



CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC.
110TH HOLY CONVOCATION

The Lord's Day

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

10:00 AM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2017

THE DOME AT AMERICA'S CENTER
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI



THE SERVICE OF EPISCOPAL CONSECRATION
AND INSTALLATION

AND

THE HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATION

7:30 PM



THE PRESIDUM OF THE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
BISHOP CHARLES E. BLAKE, SR. - PRESIDING BISHOP AND CHIEF APOSTLE



The Lord's Day Celebration

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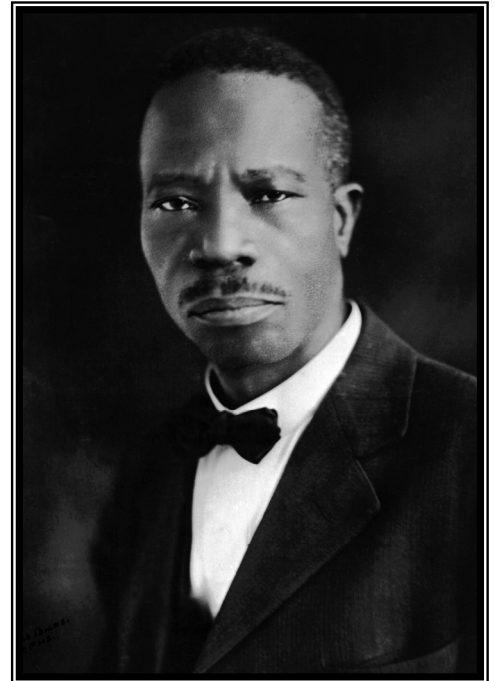
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Bishop Charles Harrison Mason

Bishop Charles Harrison Mason was the founder and first senior bishop of the Church of God in Christ (COGIC), presently the largest African-American Pentecostal church in the United States.

Born to former slaves Jerry and Eliza Mason in Shelby County, Tenn., on Sept. 8, 1864, Mason worked with his family as a sharecropper and did not receive a formal education as a child. But at an early age, he was influenced by his parents' religion.

Mason joined the African-American Missionary Baptist Church when he was an adolescent and later received his license to preach from the Mount Gale Missionary Baptist Church in Preston, Ark. In November 1893, Mason enrolled at the Arkansas Baptist College, but withdrew after three months to transfer to the Minister's Institute at the College; he graduated from the Institute in 1895.



In 1895, Mason met Charles Price Jones, a popular Baptist preacher from Mississippi. Mason and Jones soon began preaching the doctrine of holiness and sanctification in the local Baptist churches, which led to their expulsion from the Baptist Convention.

Mason and Jones decided to form a new fellowship of churches. Mason suggested the name Church of God in Christ, after what he described as a vision in Little Rock, Ark., to distinguish the church from a number of "Church of God" groups forming at that time.

Due to disagreements in the new Pentecostal teachings, the two men split their group in 1907. Mason won the legal rights to the Church of God in Christ name and charter, and established his work in Memphis.

After moving the COGIC headquarters to Memphis, Mason established additional departments and auxiliaries, created dioceses, and appointed overseers throughout the country.

In 1945, Mason dedicated Mason Temple in Memphis as the church's national meeting site and the international headquarters of the Church of God in Christ.

At the time of Mason's death on November 17, 1961, COGIC had a membership of more than 400,000 and more than 4,000 churches in United States as well as congregations in Europe, South America, Africa, and Asia.

Today, it has an estimated 6.5 million members. The church can be found in every state in the United States and in more than 60 countries around the world.



Bishop Charles Edward Blake, Sr.

Charles E. Blake, Sr. was elected the seventh in succession Presiding Bishop by the General Assembly of the Church of God in Christ, Incorporated, on November 12, 2007. At the 101st Holy Convocation, during the quadrennial election in 2007 Bishop Blake was re-elected as Presiding Bishop, in 2012 and recently in 2016 for another four-year term.

Bishop Blake is the pastor of West Angeles Church of God in Christ, one of the largest churches in the Western United States, with a membership of over 25,000. He is recognized as one of the great preachers of this generation with a message that ministers to the whole person and brings together people of various racial and ethnic backgrounds.

On April 6, 2009, in Washington, D.C., President Barack Obama sought Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake to serve on his 25-person White House Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships. This one-year appointment is a testament to his passion for the community and his desire to unite all people for the common good. He was also chosen as one of four individuals to speak at the Democratic National Convention's first Ecumenical Service, where he pronounced his status as pro-life Democrat and challenged both Democrats and Republicans to protect the rights of the unborn and born alike.

The heart of Bishop Blake is seen quite clearly in the love that he has for the children in Africa who have become orphans because of the HIV/AIDS pandemic plaguing the continent. In response to the HIV/AIDS crisis in Africa, Bishop Blake founded, and served as president of the Pan African Children's Fund (PACF). Save Africa's Children, a program of PACF, has provided support to over 420 orphan care programs, 200,000 children and 24 nations throughout sub-Saharan Africa.

In 2016 Bishop Blake was elected to serve as the Co-Chairperson for the Executive Committee of the Pentecostal Charismatic Churches of North America (PCCNA). He has also formerly served as an Advisory Committee Member of the Pentecostal World Conference, and as the founder and Co-chair of the Los Angeles Ecumenical Congress (LAEC), an interdenominational coalition of religious leaders and pastors. He was the founding Chair of the Board of Directors for the C.H. Mason Theological Seminary, and has served as a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, and as a Board Member of the Board of Directors for the Interdenominational Theological Seminary. Bishop Blake has served as Chair of the Executive Committee, member of the Board of Directors of Oral Roberts University, and as a member of the Board of Directors of International Charismatic Bible Ministries.

Bishop Blake's awards and accolades are numerous. A few include the Distinguished Leadership Award presented by the African Presidential Archives and Research Center at Boston University (2007), the Trumpet Award (2006), the Salvation Army's William Booth Award, the Greenlining Institute's Big Heart Award, and was the designated recipient of the Los Angeles Urban League's Whitney M. Young Award (2000). In 2003, Bishop Blake was awarded the Harvard Foundation Humanitarian Medal for his work with Save Africa's Children and its mission to support orphanages throughout the continent of Africa. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors designated February 5, 2004 as Bishop Charles E. Blake Day.

Second only to his call as a minister of the Gospel, Bishop Blake says his most treasured accomplishments are those of a devoted husband to Lady Mae Lawrence Blake, and a loving father and grandfather to their three children and eight grandchildren.



“From The Desk Of” Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr.

Greetings Dear Saints of God:

With catastrophic storms, earthquakes, mass shootings, political and racial division, imminent threats of nuclear war, protests and civil unrest, the year 2017 will be categorized by many as tumultuous. When chaos ensues all around, a response of fear and worry may seem befitting; however, as saints of the Most High God, we have a hope and a promise to which we can firmly hold in order to withstand whatever the enemy brings our way.

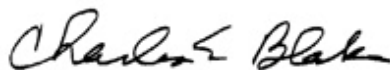
While the signs of the times may be evident, the hour should bring us joy rather than sorrow. For the Bible declares in Romans 3:10-11 (NKJV), *“Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown.”* What a wonderful promise from the Savior that validates our 2017 theme, *“In This Changing World Let Us Hold On to Our Unchanging Faith.”* Despite what 2017 may have yielded, I hope that you are as encouraged as I am to unwaveringly hold on to our faith and endure until the end, for the Lord has promised to keep and protect us through it all.

As we convene in the very welcoming city of St. Louis again, I would like to personally welcome each of you to the 110th Holy Convocation. I am grateful to God for yet another chance to gather and fellowship with the saints. I do not ever take the week-long opportunity to spiritually rejuvenate and connect with the Lord’s people for granted. Instead, I consider our annual Holy Convocation meeting as a way to finish the year strong, with an even stronger faith, and I am so delighted that you decided to join us.

Church Of God In Christ members have done so very much to ensure our success in 2017. From your giving to your serving, domestically and abroad, I would like to extend a sincere “thank you” to all members for your countless efforts and contributions, not only to the Body of Christ, but to people everywhere. May the Lord abundantly bless each of you as you continue to be His hands and feet.

As we assemble to experience spiritual growth and edification, I ask, as always, that you please stand with me in prayerful solidarity and anticipate a fresh anointing during this year’s Holy Convocation – in preached Word, deed, song, praise and worship. Please also pray earnestly for the leadership of our church, that God’s outpouring would strengthen and enable us in a mighty way, solely for His glory.

In His Service,



Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr.

Presiding Bishop

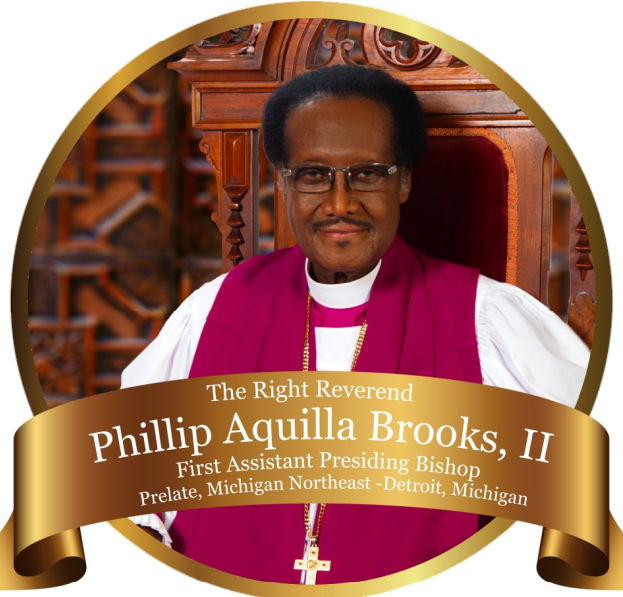
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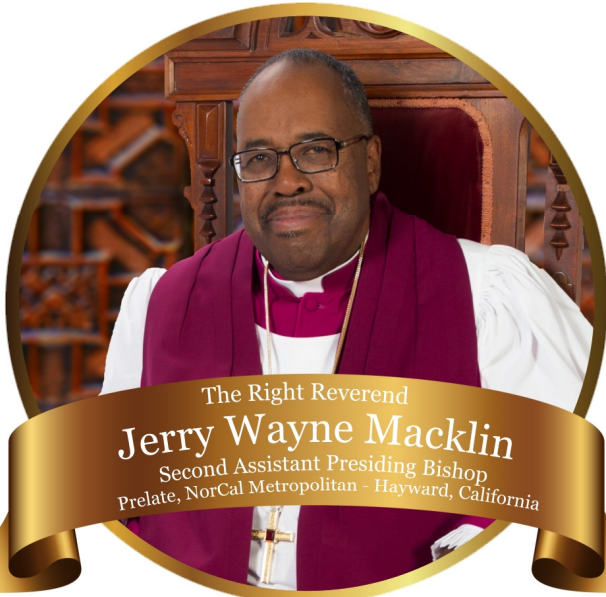
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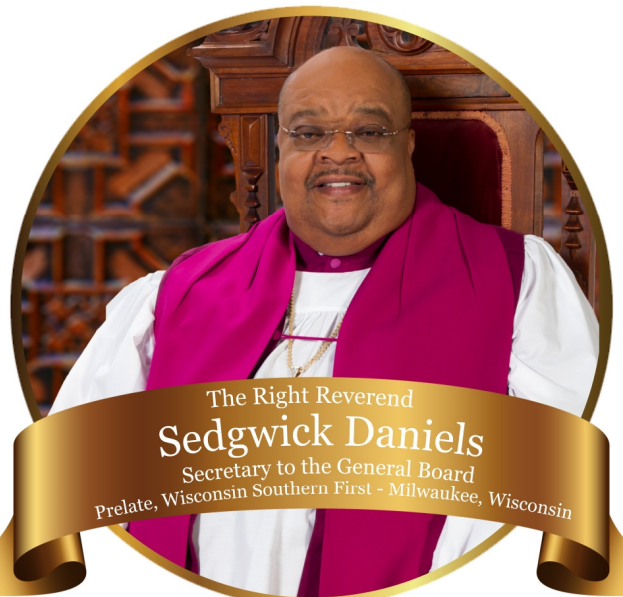
The Right Reverend
Charles Edward Blake, Sr.
Presiding Bishop
Los Angeles, California



The Right Reverend
Phillip Aquilla Brooks, II
First Assistant Presiding Bishop
Prelate, Michigan Northeast - Detroit, Michigan



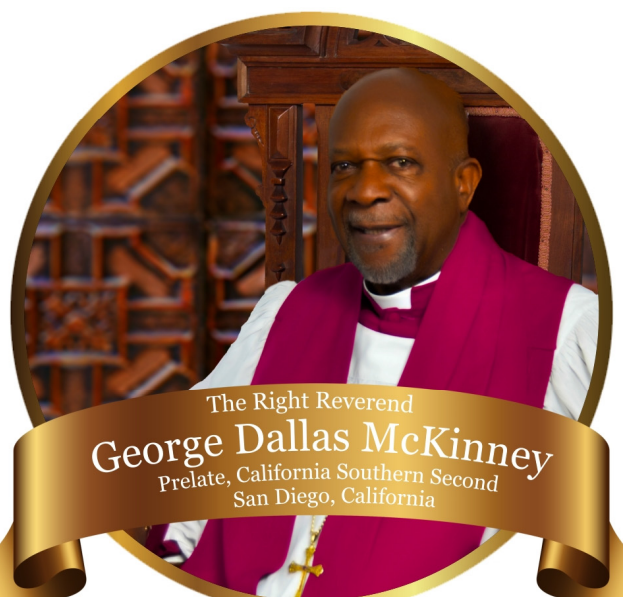
The Right Reverend
Jerry Wayne Macklin
Second Assistant Presiding Bishop
Prelate, NorCal Metropolitan - Hayward, California



