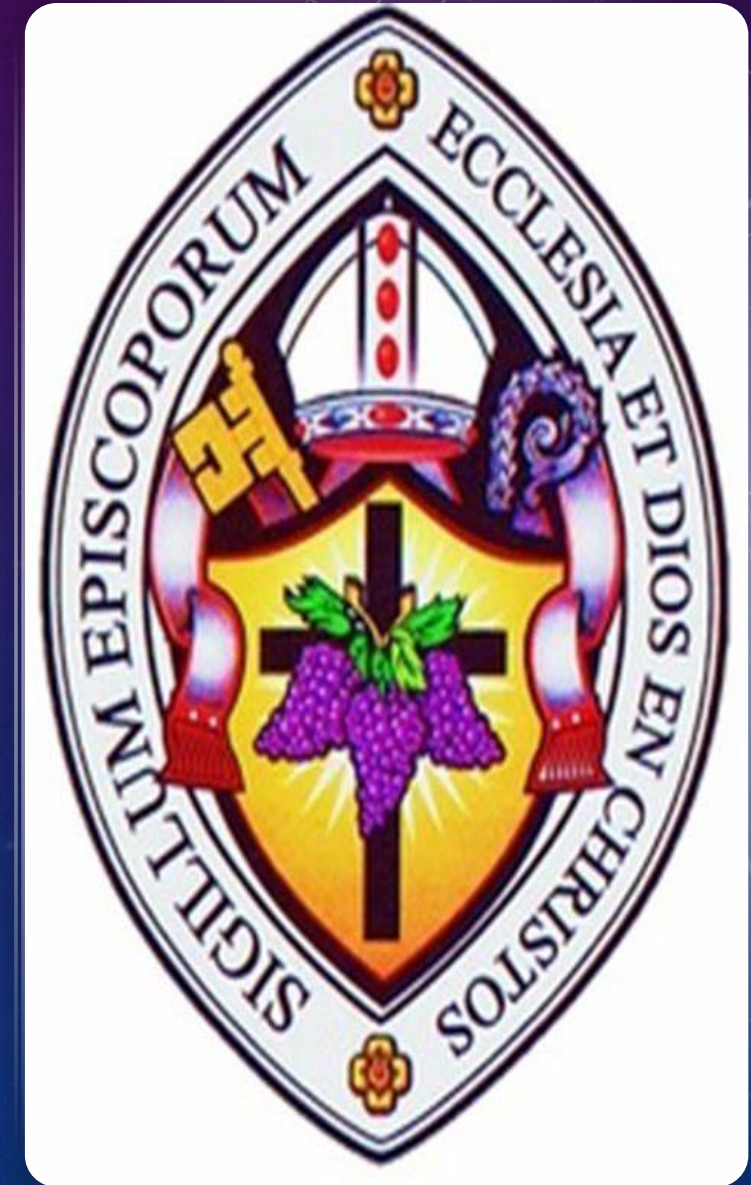
## ANTONIO BUCKLEY

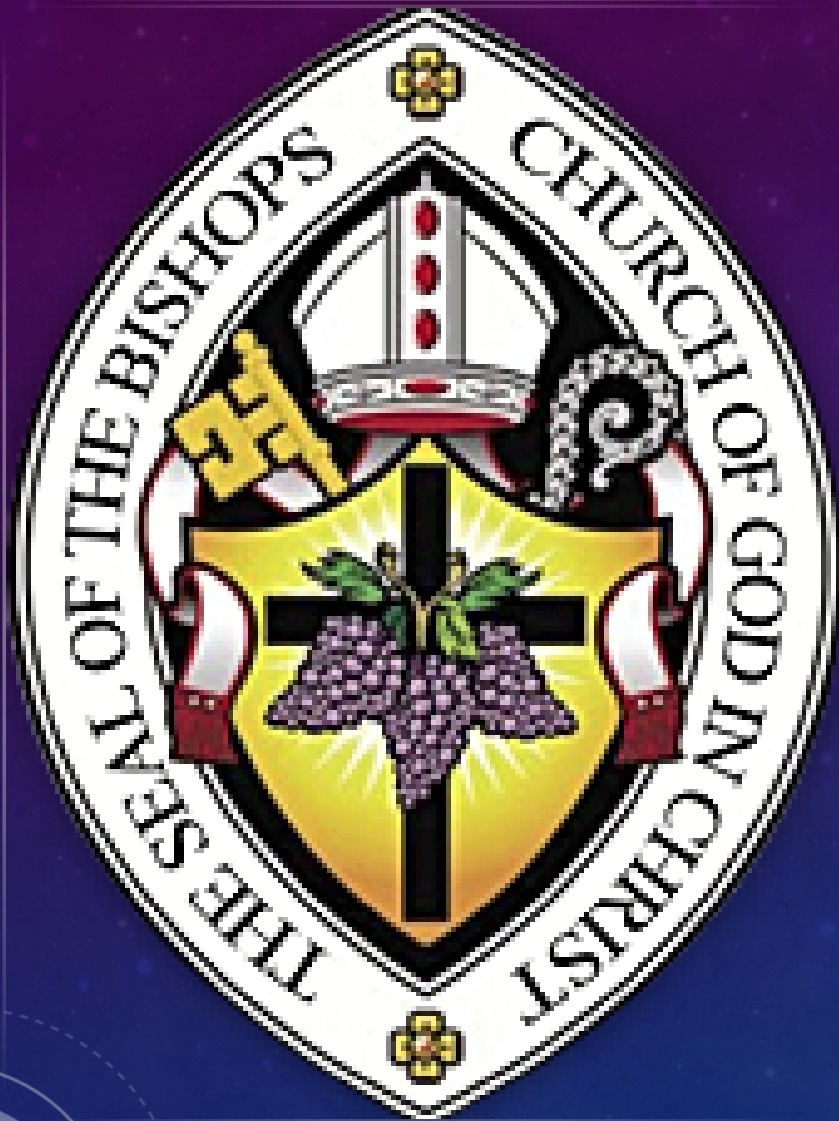
- ❖ National Adjutant Overseer of Ceremonies, Church of God in Christ, Inc.
- ❖ Pastor of the Saint Paul Church of God in Christ Boxtown
- ❖ Jurisdictional Chief Adjutant, Tennessee Fourth Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, Bishop Jerry L. Maynard, Sr. – Prelate
- ❖ Husband of First Lady Angela Buckley
- ❖ Front Office Manager, Hilton Worldwide

- I. Share the importance of Sanctifying the Promoted Leader in the Eyes of the People with continuous DIGNITY.
- II. Learning the new (CDC) National and State regulations concerning the handling of our Leaders final arrangements.
- III. Forming partnerships between the ecclesiastical, civic, and mortuary to create seamless cooperation of services and final interment in accordance to CDC mandates.
- IV. Setting NEW protocols for family, local, jurisdiction and national settings.