The Right Reverend
Sedgwick Daniels
Secretary to the General Board
Prelate, Wisconsin Southern First - Milwaukee, Wisconsin

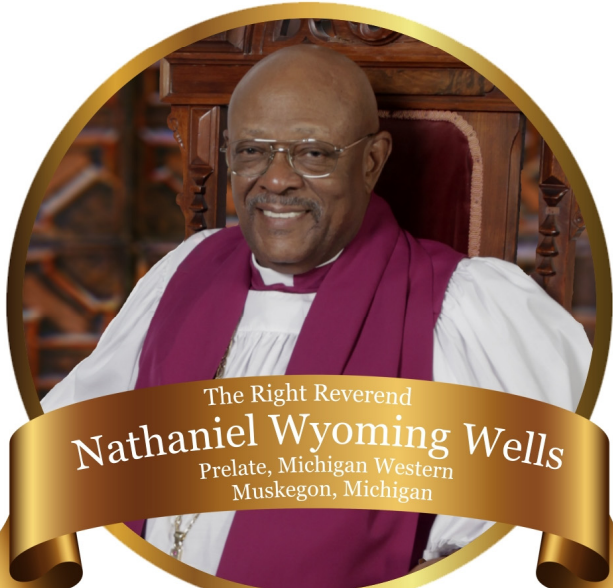


The Right Reverend
Lawrence M. Wooten, Sr.
Assistant Secretary to the General Board
Prelate, Eastern Missouri, Western Illinois - St. Louis, Missouri



The Right Reverend
George Dallas McKinney
Prelate, California Southern Second
San Diego, California

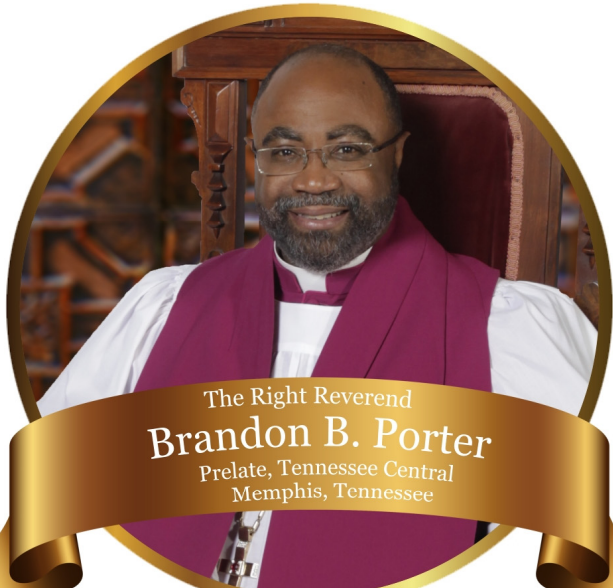
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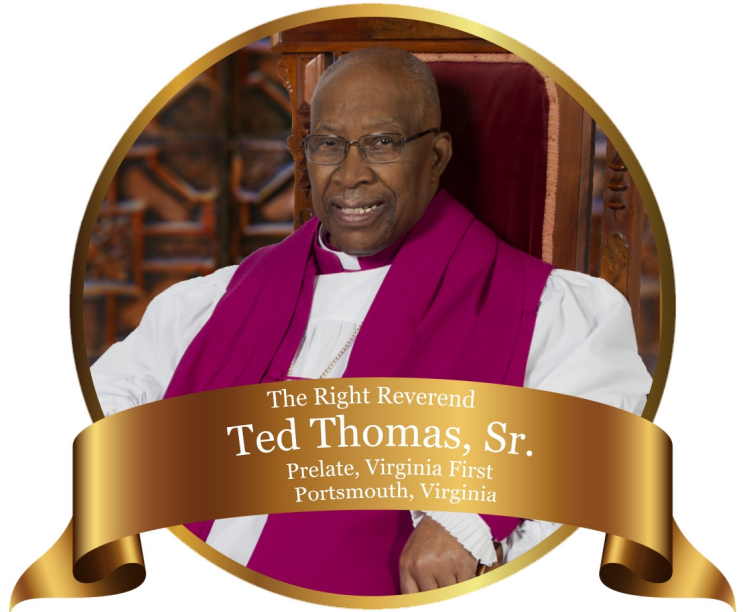
The Right Reverend
Nathaniel Wyoming Wells
Prelate, Michigan Western
Muskegon, Michigan



The Right Reverend
John Drew Sheard, Sr.
Prelate, Michigan North Central
Detroit, Michigan



The Right Reverend
Brandon B. Porter
Prelate, Tennessee Central
Memphis, Tennessee



The Right Reverend
Ted Thomas, Sr.
Prelate, Virginia First
Portsmouth, Virginia



The Right Reverend
Darrell Hines
Prelate, Illinois Midwest
Milwaukee, Wisconsin



The Right Reverend
Matthew Williams
Prelate, Florida Southwestern
Tampa, Florida

SUNDAY, THE TWELFTH DAY OF NOVEMBER,
TWO THOUSAND AND SEVENTEEN ANNO DOMINI
AT NINE O’CLOCK IN THE MORNING

The Lord’s Day Worship Celebration

The Dome At America’s Center

*Church Of God In Christ 2017 Theme:
In This Changing World, Let Us Hold On To Our Unchanging Faith
(Colossians 1:9-23, Jude 3-4, 11 Timothy 3:1-17, 1 Corinthians 15:58) – NKJV*

WORSHIP LEADER - BISHOP J.W. MACKLIN
Second Assistant Presiding Bishop – Prelate, Nor Cal Metropolitan Jurisdiction

THE ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP

(+Where indicated, Please Stand)

9:00 AM

The Prelude Recital

The C. H. Mason Memorial Choir
J.O. Patterson Fine Arts Orchestra
*Dr. Judith McAllister, International Minister of Music
Elder Ezra Howard, Director
J.O. Patterson Fine Arts Orchestra*

9:30 AM

The Processional

Bishop Robert G. Rudolph, Jr.
Adjutant General

THE NATIONAL ADJUTANCY
THE VISITING PRELATES
THE MILITARY AND INSTITUTIONAL CHAPLAINCY
NATIONAL APPOINTEES
THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF PASTORS AND ELDERS
THE NATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THE JUDICIARY
THE BOARD OF BISHOPS, LED BY THE CHAIRMAN
THE SECRETARY OF FINANCE
THE GENERAL TREASURER
THE GENERAL SECRETARY
THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

+ The Hymn of Adoration

Holy, Holy, Holy

THE C. H. MASON MEMORIAL CHOIR
J.O. PATTERSON FINE ARTS ORCHESTRA
AND CONGREGATION

+ THE ACOLYTES AND CROSS BEARER
+ THE ADJUTANT OVERSEERS
+ THE GENERAL BOARD – “ASCENDING ORDER”
+ THE SECOND ASSISTANT PRESIDING BISHOP
+ THE FIRST ASSISTANT PRESIDING BISHOP
+ THE PRESIDING BISHOP

+ The Call to Worship

Bishop J. W. Macklin

*Second Assistant Presiding Bishop
Prelate, Northern California Metropolitan Jurisdiction*

**The Leader - This is the day which the Lord has made, we shall rejoice and be glad in it.
Let Mount Zion rejoice and the daughters of Judah be glad!**

**The People - It is by the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, great is His faithfulness unto us.
Oh, that men would praise the Lord, for His goodness and his wonderful works to the children of men.**

The Leader - Oh, that the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us this day. Prosper the work of our hands as we endeavor to worship your name in the beauty of Holiness.

The People - Lord, thou hast given us many exceeding great and precious promises, which are all yea and Amen in Christ Jesus.

ALL - Now be it unto thy servants according to the Word which thou hast spoken, reveal your glory and manifest your presence. May we experience signs, wonders and miracles as we worship you this day. AMEN!

+The Invocation

Bishop J. Drew Sheard, Sr.

*GENERAL BOARD MEMBER
Prelate, Michigan North Central Jurisdiction*

+The Levitical Affirmation

**The C. H. Mason Memorial Choir
J.O. Patterson Fine Arts Orchestra**

+The Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 61

Bishop Lawrence M. Wooten

*ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO THE GENERAL BOARD
Prelate, Missouri Eastern Western Illinois Jurisdiction*

+The New Testament Lesson Colossians 3:1-16

Bishop Nathaniel Wyoming W. Wells, Jr.

*GENERAL BOARD MEMBER
Prelate, Michigan Western Jurisdiction*

+The Congregational Hymn Onward Christian Soldiers

Choir & Congregation

Led by: Bishop Matthew Williams

*GENERAL BOARD MEMBER
Prelate, Florida Southwestern Jurisdiction*

+The Affirmation of Faith

Bishop Brandon B. Porter

*GENERAL BOARD MEMBER
Prelate, Tennessee Central Jurisdiction*

+The Celebrative Praise

Send Judah First - International Worship Team

*Pastor Rodney Posey, Coordinator
Ohio North 1st Jurisdiction, Bishop Edward C. Cook - Prelate*

The Observations

Bishop Joel H. Lyles

*General Secretary
Prelate, Greater Maryland First Jurisdiction*

The Anthem

The C. H. Mason Memorial Choir

J.O. Patterson Fine Arts Orchestra

*Dr. Judith McAllister, International Minister of Music
Elder Ezra Howard, Director
J.O. Patterson Fine Arts Orchestra*

The Salutation

Mother Barbara McCoo Lewis

General Supervisor, Department of Women

THE SACRED MINISTRY OF GIVING

Bishop J.W. Macklin

Second Assistant Presiding Bishop, Prelate, Nor Cal Metropolitan Jurisdiction

The Ministry of Music, Worship & Arts

The C. H. Mason Memorial Choir

J.O. Patterson Fine Arts Orchestra

Send Judah First Liturgical Dancers

Dr. Judith McAllister, International Minister of Music

Elder Ezra Howard, Director J.O. Patterson Fine Arts Orchestra

Evangelist Rochelle Robbins, Coordinator - SJF Liturgical Dancers

The Introduction of the Presiding Bishop

Bishop P.A. Brooks

First Assistant Presiding Bishop

Prelate, Historic Michigan First Jurisdiction

The Sermonic Selection

The C. H. Mason Memorial Choir

Dr. Judith McAllister, International Minister of Music

Featuring Lady Audrey Dubois Harris

Ontario, Canada

THE OFFICIAL MESSAGE

HIS EMINENCE, THE MOST REVEREND CHARLES EDWARD BLAKE, SR.

Presiding Bishop and Chief Apostle

Church Of God In Christ, Inc., Seventh in Succession

+The Invitation

+The Prayer of Healing & Deliverance

+The Benediction

+The Recessional

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**JOIN OUR YOUTH FOR
YOUNG PEOPLE WILLING WORKERS (YPWW)**

5:30PM – 6:30PM

**DR. BENJAMIN STEPHENS – PRESIDENT, INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DEPARTMENT
EVANGELIST JOYCE RODGERS – CHAIRLADY, INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DEPARTMENT**

THE DOME AT THE AMERICA'S CENTER

Affirmation Of Faith

We affirm our faith in the Bible.

Congregation: We believe the Bible to be the inspired and only infallible written Word of God.

We affirm our faith in God.

Congregation: We believe that there is only One God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son and, God the Holy Spirit.

We affirm our faith in the blessed hope.

Congregation: We believe in the blessed Hope, which is the rapture of the Church of God, which is in Christ, at His return.

We affirm our faith in repentance.

Congregation: We believe that the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious Blood of Jesus Christ.

We affirm our faith in salvation.

Congregation: We believe that regeneration by the Holy Ghost is absolutely essential for personal salvation.

We affirm our faith in Jesus Christ.

Congregation: We believe that the redemptive work of Christ on the Cross provides healing for the human body in answer to believing prayer.

We affirm our faith in the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: We believe that the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4, is given to believers who ask for it.

We affirm our faith in sanctification.

Congregation: We believe in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy and separated life in the present world.

Onward, Christian Soldiers

1. On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, march - ing as to war, With the
 2. At the sign of tri - umph Sa - tan's host doth flee; On, then,
 3. Like a migh - ty ar - my moves the church of God; Bro - thers,
 4. On - ward, then, ye peo - ple, join our hap - py throng, Blend with

cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore! Christ, the roy - al Mas - ter,
 Chris - tian sol - diers, on to vic - to - ry! Hell's foun - da - tions qui - ver
 we are tread - ing where the saints have trod; We are not di - vi - ded;
 ours your voi - ces in the tri - umph song; Glo - ry, laud, and ho - nor,

leads a - gainst the foe; For - ward in - to bat - tle, see his ban - ner go!
 at the shout of praise; Bro - thers, lift your voi - ces, loud your an - thems raise!
 all one bo - dy we, One in hope and doc - trine, one in cha - ri - ty.
 un - to Christ the King; This thro' count - less a - ges men and an - gels sing.

On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, march - ing as to war,

With the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore!



The Service of Episcopal Consecration & Installation

THE SERVICE OF EPISCOPAL CONSECRATION AND INSTALLATION
SUNDAY, THE TWELFTH DAY OF NOVEMBER,
TWO THOUSAND AND SEVENTEEN ANNO DOMINI
AT SEVEN-THIRTY O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

THE DOME AT AMERICA'S CENTER

The Order of Divine Worship

(+ Where indicated, Please Stand)

PRESIDING

BISHOP PHILLIP A. BROOKS

First Assistant Presiding Bishop

Prelate – Historic Michigan First Jurisdiction

The Organ Prelude

❖ The Apostolic Procession

Bishop Robert G. Rudolph, Jr.

Adjutant General

THE NATIONAL ADJUTANCY

THE VISITING PRELATES

THE MILITARY AND INSTITUTIONAL CHAPLAINCY

NATIONAL APPOINTEES

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF PASTORS AND ELDERS

THE NATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

THE JUDICIARY

THE BOARD OF BISHOPS, LED BY THE CHAIRMAN

THE SECRETARY OF FINANCE

THE GENERAL TREASURER

THE GENERAL SECRETARY

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

❖ The Hymn of Adoration

Holy, Holy, Holy

THE C.H. MASON MEMORIAL CHOIR

J.O PATTERSON FINE ARTS ORCHESTRA

AND CONGREGATION

❖ THE BISHOPS DESIGNATE [WITH EPISCOPAL ESCORTS]

❖ THE GENERAL BOARD

❖ **THE PRESIDING BISHOP**

❖ **The Call to Worship**

Bishop Phillip A. Brooks
FIRST ASSISTANT PRESIDING BISHOP
Prelate – Historic Michigan First Jurisdiction

Leader Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God the Almighty, who was, and is, and who is to come!

The People Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. Sing unto the Lord; for He hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth.

Leader Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

The People How excellent is thy loving kindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

ALL Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

❖ **The Invocation**

Bishop Sedgwick Daniels
SECRETARY TO THE GENERAL BOARD
Prelate, Wisconsin First Jurisdiction

❖ **The Old Testament Scripture**

Psalm 99

Bishop George D. McKinney
GENERAL BOARD MEMBER
Prelate, Southern California Second Jurisdiction

❖ **The New Testament Scripture**

1 Timothy 3:1-7

Bishop Ted Thomas
GENERAL BOARD MEMBER
Prelate, Virginia First Jurisdiction

❖ **The Hymn**

“Stand Up Stand Up For Jesus”
Page 29 COGIC Hymnal

Choir & Congregation
Led by: **Bishop Darrell L. Hines**
GENERAL BOARD MEMBER
Prelate, Illinois Midwest Jurisdiction

❖ **The Affirmation of Faith**

Bishop Phillip A. Brooks
GENERAL BOARD MEMBER,
Prelate, Historic Michigan First Jurisdiction

The Anthem

The C. H. Mason
International MASS Choir
Dr. Judith McAllister, International Minister of Music
Southern California First Jurisdiction, Bishop Joe Ealy - Prelate

THE SACRED MINISTRY OF GIVING

Bishop Brandon B. Porter

GENERAL BOARD MEMBER
Prelate, Tennessee Central Jurisdiction

☧ The 110th Holy Convocation Video Highlights ☧

The Ministry of Music

The C. H. Mason
International MASS Choir

*Dr. Judith McAllister, International Minister of Music
Southern California First Jurisdiction, Bishop Joe Ealy - Prelate*

THE VOICE OF OUR LEADER
HIS EMINENCE, THE MOST REVEREND CHARLES EDWARD BLAKE, SR.
Presiding Bishop and Chief Apostle
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☧ The Presentation of the Messenger ☧

The Sermonic Selection

The C. H. Mason
International MASS Choir

*Dr. Judith McAllister, International Minister of Music
Southern California First Jurisdiction, Bishop Joe Ealy - Prelate*

THE WORD OF GOD

BISHOP MICHAEL HILL

Prelate, Michigan Great Lakes First Jurisdiction

+The Invitation

Prayer of Healing & Deliverance

Bishop J.D. Sheard, Sr.

GENERAL BOARD MEMBER

Prelate, Michigan North Central Jurisdiction

The Service of Episcopal Consecration & Installation

His Grace, The Most Reverend Charles Edward Blake, Sr.

*Presiding Bishop,
Chief Consecrator and Celebrant*

Preface to the Ordinal

The Holy Scriptures and ancient Christian writers make it clear that from the apostles' time, there have been different ministries within the Church. In particular, since the time of the New Testament, three distinct orders of ordained ministers have been characteristic of Christ's holy (*universal*) Church. First, there is the order of bishops who carry on the apostolic work of leading, supervising, and uniting the Church. Secondly, associated with them are the presbyters, or ordained elders, in subsequent times generally known as priests. Together with the bishops, they take part in the governance of the Church, in the carrying out of its missionary and pastoral work, and in the preaching of the Word of God and administering His holy Sacraments. Thirdly, there are deacons who assist bishops and elders in all of this work. It is also a special responsibility of deacons to minister in Christ's Name to the poor, the sick, the suffering, and the helpless.

The persons who are chosen and recognized by the Church as being called by God to the ordained ministry are admitted to these sacred orders by solemn prayer and the laying on of Episcopal hands. It has been, and is, the intention and purpose of this Church to maintain and continue these three orders; and for this purpose these Services of Ordination and Consecration are appointed. No persons are allowed to exercise the offices of bishop, priest or elder, or deacon, or wear their insignia in this Church unless they are so ordained, or have already received such ordination with the laying on of hands by bishops who are themselves duly qualified to confer Holy Orders.

It is also recognized and affirmed that the threefold ministry is not the exclusive property of this portion of Christ's universal Church, but it is a gift from God for the nurture of His people and the proclamation of His Gospel everywhere. Accordingly, the manner of ordaining in this Church is to be such as has been, and is, most generally recognized by Christian people as suitable for conferring the sacred orders of Bishop, Elder, and Deacon.

The Service of Episcopal Consecration

THE PRESIDING BISHOP

CHIEF CONSECRATOR

*(The Order of Worship completed and the Word of God having been preached, the Service of Consecration begins.
The Presiding Bishop will summon the candidates to the main altar for consecration.)*

The Presentation

(The Chairman of the Board of Bishops shall present the Candidates to the Presiding Bishop saying:)

“YOUR GRACE, BY THE WILL OF GOD WE PRESENT THESE CANDIDATES TO YOU FOR PUBLIC CONSECRATION TO THE SACRED OFFICE OF JURISDICTIONAL BISHOP AND AUXILIARY BISHOP IN THE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST.”

(Having received the candidates, the Presiding Bishop begins the charge:)

The Charge

“The Church of God in Christ has expressed confidence in you, in your character, in your devotion to Christ and the Church, and in your ability to direct the affairs and promote the general interests of the entire Church in that she has signally honored you by selecting you to this high office.”

“The Apostle Paul warns that a Bishop must then be blameless, the husband of one wife...vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach. Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.”

The General Assembly of the Church of God in Christ has assigned to you as Bishop, the following duties:

- ❖ To uphold, obey and defend the Word of God.
- ❖ To obey and defend the Constitution of the Church of God in Christ.
- ❖ To function as the Administrative Head of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction to which you are assigned.
- ❖ To seek out and discover, in cooperation with your District Superintendents and Congregations, a suitable Pastor for each Congregation under your care.
- ❖ To encourage Ministerial Improvements and Leadership Training by planning Pastors Study Groups, In-Service-Training, Ministerial Retreats and Supporting the Charles Harrison Mason System of Bible Colleges.
- ❖ To inspire the Pastors to spiritual growth and personal improvement for more effective witnessing for Christ and His Kingdom.
- ❖ To encourage visitation among the Pastors in the homes, hospitals and penal institutions.
- ❖ To stimulate, by your life example, as well as, by your preaching, the outlook and vision of your people and inspire them to holy living and more dedication to the total program of the Church.
- ❖ To submit yourself to your Superiors in the church with all prayerful humility and by your example, teaching those under your charge to do the same.
- ❖ To seek out communities in your Jurisdiction into which a Christian Witness might be effective.

The Inquiry

The Presiding Bishop:

“In as much as the Holy Scriptures enjoin that no man be placed hastily in supervision of the affairs of God’s Holy Church and in order that those here may know your mind and purpose concerning this Sacred office will you, in the fear of God, answer the questions we ask you in the name of Christ and His Church?”

ANSWER: “I WILL”

“Will you endeavor to live soberly, righteously and godly as a Bishop in the Church so that you may be an example to all others in Christian living?”

ANSWER: “I WILL, BY THE HELP OF GOD.”

“Will you instruct those who come under your charge, in the Word of God to the edification of the whole church?”

ANSWER: “I WILL DO SO, THE LORD BEING MY HELPER.”

“Will you give diligence to faithfully perform all the duties assigned to you as Bishop of the Church of God in Christ as directed by your Superiors?”

ANSWER: “I WILL, BY THE HELP OF GOD.”

“Will you ever seek, in true humility, to deal justly and kindly with your brethren in the ministry and with all others over which you shall be placed as Bishop?”

ANSWER: “I WILL DO SO BY THE HELP AND GRACE OF GOD, THE HOLY SPIRIT BEING MY STRENGTH.”

The Acceptance

(The candidates will now turn and face the standing congregation)

The Presiding Bishop:

“Saints of Christ: Do you under God, accept these men into this office and will you give them your cooperation, support and prayers as they seek to carry out the responsibilities of this office?”

ANSWER: “WE WILL DO SO, GOD BEING OUR HELPER.”

The Investiture

- The Cassock:** The robe which is worn during the service, is the symbol of an Elder and Servant. The Bishop is first and foremost, a Servant and one among his brethren.
- The Cincture:** This Garment is a symbol of Christ. It speaks of the Bishop's willingness to "wash his brethren's feet" pursuant to the example of His Lord.
- The Rochet:** This white linen Garment is a symbol of the Priesthood. Aaron's Ephod is found in the book of Leviticus and is a reminder to the Bishop that his role as Celebrant and Worship Leader is prominent in the total Mandate of the Office.
- The Chimere:** This Garment is a symbol of a Prophet. The Bishop of the Church becomes the Chief Defender of the faith and the Preacher of the doctrines in his Jurisdiction. This is one symbol that sets him apart from Elders, for he alone wears this Mantle of Office.
- The Tippet:** The tippet is the symbol of a slave. It is the tippet that binds the Bishop to his Church. Inscribed on the tippet, is the seal of the Church of God in Christ, Inc., and the Seal of the Bishop. They are the symbols of Jurisdiction or Assignment. The tippet signifies that the Bishop is a man under authority.
- The Pectoral Cross:** This Cross of Gold is hung around the Bishop's neck as a symbol of his imprisonment for Christ. The Bishop is hereby officially inducted into the College of Bishops.
- The Ring:** The Symbol of priestly authority.

The Installation of the Jurisdictional Bishop

(The Presiding Bishop now places the Tippet about the neck of the newly appointed Bishop and makes the following declaration)

The Presiding Bishop:

"MY BROTHERS, IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE GREAT HEAD OF THE CHURCH AND BY THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHURCH I DO HEREBY INSTALL YOU AS A BISHOP OF THE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST."

(The newly installed Bishops now kneel at the main altar)



Holy Communion



The Holy Communion Celebration

“This do ye in remembrance of me”

❖ The Scripture Reading

I Corinthians 11:23-32

Bishop Michael Cole

Prelate – North Dakota Jurisdiction

❖ The Blessing of the Elements

The Presiding Bishop

Assisted by The General Board

❖ The Purification

❖ The Consecration and Distribution of the Hosts

While the Presiding Bishop serves the members of the General Board, the Adjutant Elders will move toward their communion stations and remain there until the Bishop of the station arrives. When the Bishop of the station arrives, he will serve each of the Adjutant Elders and then instruct them to feed the flock of God. At that point the Adjutant Elder from the Communion Station will proceed to feed the Saints. After the General Board has been served, the Jurisdictional Bishops will follow and be served at the main altar by the members of the General Board. The Bishops of the stations immediately after receiving the Lord’s Supper will move toward their stations and serve their table. Phase One as described above will then be enacted.

❖ The Closing Hymn and Levitical Benediction

““And they sang a hymn and went out...”

Let The Church Say - AMEN

❖ The Recessional

**IN OBSERVANCE OF THE RECESSIONAL, PLEASE REMAIN AT YOUR SEAT UNTIL THE
PRESIDING BISHOP, THE GENERAL BOARD AND THE BOARD OF BISHOPS
HAVE RECESSED**

THANK YOU.



Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

E A D A E

1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus as sol - diers of the cross;
 2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, the trum - pet call o - bey;
 3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, stand in his strength a - lone;
 4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, the fight will not be long

A D A E7 A

lift high his roy - al ban - ner, it must not suf - fer loss.
 then join the might - y con - flict in this, his glo - rious day.
 the arm of flesh will fail you, you dare not trust your own.
 this day the noise of bat - tle, the next the vic - tor's song.

E A D Bm A/E E

From vic - tory un - to vic - tory his ar - my shall he lead,
 Be strong in faith and serve him a - gainst un - num - bered foes;
 Put on the gos - pel ar - mor, each piece put on with prayer;
 To ev - ery one who con - quers, a crown of life shall be;

A D A E7 A

till ev - ery foe is van - quished and Christ is Lord in - deed.
 let cour - age rise with dan - ger, and all God's foes op - pose.
 where du - ty calls, or dan - ger, be nev - er fail - ing there.
 we with the King of glo - ry shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

“These are the men whom the Lord delighteth to honor”



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Bishop Designate Elton Amos

Prelate, Puerto Rico Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Japhet Oludare Balogun

Prelate, First Nigeria Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, Kogi State

Bishop Designate Joseph Augustus Francis Chase, Jr.