# SANCTIFYING THE LEADER: STANDARD PROTOCOL FOR EPISCOPAL TRANSITIONS DURING THE COVID ERA

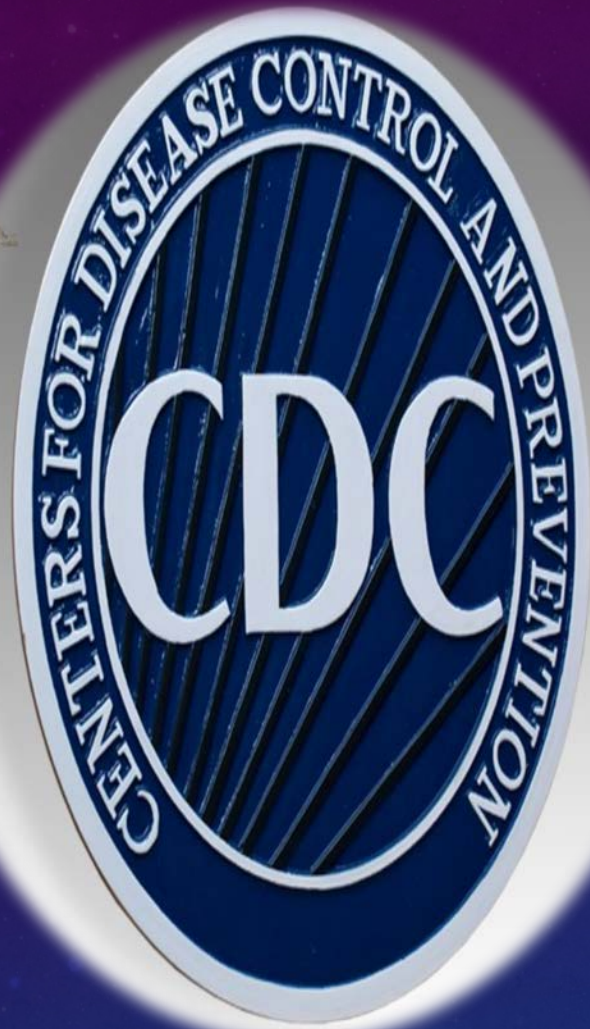
THE STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: As Adjutants, we are taught to **"sanctify our leaders in the eyes of the people."** That same degree of commitment should be evident at their passing. We must strive to adequately provide the same degree of respect and reverence during this very solemn time as during the tenure of a Bishop. He is not a fallen leader but a promoted one. II Kings 13:21 says ... "And it came to pass as they were burying a man, that behold, they spied a band of men; and they cast the man into the sepulcher of Elisha: and when the man was let down, and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived, and stood up on his feet." This passage leads me to believe that our commitment to serve our Bishops should continue, even after death. If the bones of the Prophet Elisha could bring life back to the body of the unrighteous, the remains of the leaders of our church must be viewed and handled with upmost respect and reverence. Therefore, we feel compelled to continue assisting the Adjutancy in its challenge to provide dignity and service to our Bishops to the very end.





## Systematic Preparation

- Jurisdictional Chief Adjutant should be well versed in various responsibilities
- Have an updated biography of the Bishop
- Current color photo of the Bishop, dressed in his vestments
- Contact information for the Adjutant General



## What You Should Expect When Arranging A Funeral

Your funeral director is here to help, whether you're planning a small, family-only service or a larger gathering in the future. Regardless of your specific wishes, it is important to note that, to ensure your safety and the safety of funeral home staff, your funeral director will be taking additional precautions when helping you make arrangements.

- When you call your funeral director to set up an arrangement conference, he or she will likely ask if anyone is feeling ill or if anyone is known to have been exposed to COVID-19. If so, he or she will request that those individuals stay home or join in the discussion by teleconference.
- You may also be asked to limit the number of people who come to the funeral home for the arrangement conference. Other family members may be able to join the discussion by teleconference.
- For your safety, and that of funeral home staff, you may be asked to wash your hands (or use hand sanitizer) upon arrival at the funeral home and again before you leave. In addition, the funeral director will likely politely decline to shake your hand, again for the safety of everyone involved. He or she will also maintain social distancing requirements of at least six feet at all times and may ask you to wear a

- For your safety and the safety of funeral home staff, your funeral director may request to make funeral arrangements via video conferencing (webcasting, facetimeing or live-streaming) in lieu of an in-person arrangement conference.
- Your funeral director should inform you about federal, state and local mandates and recommendations (including those listed above) – as well as guidelines issued by local cemeteries – that may affect your funeral arrangements.

If your loved one has died from complications due to COVID-19, your funeral director will, for the safety of your family and the safety of funeral home staff, take extra precautions when handling and preparing the body of your loved one. If you've made the choice to embalm the body of your loved one, speak with your funeral director about current guidance regarding embalming and any internal guidelines the funeral home may be following.