Prelate, Jamaica Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Lorenzo Lee

Prelate, Gambia Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Daniel Littleton

Prelate, Mississippi Southern First Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Epang Matolweni

Prelate, South Africa Jurisdiction – Free State Region

Bishop Designate Chifundo Mwanandi

Prelate, Malawi Second Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Samuel Babajide Omowole

Prelate, Lagos Solution Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate James W. Proctor

Prelate, Louisiana First Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Ronald Sabawo

Prelate, Malawi First Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Francis B. Stuart, Sr.

Prelate, Liberia Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate John Henry Umoh

Prelate, New Life Uyo Jurisdiction

2017 Auxiliary Bishop Designates

Bishop Designate Ernest Bernard Alexander

Auxiliary Bishop, Eastern New York Second Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Destrý Coventry Bell, Sr.

Auxiliary Bishop

Bishop Designate Donald Calvin Bronson

Auxiliary Bishop, Nevada Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Dexter Lee Coleman, Sr.

Auxiliary Bishop, Texas Northwest Third Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Steve Collins, Sr.

Auxiliary Bishop, Northwest Florida Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Leon Davis, Sr.

Auxiliary Bishop, Wisconsin First Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Charles Dowdell, Jr.

Auxiliary Bishop, Indiana North Central Fourth Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate James Louis Felton

Auxiliary Bishop, Pennsylvania Koinonia Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Walter Gene Fleming

Auxiliary Bishop, North Central Georgia Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Guy Glimp

Auxiliary Bishop, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Charles Henry Milton

Mason Gordon

Auxiliary Bishop, Louisiana East First Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Andrew Jackson, Sr.

Auxiliary Bishop, Tennessee Fourth Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Lucius Jones

Auxiliary Bishop, California Metropolitan Jurisdiction

2017 Auxiliary Bishop Designates

(Continued)

Bishop Designate James Edward Jordon, Jr.

Auxiliary Bishop, Greater Maryland First Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Jesse James Lipford

Auxiliary Bishop, Tennessee Fifth Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Clinton Love

Auxiliary Bishop, New Jersey First Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Johnny Lee McCaleb, Jr.

Auxiliary Bishop, Southern California Second Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate William Elijah McMillan, Jr.

Auxiliary Bishop, Greater Maryland First Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Dennis Jamie McMurray

Auxiliary Bishop, Western Michigan Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Tommie A. Murphy

Auxiliary Bishop, Greater North Carolina Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Larry Perkins

Auxiliary Bishop

Bishop Designate Carl Anthony Pierce

Auxiliary Bishop, Greater Maryland First Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Clarence L. Sexton, Jr.

Auxiliary Bishop, Eastern New York Fourth Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Geoffrey Stirrup

Auxiliary Bishop, Texas Southwest Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Talbert W. Swan, I

Auxiliary Bishop, Nova Scotia Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Marc Anthony Thomas, Sr.

Auxiliary Bishop, Virginia First Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Willie B. Toone

Auxiliary Bishop, Michigan Southwest Second Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Thomas Leon Walker

Auxiliary Bishop, Texas Northeast Fourth Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Nelson Watts, Jr.

Auxiliary Bishop, Eastern Missouri/Western Illinois Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Walter C. Willie, Jr.

Auxiliary Bishop, New York Eastern Third Jurisdiction

2017 Episcopal Assignments

Bishop Troy Michael Carr

Prelate, South Dakota Jurisdiction

Bishop Nathaniel Andrew Ellis

Prelate, Missouri Southeast Third Jurisdiction

Bishop Harrison Hale

Prelate, New York Fifth Jurisdiction

Bishop Ahmed Marc Screven

Prelate, St. Thomas Virgin Islands Jurisdiction

Bishop Roger Thomas

Prelate, California Southern Third Jurisdiction

Bishop Paul Watson

Prelate, Germany Jurisdiction

Bishop Frank Anthoné White

Prelate, New York Eastern Third Jurisdiction

Bishop Patrick Lane Wooden, Sr.

Prelate, North Carolina Third Jurisdiction

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2017 Jurisdictional Bishop Designates



Bishop Designate
Elton Amos
Prelate, Puerto Rico
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Bishop Elton (Jerry) Amos, MD, was born in the delta of Mississippi, and at 3 years old migrated with his family to Fort Wayne, Indiana. There, he was raised in a loving Christian home, guided by a praying missionary-mother and the Church of God in Christ. Even as a child, he proved himself a leader rising to the level of Junior Pastor under Bishop J.T. DuPree. As a devout young man, fluent in German and Spanish, Bishop Amos prayed for vocational direction. At 24 years old he entered into medical school at Indiana University and graduated in 1984. Dr. Amos started his private practice in Family Medicine in 1987.

Called to preach in 1981, and Dr. Amos was ordained by Bishop William O. Blakely, Sr. in 1986. In 1990 he founded and continues to pastor the Old Landmark COGIC, whose ministries include, The VICTORS House for Men, Families In Grief (FIG), Warsaw Indiana COGIC Outreach* and the New Seasons Fellowship COGIC of Indianapolis. Bishop Amos has served the Church of God in Christ as a District Superintendent for 23 years, and Administrative Assistant for 11 years; he has been empaneled on many national committees, including AIM, Leadership Conference, Constitution Convention, General Council of Pastors and Elders, and Men's Department. He is a prolific and anointed gospel preacher. Notably, he was selected a COGIC contributing editor to Zondervan's African-American Devotional Bible. His leadership in Haiti and in Puerto Rico continues to leave a large footprint of accomplishment to the glory of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Bishop Elton Amos, MD was married in 1979 to Missionary Edna E. Hall Amos; they have 3 sons (one foster son), one daughter, two daughters-in-law, 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



Bishop Designate
Joseph Augustus Francis Chase, Jr.
Prelate, Jamaica
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

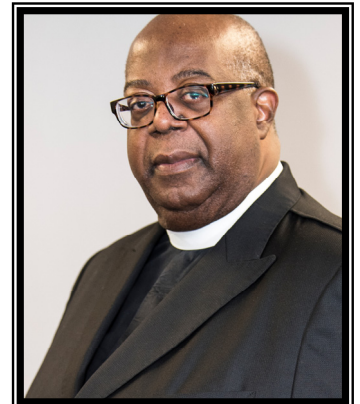
Bishop Designate Joseph Chase is a native of Washington, D.C. and the only child of the late Joseph A. Chase, Sr. and Elva Mae Chase. His education began at St. Joseph' Military Academy in Delaware and he graduated from Virginia Union University, and Smith Bible College. Bishop Designate Chase received a Master's in Ministry from Richmond Virginia Seminary and a Doctorate Degree in Theology from Norfolk Seminary. Always a lifelong learner therefore, he is currently pursuing a Doctorate Degree in Ministry from Virginia University of Lynchburg. Licensed to ministry by Second New Saint Paul Baptist Church. He retired after 20 years of military service in the United States Navy. Through various ministry opportunities, college experience, and seminary education he has been able to clarify the focus of his calling. Bishop Designate Chase is convinced that God has given him the desire and gifts to serve Him through discipleship ministries. He is committed to help others experience His love, by nurturing their spiritual development, enabling them to discover their spiritual gifts, and equipping them for effective ministry. He is indeed serious about his commitment he admits that, "Every time I turn around, God is blessing me!" which is evident through his anointing and Christian journey of spreading the gospel and turning the world upside down. His ministry is best known for its powerful deliverance. Bishop Designate Chase is married to his lovely wife, Katrina and they have two sons, Joseph, III and Justin.

***Bishop Designate
Lorenzo Lee
Prelate, Gambia
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction***



Dr. Lorenzo Lee received an Associate Degree in Business and Tourism, A Bachelor's Degree in Biblical Studies, A Master's Degree in Ministry and a Doctor of Ministry Degree in Christian Counseling. Dr. Lee was the first African American owner of a travel company in Ft. Lauderdale Florida from 1982-1994. He was a columnist for travel and leisure for the Westside Gazette newspaper in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 1983-1988. A counselor to the inmates at Florida Rehabilitation Services for 7 years. He has lectured extensively in the field of natural health and wellness, with special emphasis on HIV/AIDS Initiatives and responsible fathers throughout the southeastern United States. Dr. Lee is the Pastor and CEO of Swap and Share Ministries for over 21 years, and recently the C.O.G.I.C. multi-purpose center in West Africa. Additionally, he served as a Regional Director of the International Department of Missions C.O.G.I.C-Region 2 which covered Florida, Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia and Kentucky. Currently, he is the International Director for the Sene-Gambia region and the president of Florida Eastern Mission Department. He has also collaborated with several non-profit organizations to assist the citizens of Kenya, Ghana, Nigeria and South Africa. Dr. Lee has traveled throughout parts of the world studying the behavioral and cultural differences between the diverse nationalities. He has visited China, Japan, Mexico, Africa, Europe, Canada, South America, Haiti, Jamaica and other parts of the Caribbean. Dr. Lee has been focusing on the following countries in South America: Chile, where he met with C.O.G.I.C. Bishop Segura (now deceased) and his administrative staff to assess the needs for that region as well as Brazil, meeting with Superintendent Francisco discussing the needs for the youth in Brazil. Dr. Lee always brings goodwill gifts to the leadership of the above countries along with funding for their local programs whether it is soup kitchens, child development, and women empower or training material for health and wellness. Dr. Lee recently authored his first book titled "If Known What I Know Now".

***Bishop Designate
Daniel Littleton
Prelate, Mississippi Southern First
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction***



A servant of the Most High God, Superintendent Daniel Littleton is a humble man committed to the great commission of Jesus Christ to spread the Good News of the Gospel. He is passionate about winning souls for the Kingdom and dedicated to sharing God's love with all mankind. Superintendent Littlejohn is Pastor of Greater Deliverance COGIC, a progressive ministry serving communities in two locations, Forest and Bryan, Mississippi. A visionary leader, faith builder and spiritual motivator, he has labored in the Gospel more than 20 years. During this time, he has pastored four congregations, rebuilt two churches and birth dozens of sons and daughters in the gospel.

As a humanitarian, he founded GDC Community Outreach, Inc. to meet the social and physical needs of the community, and supports several charities, including COGIC Ministries, the Mississippi Food Network and the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews. A native of Jackson, Mississippi, Superintendent Littlejohn is a graduate of Lanier High School and Phillips College. He also attended Jackson State University, where he studied Business Administration. He has earned numerous certificates in Information Technology Management, and served 29 years in the Information Technology department of the Jackson Public School District (JPD). In 2010, he retired as a JPD ERATE Administrator and devoted his life full-time to ministry. Superintendent Littlejohn is married to Wanda Littlejohn. They have two daughters, two sons-in-law and six grandchildren.



Bishop Designate
Chifundo Mwanandi
Prelate, Malawi Second
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Born in a small village in Mulanje Southern part of Malawi on 17th January, 1979, Chifundo Mwanandi began his journey through life. Chifundo was the youngest son and fifth born in the family of seven of an animal farmer Alick and Lesley Mwanandi.

After leaving home at the age of 20 I decided to move to the closest city Blantyre. I went to Blantyre where I ventured into business for 1 year. I enjoyed my business where I was earning to get college education. I enrolled at the University of Malawi (The Polytechnic). From there I realized that I loved the word of God. Soon I made a decision that I am

going to study Theology. I moved from university of Malawi and enrolled at Landmark Baptist Mission Seminary where I graduated. I was born a Presbyterian but after I graduated I decided to open up my own ministry New Vision Pentecost since I was passionate in Pentecostal churches. I was ordained as a Pastor after graduating from Landmark Baptist mission. In 2001 I joined Church of God in Christ COGIC where I was ordained as Pastor in 2004 by Bishop Fredrick Kelly. I have served as a pastor up to 2007 where they ordained me as Regional Superintendent.

In 2017 I have been selected as a Designate Episcopal Bishop. I am married to my beautiful wife with 4 children 1 boy and 3 girls.

OCCUPATION

At the age of 21 I found my true calling in life I have always wanted to be a pastor. My whole life I felt a strong connection with different attributes of people.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

One of my proudest accomplishment was building my own church. Further accomplishments were setting up branches in several areas in the southern region of Malawi.



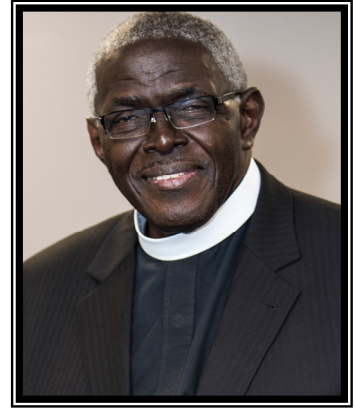
Bishop Designate
Epang Matolweni
Prelate, South Africa—Free State Region
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Bishop-Designate **Epang Kenneth Matolweni** was born in Barkley West in the Northern Cape Province, South Africa and is the Senior Pastor of the **Faith Temple Church of God In Christ Inc**, in Kimberley South Africa. He has been serving as the Pastor of this church since 2006, and was appointed Superintendent in 2009. He is married to Mrs. Keabetswe Matolweni and they are blessed with four children (2 girls and 2 boys) who are still in their teens. He started in the ministry as a Deacon in 1985 in the Church of God In Christ,

He was employed in as a manager of various non-governmental organisations that specializes in community development and capacity building programmes. In 1995 he was elevated to the position of Provincial Chairperson of the non-government organisation (NGO) Coalition in the Northern Cape, a position that he relinquished in December 2000 when he was elected as the Mayor of the Dikgatlong Local Municipality (Barkley West) and served in this position from December 2000 – March 2006.

At the beginning of 2007 he started to work as Manager for Publicity (Spokesperson) for the Office of the Speaker at the Northern Cape Provincial Legislature in Kimberley. He is currently employed as the Chief of Staff in the Office of the Speaker, but his main priority is the growth of the Church in the Jurisdiction.

Bishop Designate
James W. Proctor
Prelate, Louisiana First
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

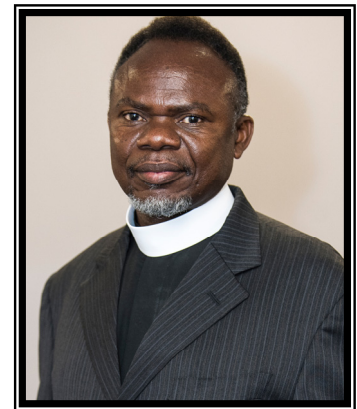


James Wilbert Proctor is the fourth of six siblings born to the late Deacon Simon and Mother Gertrude Proctor in Lake Charles, Louisiana where he was reared. He attended public schools in the Lake Charles City School System and, upon graduation from Boston High School, he matriculated to McNeese State University where he received the Bachelor of Arts Degree and later a Masters of Education Degree. He also received a Master Degree in theological studies at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and did further studies at seven other universities and seminaries. The Doctor of Ministry Degree was received from Trinity Bible College and Seminary. He met and married Dr. Ezora J. Proctor, to whom he has been married for forty-five years, and they are the proud parents of two children, the late Marcus Jacques and Trina Renee, who have brought them great happiness and joy. Their two grandchildren, Taj Jacques and Trevyn Cole, are the highlights of their lives. Dr. Proctor has worked in education in Acadia Parish for more than 38 years. He has been a teacher, counselor, assistant principal, principal, and now serves on the Acadia Parish School Board. Prior to coming to Acadia Parish to teach, Proctor served two years in the U. S. Army during the Vietnam Crisis. Following is a summary of a few of Proctor's accomplishments as an educator, pastor, and public servant:

- ▶ He has served 41 years as Pastor of the First Church of God in Christ in Jeanerette, LA; Jurisdictional Sunday School Superintendent for the First Jurisdiction of Louisiana; Chairman, of the Executive Committee of the International Sunday School Department; Chairman of the Curriculum Committee for the National Leadership Conference; appointed to the National Board of Christian Education by Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake; and is presently the Superintendent of the Franklin District in the First Jurisdiction of Louisiana.
- ▶ He has contributed articles on Pastoral Counseling to the Whole Truth Magazine; co-edited with Bishop Roy L. H. Winbush "A Guide for Personal Workers," an Evangelism Handbook published for the use of the Lafayette District; and served as a Spiritual Advisor to inmates at Angola State Penitentiary.
- ▶ He is a member of the Rotary Club of Crowley, and a Paul Harris Fellow.

Rev. Proctor honors and awards are numerous, just to mention a few: Southwest Louisiana Voice Newspaper Exemplary Educator Award, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Faithful Public Servant Award, National Association of University Women Distinguished Service Award, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Distinguished Community and Religious Service Award, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Teche Area Pastor of the Year Award, Black Heritage Association Martin Luther King, Jr. Acadiana Area Outstanding Pastor Award, National Association of University Women Hall of Fame Inductee, and First Jurisdiction of Louisiana Church of God in Christ Bishop's Service Award. In addition, Rev. Proctor received the Southwest Educational Laboratories in Austin Texas "Country Star Award" for developing a Positive Influence Program for youth at Rayne High School. Finally, under his administration as principal, Rayne High School received the U. S. Department of Education National Safe and Drug-Free School Recognition Award (comparable to the Blue Ribbon Award) for work with Youth at Rayne High School to Combat Drug Use and violence in the Community (Proctor received this award in a Rose Garden Ceremony from U. S. Secretary of Education Richard Riley and President Bill Clinton).

Bishop Designate
Ronald Sabawo
Prelate, Malawi First
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction



Supt. Ronald Batison Sabawo was born in January 1st, 1964, the third child of five in the rural area of Mwanambo called Chatsalira in Nkhotakota District.

Went to high school in 1984 and graduated in 1988.

Worked with different companies but spent much of my time with the company that supplies electricity in Malawi called Electricity Supply Commission of Malawi (ESCOM) for 18 years as a meter fixer.

Supt. Ronald Batison got married in November 18th, 1990 to Lady Ziona Yotamu Sabawo, the Lord has blessed us with seven children (one daughter and six boys).

Have been in marriage with my loving and caring Wife Ziona for 27 years and I have never changed a wife.

In 1995 received a call to serve the Lord and worked with Bishop Frederick Kelley by then He ordained me in 1997, and he appointed me as District Supt.. In 2007 Presiding Bishop Blake encouraged me and prayed for me and other leaders present.

In July, 2008 our former great leader who was the International President of Missions Bishop Carlis Moody came to Malawi with Bishop Colby Bush a month later I received an appointment letter from Bishop Moody that Presiding Bishop Blake and the General board directed him to appoint me as a director of Missions in Malawi.

Harvest Life Missions was established as a ministry and started planting COGIC Churches in different parts of Malawi and I planted over 60 Churches and as of now am overseeing 80 Churches that have been planted in the North, Central and some parts of Eastern Region of Malawi.

I have also built two schools in the remotest areas of Chipezayani and Nankumba whereby children were growing to the age 8-12 without going to school because the government schools are very far. And with my initiative now the children are able to write, read and speak English.

There are 230 children at Chipezayani School and 110 children at Nankumba. I do feed these children every month.

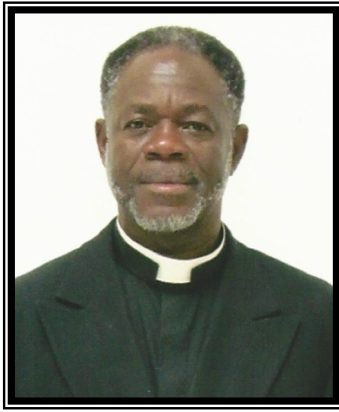
In 2013 youth on a mission had worked with me in two weeks and they saw the actual work on the ground.

I have also assisted women ministry with sewing machine especially to the widows so that they can have a small scale business for them to be self supportive.

In 2016-2017 Supt. – also decided to go to Hope College for a Diploma course and studied different subject like:

Understanding the Bible, Character of Godly Leader, Practical aspects of Pastoral Ministry, Administration and Stewardship, Evangelism and Church Planting, Marriage and Family, Prayer, Fasting and Intercession, Leading the Church Into Maturity

I obtained the following certificates: Essentials of Pastoral Ministry Studies, Fundamentals of Christian Leadership studies



***Bishop Designate
Francis B. Stuart, Sr.
Prelate, Liberia
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction***

Lead Pastor of Christ the King Ministries Church of God in Christ with 32 years of experience in congregational and evangelistic and pastoral leadership. Called by God to lead His people to the fold through community outreach, missionary work throughout Liberia and counseling. Knowledgeable in Church plant, discipleship, shepherd leadership, mentoring, Church building, and Christian education.

Core Qualification

Administrative Assistant, Liberia Jurisdiction, West Africa
Regional Superintendent, North Western region
District Superintendent
Member of the Executive Board, Liberia Jurisdiction
Director of evangelistic outreach, World Harvest, Church of God in Christ

President, Mission Department, 5th Illinois Jurisdiction East, Church of God in Christ
President PTA Danielle, Republic of the Ivory Coast
Principal, Bethesda Christian Mission school

Professional Experience

Senior, Christ the King Ministries, Church of God in Christ Inc.
Lead the Church to understand God's calling and the vision He has given for their lives accept it, and work together to accomplish the vision gave for the hour and season.
Appoint God's anointed leadership team s to help fulfill the vision God gave us.

Lead community outreach to win the lost for Christ through the power of the Holy Ghost, provide counseling services, and perform wedding, baptism, and funeral services.
Provide nurturing program to equip the body of Christ for effective and meaningful Christian ministry.

Proprietor, Vera A. Stephen Memorial Academy

Supervise staff and student body
Oversee HR department in managing and hiring staff
Make sure the buildings are maintained and have good appearance
Assist in student funding for families unable to send their children to school.

Education

Master of Arts in Biblical Studies 2003
Moody Bible Institute, Chicago IL.60610
Bachelor Arts in Theology-Liberia Baptist Seminary 1981, Monrovia, Liberia
Bachelor of Religious Education Liberia Baptist Seminary 1999

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***Bishop Designate
Japhet Oludare Balogun
Prelate, Nigeria First
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction***

***Bishop Designate
Samuel Babajide Omowole
Prelate, Lagos Solution
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction***

***Bishop Designate
John Henry Umoh
Prelate, New Life Uyo
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction***



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2017 Auxiliary Bishop Designates



Bishop Designate
Ernest Bernard Alexander
Auxiliary Bishop, Eastern New York Second
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

E. Bernard Alexander was born August 19, 1944, in Brooklyn, NY. Saved and filled with the Holy Ghost in 1962 under the leadership of Bishop Frederick Douglas Washington. It was Bishop Washington and his wife Madam Earnestine Washington who helped his mother Gertrude, and tutored him in the way of holiness. He is a United States Marine Corps veteran, 1963 to 1969; served a tour of duty in Vietnam, from 1965 to 1966, also serving in the US Army Reserves, 1973 to 1983. With a total of sixteen years of military service. He obtained the rank of Sergeant First Class. Pastor Alexander is a twenty (20) year retired veteran of the New York City Police Department.

Pastor Bernard loves to sing and direct choirs. He directed all of the choirs at Washington Temple Church Of God In Christ for many years; the Eastern New York Jurisdictional Choir, and the Church Of God In Christ National Choir. Bernard accepted his calling to the ministry in 1978. He was ordained an Elder in the Church of God in Christ in 1980, by Bishop O.M. Kelly; while a member of the Washington Temple Church of God in Christ, in Brooklyn, pastored by the late Bishop Frederick D. Washington.

Bernard was installed as pastor of the First Church of God in Christ, Staten Island, NY, in May 1984. He served until 2017 as the Chairman of Business and Finance of the Second Jurisdiction Eastern New York. And now serves as Jurisdictional Treasure under Bishop Rothel Highsmith. Elder Bernard was the Sergeant At Arms for the General Assembly, Church of God in Christ, for thirty three (33) years. Pastor Alexander married Missionary Phyllis A. Alexander in 1968 for now forty-nine years in July 2017, of which three sons were born. Finally, Elder Alexander is a lover of the Word of God, music and the young and the old. In general, he is a caring Servant, Watchman and Pastor, in the service of God.

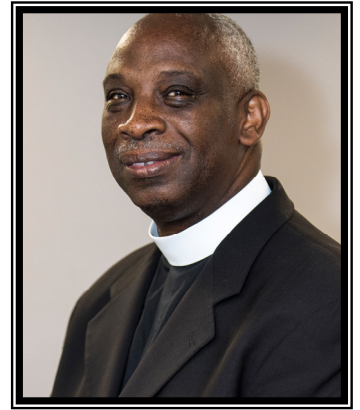


Bishop Designate
Destry Coventry Bell, Sr.
Auxiliary Bishop

Bishop Designate Destry C. Bell, Sr. was born August 3, 1964 to David Gene and Connie Fay Bell. He is a native of Texas. He accepted Christ in his life at the young age of 16. His extraordinary and vivacious wife, Evangelist Reatha Simmons Bell of nearly 34 years, compliments Bishop Designate Bell at home and in the ministry. They are the proud parents of two talented children, a daughter, Shereatha and a son Destry, Jr., who serve earnestly in multiple ministry capacities within the Christ Temple Church dynamics. Bishop Designate Bell has been a gospel minister for over 35 years. He answered the call to the ministry at the age of 17 under the leadership and tutelage of Bishop A. C. Nelson, Jr. Because he took the call upon his life serious, he adhered to the scripture II Timothy 2:15, "*Study to shew thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*" He pursued his education and attended Bible College. Upon completion, he received his A.A., B. A. in Theology, Master Degree in Christian Counseling and a Doctorate Degree in Theology. Bishop Designate Bell has been pastoring for more than 26 years. Currently, he is the Pastor and founder of Christ Temple of Deliverance, Church of God in Christ.

The life of Bishop Designate Bell exemplifies the power of prayer, faith and obedience. Bishop Designate Bell's number one priority is saving souls for Jesus Christ and spiritually nurturing those who have given their life to Jesus. Bishop Designate Bell has the ability to encourage and bring out the best in others. He proclaims the triumphant faith with messages that are relevant for modern experience. To this end, his ministry is uniquely designed to be a contemporary conduit for biblical training, spiritual growth, and personal development.

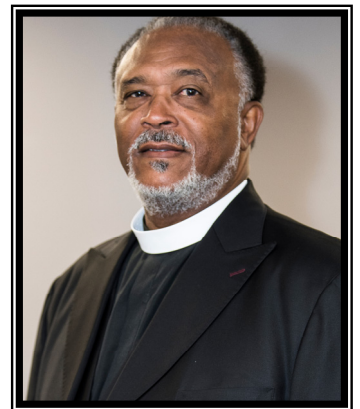
Bishop Designate
Donald Calvin Bronson
Auxiliary Bishop, Nevada
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction



A native of Jacksonville, Florida, born on December 23, 1952, Donald C. Bronson entered the armed services as a member of the U.S. Air Force and retired as a Master Sergeant with over 20 years of service. In December 1977 while serving in West Germany, he was saved and filled with the Holy Ghost and was subsequently called to the ministry in 1981. Upon retirement in 1995, he faithfully served on staff at Pentecostal Temple Church on God in Christ before founding the City of Refuge Church of God in Christ in 1997. Administrative Assistant Bronson has a message for the people of God and the lost of this hour. He ministers according to the instructions of the Lord who charged him to simply preach about life. He is an anointed minister of the gospel that preaches with all his heart and soul. He is highly dependable and personable among men everywhere. He is trustworthy, hard-working, and dedicated to the upbuilding of ministry and the Kingdom of God. He is a devoted husband to Evangelist Janet E. Bronson and the father of four wonderful children and five grandchildren, who serve faithfully by his side at the City of Refuge.

A man of integrity and foresight, he has ministered in many foreign countries and extensively in the United States. He served as the president of the Evangelism Department for the Nevada State Jurisdiction of the Church of God in Christ for fourteen years, as co-chair of the Auxiliaries In Ministry (AIM) for five years, and the Gateway District fellowship coordinator for three years. In 2011, he was elevated to Superintendent of the Gateway District, and in 2013 he was promoted yet again to the role of First Administrative Assistant of the Nevada First Jurisdiction under the leadership of Prelate Bishop Leon Smith. Civically, Pastor Bronson has served on the board of the Community Development Advisory Committee where recommendations are made to award millions of federal and state dollars to non-profit organizations. He is a current partner with Iron Sharpens Iron community outreach organization that targets at risk youth in the greater Las Vegas metropolitan area.

Bishop Designate
Dexter Lee Coleman, Sr.
Auxiliary Bishop, Texas Northwest Third
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction



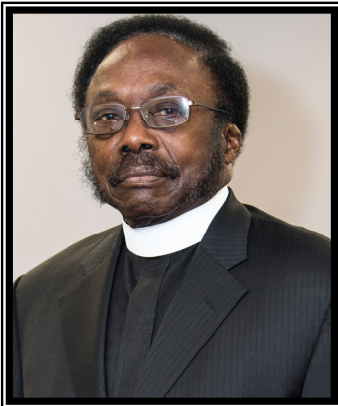
Pastor Dexter Coleman, Sr. is a native of Dallas, TX. He attended the Assemblies of God University and graduated from Southern Bible Institute. Called by God, he began to serve as pastor of the Bethel Church of God in Christ in 1980, which was incorporated in 1985 as Kingdom Harvest Church of God in Christ where he faithfully serves as Senior Pastor. Through his dedication to the work of the Lord, he has for years served in the capacity of District Superintendent, chairman of the Greater Oak Cliff Fellowship, and as State Executive Secretary of the Texas Northeast Third Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, now under the tutelage of Bishop Nelson Gatlin.

Pastor Dexter Coleman is a Holy Ghost filled preacher with a passion for souls to be saved. He is a New Testament preacher with a Pentecostal flavor, a chosen vessel of the Lord who leads by precept and example. As a spiritual leader in this grace dispensation, Supt. Coleman proclaims that we are saved by grace and not of works, lest any man should boast. He displays leadership qualities which entail strength, perseverance, and a sincere desire for every sinner to be delivered. He takes to heart the scripture in 1 Peter 4:7, "God is not slack as some count slackness, but is longsuffering, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance". He leads with boldness and ministers with compassion. His character exemplifies genuine humility while his personality is one of personal pride in the ministry of God. His dedication to the work of the Lord assists in making him the well-respected leader that he is. He is a loving husband to the illustrious Lady Paula Coleman and the father of three handsome men, Dexter Coleman Jr., Darius Coleman and the late Justin LePaul Coleman.



***Bishop Designate
Steve Collins, Sr.
Auxiliary Bishop, Northwest Florida
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction***

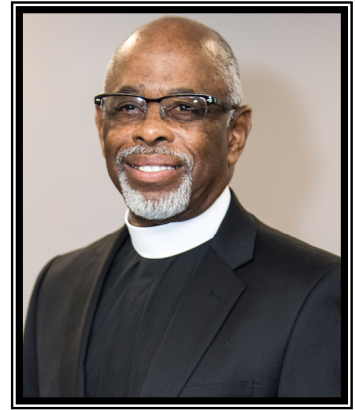
Auxiliary Bishop Designate Collins was born on August 28, 1955 in Quincy, FL, to Gad and Lizzie Mae Collins. He was the third child born out of 21 children. He was saved when he was a teenager and started preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ at age 14. His official message was May, 1970, thus he has been preaching for 47 years. He started working for the Lord as a member in a little church, Bethlehem Church of God in Christ, under the leadership of Superintendent R. L. McLeod, then elevated as deacon, minister, elder, youth pastor, and then pastor. He learned early how to serve and to respect leadership. With God's grace and favor, he continued to be elevated to various other positions within the Church of God in Christ such as District Evangelist, Assistant Superintendent, and Administrative Assistant. He is the founder of Refuge Tabernacle Church of God in Christ. It was established in 1987. He is also founder of Victory Tabernacle Church of God in Christ August, 2012. He is the Pastor of both churches. Also, he has been District Superintendent of the Lighthouse District for the past six years. He serves on the Board of Superintendents for the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Florida Northwest under the leadership of Bishop W. C. Green. He has been married 41 years to First Lady Gail Collins. They have been blessed with two sons, Steve Jr., and Danny Sr., and five grandchildren. Auxiliary Bishop Designate Collins has a genuine love for God and his people.



***Bishop Designate
Leon Davis, Sr.
Auxiliary Bishop, Wisconsin First
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction***

Bishop Designate Leon Davis was born in Utica, Mississippi on January 11, 1932 and comes from a family of 21. He received his education with the Mississippi Public School System. He later moved from the South and made Milwaukee, Wisconsin his home where he continues to live to this day. At the age of 22, he accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at Westside Church Of God In Christ under the leadership of Pastor Felix Lewis. In 1955, he married his lovely wife Bertha Davis and from their union had 15 children. In 1961 he joined Elite Church Of God In Christ under the leadership of Elder George Perry where he served as an assistant pastor for 14 years. In 1977, Bishop Designate Davis and his wife founded New Hope Church Of God In Christ with the loving support of their children. As his ministry flourished, God elevated him. He became one of the founding members of the Third Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Church of God in Christ under the leadership of Bishop J.C. Williams became Superintendent of True Vine District from 1978-2001, Administrative Assistant to Bishop Williams from 1989-2001 and State Treasurer of the Third Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction from 1978-2001. He later served as District Superintendent of the New Hope District Wisconsin First Jurisdiction under the leadership of Bishop Sedgwick Daniels from 2008-2010, he was appointed Superintendent Emeritus of Wisconsin First Jurisdiction and remains in that position to this day. Bishop Designate Davis along with his wife First Lady Bertha Davis believes in strong family values and truly has a love for God and a desire to follow His will. He is a loving father, grandfather, great-grandfather and great-great grandfather and still has enough love in his heart for his congregation and his community.

Bishop Designate
Charles Dowdell, Jr.
Auxiliary Bishop, Indiana North Central Fourth
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction



Administrative Assistant Charles Dowdell, Jr., is a son of the Church of God in Christ. Born in Gary, IN to the late Charles and Marie Dowdell, he was reared at Saint's Home Church of God in Christ under the late Bishop CE Bennett. He matriculated through the public schools of Gary, IN, graduating from Gary-Roosevelt High School in 1965. He briefly worked in the steel mills of Gary, IN before enlisting in the United States Army, serving for two years; seeing combat during the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged in 1970 and relocated to Syracuse, NY. He was licensed as a minister in 1979, ordained an elder in 1981 and promoted to pastorate of Hatchett Temple in 1982 by the late Bishop William O. Blakely. In 1999, Hatchett Temple was renamed Greater Powerhouse Church of God in Christ. In 2000, a palatial, state of the art edifice was erected. Presently, expansion plans are being drafted.

Administrative Assistant Dowdell has served in varying capacities in the Church. He served the First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Indiana under the late Bishop Milton L. Hall, Sr., as YPWW President from 2001 through 2006. In 2006, he was appointed as District Superintendent of the RO Hatchett Memorial District. In the same year, Bishop Donald L. Alford, Sr., established the Fourth Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Indiana-North Central. Bishop Alford appointed Administrative Assistant Dowdell to assume leadership of the district he oversaw, Fresh Oil District. Serving faithfully, Bishop Alford has promoted Superintendent Dowdell to Chairman of Finance and Administrative Assistant. Administrative Assistant Dowdell has served the Michigan City area as a business entrepreneur. Additionally, he served as an integral part of a non-profit devoted to improving the welfare of African-American men in the community. He served faithfully in the prison ministry in New York and Michigan City, IN. He is a family man; he and his wife Shirley have three children: JoAnn, Donald and Terona; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Administrative Assistant Dowdell is vigorously committed to seeing souls saved by preaching an uncompromising Gospel.

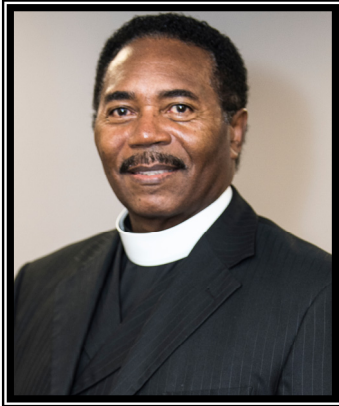
Bishop Designate
James Louis Felton
Auxiliary Bishop, Pennsylvania Koinonia
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction



Dr. James Louis Felton is married to the beautiful First Lady Priscilla E. Felton, who serves diligently as a ministry partner in the church, community and home. Dr. Felton is the Senior Pastor of the historic Mt. Airy Church of God in Christ, Philadelphia, PA, which celebrated 50 years in ministry, the golden jubilee - 1966-2016. The congregation was founded by Bishop Ernest C. Morris, Sr., who also serves as the presiding prelate of the Koinonia Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania. Through the anointed servant leadership of Dr. Felton in these 8 years, the Lord has seen fit to add over 2,000 souls to the kingdom.

The Mt. Airy outreach ministries include the word network weekly broadcast at 9:30 P.M. Pacific Time on Wednesdays; 11:30 P.M. Central Time; the live streaming of Sunday services and live radio broadcast of each Sunday morning worship service on station WNAP, FROM 11:00 A.M. - NOON. (1110 on the AM dial).

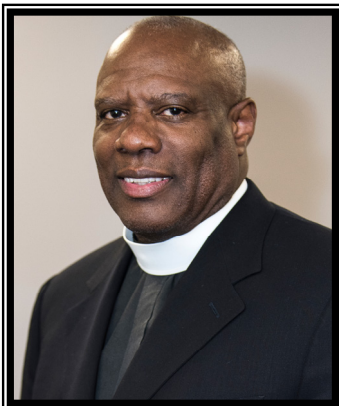
Pastor Felton is the elected Second Vice-President of the Black Clergy of Philadelphia and is the elected 1st Vice-President of the Philadelphia NAACP; Dr. Felton was the Noon Day Preacher at the Hampton University's Minister's Conference in June of 2013 and the Shaw University Minister's evening preacher in March of 2015. An alumnus of Western Michigan University, Dr. Felton attended McCormick Theological Seminary; Western Theological Seminary and Grand Rapids Theological Seminary. Dr. Felton received an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity from St. Thomas Christian College in Jacksonville, Florida in May 2004.



Bishop Designate
Walter Gene Fleming
Auxiliary Bishop, North Central Georgia
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Administrative Assistant Walter Fleming is the co-founder and pastor of Faith Temple Church of God in Christ located in Athens, Georgia. He is the Superintendent of the Northeast District and Administrative Assistant to Bishop Joseph Hogan of the North Central Georgia Jurisdiction. He is a fourth-generational son of the Church of God in Christ and the fourth son of Nora and Lela Fleming.

Administrative Assistant Fleming has been actively involved in ministry since an early age when he was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. When he moved to Athens, GA he was just a Junior Deacon looking for a church; unfortunately, there was not a Church of God in Christ in the area. He contacted Presiding Bishop J. O. Patterson, Sr. who directed him to contact General Board member, Bishop J. D. Husband. He traveled 70 miles to meet with Bishop Husband in Marietta, Georgia. Shortly afterwards, they established Faith Temple Church of God in Christ in Athens. Five years later the then Elder Fleming was appointed the pastor where he designed and constructed an 8,000sf edifice on 9 ½ acres of land, mortgage free. He has served as a Brother, Junior Deacon, Deacon, Minister, Elder, Superintendent, Administrative Assistant and now will serve as Auxiliary Bishop. After the demise of Bishop Chandler D. Owens, Bishop Sedgwick Daniels appointed Administrative Assistant Fleming as overseer of the Central Georgia Jurisdiction and its properties. He has served in this role the past six years. He has faithfully served under Bishop J. D. Husband, Bishop Chandler Owens, Bishop Sedgwick Daniels and Bishop Joseph Hogan. Administrative Assistant Fleming is married to District Missionary Janlynn Fleming. They have a son, Byron, a daughter, Schanea (Ronald) Kelly and two grand-daughters, Arielle and Kristin.

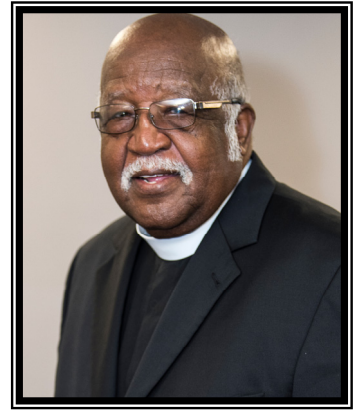


Bishop Designate
Guy Glimp
Auxiliary Bishop, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Glimp is a multi-talented leader and serves a multi-faceted ministry, the Sanctuary Church of God in Christ, located in the Mt. Airy section of Philadelphia. Ordained in 1992 by the late Bishop O.T. Jones Jr., Bishop Designate Glimp has served the Church of God in Christ in many areas. He is the 3rd Administrative Assistant to Bishop Ravenel of the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction. Bishop Designate Glimp also serves as the "Chief Financial Officer" of the Jurisdiction with responsibility for all banking and investing activities. In the National Church, Bishop Designate Glimp is the Dean of the National Adjutancy Corp., a member of the Quality Assurance Team, Budget Committee and most recently served as "Interim Controller" of the church reporting to the Presiding Bishop.

Bishop Designate Glimp holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from Shippensburg University and Stonier Graduate School of Banking. He has been conferred the Masters of Divinity (M.Div.) and the Masters of Sacred Theology (STM) degree from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. Bishop Designate Glimp is married to Lady Regina Hester-Glimp and they are the proud parents of three, Régine (now with the Lord), Cherelle and Jonathan.

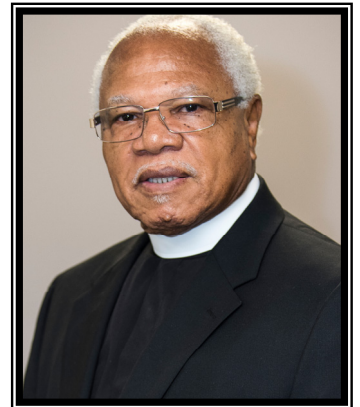
Bishop Designate
Charles Henry Milton Mason Gordon
Auxiliary Bishop, Louisiana East First
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction



Superintendent Charles Henry Gordon was reared in a godly home and blessed to be a part of a large family. He is the fourth child of seven children, five brothers and one sister. He graduated from Westside High School, Amite LA in 1957. More importantly, he received Christ and the baptism of the Holy Ghost at an early age. In 1965 Superintendent Gordon answered God's call to ministry. Three years later, under the auspices of his father, Bishop W. K. Gordon, Sr., he was appointed Assistant Junior Pastor of Richardson Chapel COGIC. He worked untiringly in the Youth Church believing that he could make a difference and aid in the restoration of the "Male Identity. This driving force led him to pursue a college education. He realized that a rich education would serve as a focal point in recapturing the youth of today. In 1975, he received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education, and began a teaching career in Tangipahoa Parish School System as a Math teacher. He used both his professional and spiritual abilities to affect the lives of his students, faculty, staff, and the community at large. In particular, Richardson Chapel Church grew by leaps and bounds filled with young people of both Southern University and the Scotlandville community. In 1980, Superintendent Gordon, following the directives of the Lord, was appointed pastor of Richardson Chapel. This appointment propelled him into a new walk with the Lord. As the years passed, his leadership capabilities distinguished him in the religious community as a devout and committed leader, serving the flock of God as well as his fellowman.

Superintendent Gordon, a man of high spiritual and moral standards is led of the Lord into the Gospel field for the express purpose of winning souls into the body of Christ, "*His Sole Business is Soul Business.*" The mission he has outlined for the church is "to Glorify God, to Edify the Saints, and to Evangelize the Lost." He is married to his *Sunshine Band* princess, Mrs. Wardine Mabry-Gordon. Their commitment to each other and to God has given him the motivation to excel in all of his endeavors. His wife's curvaceous and charming ways inspire him to reach for the stars. God has blessed them with four daughters, two sons-in-law and seven grandchildren.

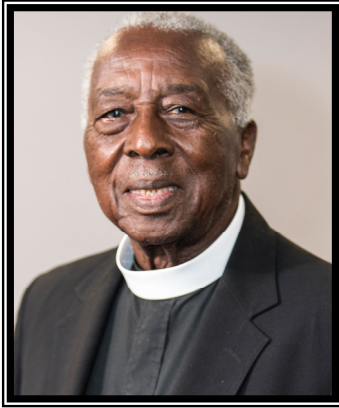
Bishop Designate
Andrew Jackson, Sr.
Auxiliary Bishop, Tennessee Fourth
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction



Andrew Jackson was born in Grady, Arkansas on February 10, 1936. He became a born again Christian in 1950. Andrew attended Grady Public School and graduated high school in 1953. Andrew attended Memphis State University from 1961-1968, Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary from 1983-1984, and received a Bachelor's and Masters of Theology Degree from Friends International Christian University in 1987 and 1988 respectively.

He founded and organized Faith Temple Ministries Church and Pastored this church for Forty-Seven years. During this season of the ministry, Pastor Jackson initiated in-depth training on outreach and witnessing. The church would hold street services and knock on doors throughout the surrounding communities and many were convicted and received Christ as well as joining the church. The church started a Homeless Ministry, Prison Ministry, Hospital Visitation Ministry, A Mission Ministry and many more.

In addition to pastoring for 47 years, he is the founder and Executive Producer of "Hope for Today" Outreach and Television Ministry. Pastor Jackson has served and is now serving on various boards and committees that include the following: Chairman of the Pastors and Elders Council of Tennessee Fourth Jurisdiction COGIC, Commissioner of The Jerry L. Maynard Training and Development Institute for Excellence in Ministry, Chairman of the local Chapter of Pentecostal Charismatic Churches of North America, a member of the Executive Board of Teen Challenge of Memphis, a volunteer with the Shelby County Sheriff's Department Crime Watch and a member of the Memphis Charitable Choice Council-nonprofit. He currently serves as Administrative Assistant to Bishop Jerry L. Maynard for Tennessee Fourth Jurisdiction, Church Of God In Christ. Pastor Andrew Jackson was married to the late Lady Lottie Jackson for Fifty-eight years; they have six children, eighteen grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. Pastor Jackson is currently married to Lady Shirley Jackson.

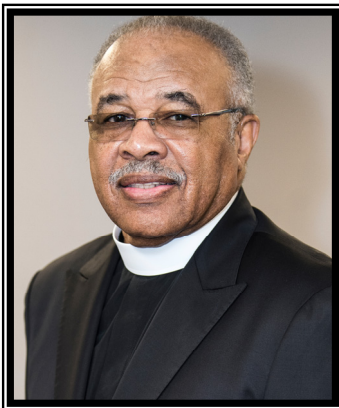


***Bishop Designate
Lucius Jones
Auxiliary Bishop, California Metropolitan
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction***

Lucius Anthony Jones was born October 27, 1932 on a farm in Vossburg, Mississippi to his parents, Dave and Azlene Carter Jones. Along with his four brothers and eight sisters, they were taught how to live their lives according to the Holy Scriptures. At the age of 20, he married his beautiful wife, Ruby Andrews. They moved to Los Angeles, California in 1955 where they joined Whole Truth Temple Church of God In Christ under the leadership of Pastor D. A. Morgan. In 1961 he was ordained an Elder and served faithfully in that ministry for 28 years. In 1983 they relocated to San Fernando Valley and joined Christ Memorial COGIC under the leadership of Bishop Benjamin J. Crouch. In 1990, Bishop Crouch officially appointed Pastor Lucius Jones Interim Pastor of Calvary COGIC, and in 2001, Pastor Jones was elevated to Superintendent by Bishop J. Bernard Hackworth.

Pastor Lucius Jones has a deep passion to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with others. He is a prayer warrior and his faith in God keeps him standing firm on God's Word. In 2008, he and his congregation picked up the torch to fulfill Bishop Crouch's vision to build a much needed community outreach center. The center was built to provide the necessary tools to strengthen families and to groom our children for a future with promise. This center is dedicated in memory of Bishop Benjamin J. Crouch.

Superintendent Lucius Jones boldly travels the road of life. Because of his commitment to Christ, he is a strong and mighty man. His goal is to fulfill whatever the Lord has him to do and he is motivated by Christ! Superintendent Lucius Jones often quotes, "be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." (Revelation 2:10). This is one of his favorite scriptures from the Holy Bible and he most certainly believes that God has a Crown of Life reserved for him in heaven. He and his wife Ruby have a son, Lucius Jr. and a daughter, Lisa.



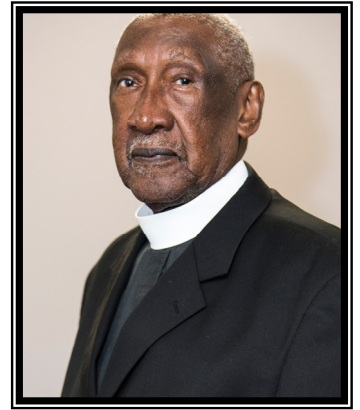
***Bishop Designate
James Edward Jordon, Jr.
Auxiliary Bishop, Greater Maryland First
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction***

Bishop Designee, Dr. James E. Jordan, Jr. has pastored the Refreshing Spring Church of God in Christ since September 1995. He currently serves as the Superintendent of the Gilbert Earl Patterson Memorial District, in the Greater Maryland First Jurisdiction COGIC. Formally, he served as the Superintendent of the A.D. Headen District in the Washington D.C. Jurisdiction, and as Pastor of the Holy Grace COGIC in Martinsburg, West Virginia. Bishop Designee Jordan is supported in the ministry by his devoted wife, *Mother Wilhelmenia Irene Joy Jordan*, affectionately known as the "Queen of the Spring".

They have forged a holy bond through prayer and parenthood and celebrate 52 years of blissful marriage. The mission of his ministry is to establish a desire in the hearts of men for the word of God as a foundation for personal salvation and discipleship. Dr. Jordan is a retired First Sergeant from the United States Army and is the recipient of two honorary Doctorates. Bishop Designee Jordan is committed to equipping the saints for the work of the ministry by focusing on the Whole Man – spirit, soul and body.

Bishop Designee Jordan's ministry vision is fulfilled through the development of satellite ministries serving congregations in Clinton, College Park and Owings Mills Maryland. Outreach ministries consist of a local food bank, partnering with government and independent agencies, as well as clothing, charter school and homeless ministries. Refreshing Spring also serves the community through the Refreshing Spring Bible Institute and summer youth camps. Refreshing Spring owns and operates the Refreshing Spring Professional Building. Under the tutelage of this visionary five churches have been launched and are thriving in ministry throughout the metropolitan area. Bishop Designee Jordan lives by Proverbs 3:5-6: "*Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths.*"

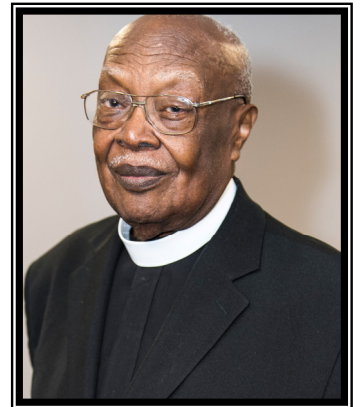
Bishop Designate
Jesse James Lipford
Auxiliary Bishop, Tennessee Fifth
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction



Jesse James Lipford, moved to Memphis, Tennessee in 1950. There he continued his education at Geeter High School, serving as president of his senior class and graduating as salutatorian. He furthered his education at Rust College in Holly Springs, Mississippi. The college experience was short lived, for he was drafted in November 1955 to serve his country as a member of the United States Army. In 1957 he received an honorable discharge. Knowing that there is no discharge in God's army, he attended Ware's Bible Institute and later attended Mason Bible College, graduating with a Master's Certificate in Religious Education. He is also a retiree of the United States Post Office.

At age twenty- seven he gave his life to the Lord. Three years later he accepted his call to preach God's word and received ordination as an Elder in 1967 from the late Bishop A. B. McEwen Sr. Since his ordination, Elder Lipford has served the church in various capacities. He has served as District YPWW President, State Chairman of Youth Department, and District Superintendent. He is currently serving as pastor of the Lakeview Community Temple Church of God in Christ. He's an Executive Board member of the African American Pastor's Consortium, and Administrative Assistant to the late Bishop Samuel L. Lowe and present Bishop Jerry Taylor of Tennessee Fifth Jurisdiction Church of God in Christ. On the national level he currently serves as Marshall of the General Assembly, a regional Chairman of the Pastor's and Elder's Council and a member of the Judiciary Board of the Pastor's and Elder's Council.

Bishop Designate
Clinton Love
Auxiliary Bishop, New Jersey First
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction



Clinton Love, Sr. was born on August 10, 1932 to William Love and Susie Buchanan Love. He was the fifth of eight children, one of seven boys, born to Deacon William Love and his wife who were first generation Church of God in Christ church members. Because of the influence of his parents and uncle, Clinton was saved at the age of sixteen and began his ministry in the church. He married Gloria Elizabeth Mobley and together they had nine children. As a young minister, he moved his growing family to New Jersey and began ministering as an associate in St. James Church of God in Christ, now known as Mason Memorial COGIC. He was ordained in August of 1961 and began his pastorate in the same year, in the city of Trenton, New Jersey, establishing the Ebenezer Church of God in Christ, where he still serves. Clinton Love, Sr. was promoted to the position of Superintendent of the Middlesex District in the New Jersey Jurisdiction under the leadership of Bishop Esau Courtney, on June 29, 1994, a position he still holds. He was chosen as the First Administrative Assistant to Bishop Martin Luther Johnson, the Prelate of the First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of New Jersey in August of 1999, a position he presently holds.

Superintendent Love supported his family and the church by holding several secular jobs. He worked for the Acme Rubber Company for seven years as a rubber stripper before forming his own company, which he kept for 10 years, the Clinton Love Janitorial Company. He retired in 1993 as custodian of St. Gregory Catholic school, a job he held for 25 years. He was mostly a self-educated man, attending the Upton Georgia Elementary School and the George Washington Carver High School in Douglas Georgia. He also attended the C.H. Mason Bible College specializing in Church History.



Bishop Designate
Johnny Lee McCaleb, Jr.
Auxiliary Bishop, Southern California Second
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Johnny Lee McCaleb Jr. was born in Bakersfield, CA. on February 11, 1962 to late Johnny Lee McCaleb Sr. and Geraldine Ginn McCaleb. He is fourth generation Church of God in Christ from his Magnolia, MS. Ross family heritage. In 1991 he was called to the ministry to preach the Gospel. In 1993, by the leading of the Lord and the late Supt. Freeman Richardson and Bishop W.S. Wilson, on the same day he was appointed elder and pastor of Shiloh COGIC in Pixley, CA. In 1995 he founded New Life COGIC in Bakersfield, CA. As a young man he pastored both churches at the same time. Under his leadership, both churches experienced extreme growth.

In 1997 he was commissioned by God to relocate to Atlanta, GA. There he joined Gospel Center COGIC under Bishop Richard “Mr. Clean” White then to Greater Community COGIC under the leadership the late Presiding Bishop Chandler David Owens. There he served as evangelist president. In 2007 Bishop Owens appointed him as pastor of New Beginnings COGIC, which showed tremendous growth. In 2009 his mother was stricken with cancer and felt it was his duty to return to California to take care of her. Pastor McCaleb is the proud pastor of New Beginnings COGIC, where many souls are continuously being saved, delivered, healed and set free. This ministry is growing by leaps and bounds. He is also the Supt. of New Life District. In 2015 Bishop McKinney appointed him Administrative Assistant, where he serves with vigor and tenacity. In 2015 Supt. McCaleb received his honorary doctorate degree in Theology and Divinity from Christian Education Theological Institute of North Charleston, SC. In August 2017 he was honored with another doctorate degree in Theology from Higher Dimension Institute at West Angeles COGIC.

He is married to the beautiful Evangelist Melanie M. McCaleb, better known as his “Dark & Lovely.” He is the proud father of 6 daughters, 2 sons and a host of grandchildren. He serves in the National Adjutancy for the past 10 years. He is a great servant to leadership and you can always hear him saying “I must sanctify my leaders in the eyes of the people.”



Bishop Designate
William Elijah McMillan, Jr.
Auxiliary Bishop, Greater Maryland First
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Superintendent William E. McMillan, Jr. is an anointed and gifted servant of the Lord who has been preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for over 37 years. His official pastoral ministry began in August 2007 when he founded the *Reboboth Ministries Church of God in Christ in Baltimore City*. *Reboboth Ministries Church of God in Christ* now stands as a beacon of hope within the Park Heights community of Baltimore, Maryland. Superintendent McMillan has consistently displayed the heart of a servant throughout the various leadership capacities he has held within the Church of God in Christ to include: former Chairman of the Pastors and Elders Council (Greater Maryland First Jurisdiction) and former Chairman of Jurisdictional Presidents for the International Youth Department (Church of God in Christ). Currently his roles and titles include: Administrative Assistant to Bishop Joel H. Lyles, Jr. (Greater Maryland First Jurisdiction); Overseer in the National Adjutancy (Church of God in Christ); and in 2013, Superintendent McMillan was appointed by Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake to the office of Commissioner of Security (Church of God in Christ).

In October 2015, Pastor McMillan was elevated to the role of Superintendent of The Honorable Arthur R. Shields Memorial District (Greater Maryland First Jurisdiction). While serving in this capacity, and at the request of its members, he assumed the role of Pastor of the Holy Trinity Church of God in Christ after the death of their founder and leader, Bishop Arthur Riley Shields. Professionally, Bishop-Designate McMillan is a retired Chief of Police for the Maryland State Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation Police Force. In addition, he serves as the Chaplain of Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #37 and is a member of several police associations that promote unity and safety within the community in which he serves.

As the father of three children, Kimberli Harkless, Julia McMillan, and William E. McMillian III, Pastor McMillan is a devout family man that serves faithfully with his loving wife Evangelist Hope McMillan at his side.

Bishop Designate
Dennis Jamie McMurray
Auxiliary Bishop, Western Michigan
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction



Dr. Dennis J. McMurray, Senior Pastor of the Renaissance Church of God in Christ, Grand Rapids Michigan, is a spiritual visionary who brings an array of theological, business, management, marketing and financial experience to Ministry. Dr. McMurray established Renaissance August 22, 1992, with his wife and their 3 young children. Now in its 25th year; membership is 700, the Ministry Campus consist of 15 acres of prime urban real estate, a 20,000-square foot Sanctuary, 7,000-square foot Chapel & Youth Center, and a 2000-square foot Administrative Office. In 1996 they established AWAKE Inc., a 501©3 Community Development Corporation that provides Housing, Education & Literacy, Food Bank, Mental Health Services, Senior Assistance, Family Programming, Credit Management, College Scholarships and Business Development Support.

Dr. McMurray is 3rd generation COGIC. He is currently an Administrative Assistant and Jurisdiction Secretary to Western Michigan Jurisdiction. He has served his life-long Pastor and General Board Member Bishop N.W. Wells, Jr. for over 40 years. In 2008, he was the Michigan Co-Chairman for the International AIM Convention, served as a member on the Constitutional Convention and is a member of the National Church Quality Assurance Committee. He has also ministered in Israel, Turkey, China and Korea. In 2014, he was conferred the Doctorate of Divinity by Christian Bible Institute & Seminary of Spring, Texas. He is a graduate of Grand Valley State - Seidman School of Business and Muskegon Community College. He is looked to for spiritual wisdom and leadership by varied organizations and entities in his Community, State and Nation. He is a Veteran of the United States Army Reserves. Dr. McMurray has been happily married to his college sweetheart, Dr. E. Jean Lackey-McMurray for 31 years. They have 3 adult children; Parris (Fallon & Bryce), ChaVon and Auston.

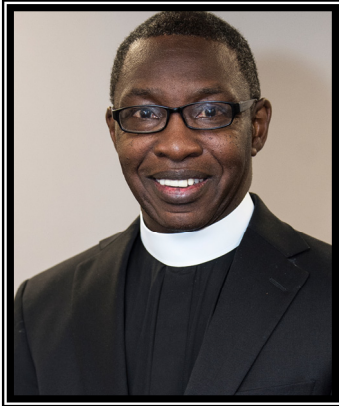
Bishop Designate
Tommie A. Murphy
Auxiliary Bishop, Greater North Carolina
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction



Superintendent Tommie Allen Murphy was born and reared in Spartanburg, South Carolina. He is the seventh of nine children born to Mr. James H. & Mrs. Mary A. Murphy. He was educated in the Public Schools of Asheville, NC. Superintendent Murphy was saved at the age of 18 and joined Garden of Prayer Church Of God In Christ under the leadership of Superintendent C.W. Johnson, Sr. It was there that he received the call to the Gospel Ministry at the age of 20.

Pastor Murphy serves as the Superintendent of the E.C. Cannon Memorial District and is the Second Administrative Assistant to Bishop LeRoy Jackson Woolard of the Greater NC First Jurisdiction. He also serves as Vice-Chairman and Comptroller for the International Council of Pastors and Elders for the Church Of God In Christ, Inc. under the leadership of Chairman Michael Eaddy; serves as a member of the Board of Directors for All Saints Bible College, headquartered in Memphis, Tennessee and serves as a member on General Assembly Sub-Committee for Remuneration for the Churches of God in Christ, Incorporated under the committee leadership of Dr. Frederick Jenkins.

Pastor Murphy is known for his uncompromising preaching and teaching messages which transcends all cultural as well as denominational barriers. Many souls have been saved, healed and delivered by Pastor Murphy's unique and insightful delivery of the word of God. He is full of wisdom and God has truly gifted him with the ability to teach and reach all people. He is an example to all who meet him of the love of God. His goal in life is to reach the lost and to equip and empower the saints for effective ministry. He presently resides in Charlotte, NC with his wife of over 33 years Lady Doris D. Murphy. They have two beautiful daughters, Trevira Nicole and Ericka Lenae Murphy.



***Bishop Designate
Larry Perkins
Auxiliary Bishop***

A proud product of the state of Florida, Bishop Designate, Larry E. Perkins, hails from the small town of Dade City FL, where he developed a love and sense of compassion for others. He is the devoted husband of Hattie and proud father to Brittany and Christopher.

In 1988, the late Bishop M. L. Sconiers appointed him to pastor the Mission Road Church of God in Christ in Oviedo. Since that time, with almost 30 years in ministry, a commitment to prayer, servanthood, growing the Kingdom of God, and his love for the scriptures; He has committed his life to touching and inspiring people. He speaks clearly with authority from the heart with a biblical perspective that changes lives to become what God has purposed for His people

In addition to Bishop Designate Perkins' work as pastor of Mission Road C.O.G.I.C., he faithfully served as Superintendent of the Orlando District and Second Administrative assistant to Bishop W. L. Matheney, Western Florida Jurisdiction COGIC.

Recently, Mission Road C.O.G.I.C. moved into its multimillion dollar, 24,000 square foot Family Life Center. This state of the art multipurpose facility houses, but is not limited to, a gymnasium, bookstore, computer center, fitness room, classrooms, executive offices, and soon to be arcade and recording studio.

Pastor, Shepherd, Teacher, Visionary and Spiritual leader are all adjectives to accurately describe Bishop Designate Perkins. His love for God and his church are the reasons Mission Road Church is growing. God has been and will continue to be the head of his life, and Mission Road Church will continue to reap the benefits of his wisdom.

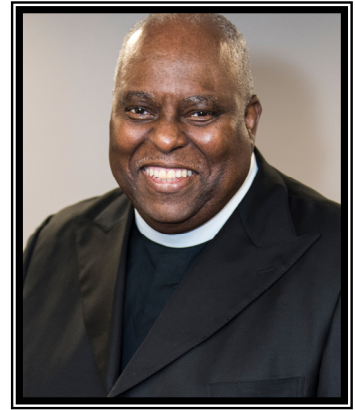


***Bishop Designate
Carl Anthony Pierce
Auxiliary Bishop, Greater Maryland First
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction***

Elder Carl A. Pierce, Sr., a Tyler Junior College and University of Houston graduate, formally entered the ministry in 1986; was ordained in 1989, and currently serves as Senior Pastor of Carter Memorial Church Of God In Christ in Baltimore, Maryland, where he has led the ministry of his local church to exceptional growth, expanding its territory and outreach to include ministry opportunities and participation in the Delaware Maryland Virginia metroplex.

Pastor Pierce's commitment and passion for ministry is obvious by his continual response and execution to the many ministerial assignments and responsibilities relegated to him. A dedicated servant of the Lord, he faithfully serves the Church jurisdictionally as an Administrative Assistant and AIM Chairman, while serving nationally as a member of the National Elections Commission; Elections Commissioner for the General Council of Pastors and Elders; Logistics Coordinator for the National Leadership Conference; Associate White House Liaison for the Church Of God In Christ, and as Vice Chairman of the International Auxiliaries In Ministry (AIM) Convention. In addition to his jurisdiction and national responsibilities, he serves the local civic community, and is an active participant in city and state governmental affairs. He is often called upon to participate in dialog with state and city leaders regarding the plight of city, state and national concerns. He shares his accomplishments, dreams and vision with his wife, Kandace, daughter, Tiffany, and son, Carl, II.

Bishop Designate
Clarence L. Sexton, Jr.
Auxiliary Bishop, Eastern New York Fourth
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction



Bishop Designate Clarence L. Sexton, Jr. is the son of the late Bishop Clarence L. Sexton, Sr. He was born and raised in Brooklyn New York in the Brownsville and Bedford-Stuyvesant areas.

The greatest thing that ever happened in his life was receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as savior at the tender age of 15. He served in many areas of the church under the tutelage of his father as part of his development for the season he is now experiencing.

He accepted his call to ministry in 1976 and was ordained as an Elder in 1985. He was assigned his first pastorage in 1987 at the Faith Temple, C.O.G.I.C. in Brooklyn, NY. In 1991, his assignment entailed merging New Mount Carmel C.O.G.I.C. with Faith Temple in 1991. He was appointed as Superintendent of the Brooklyn West District of Eastern New York, C.O.G.I.C.

He worked closely with his father until the Lord called him to rest in 2000. He was then appointed as the Pastor of Mt Sinai Cathedral to continue his father's ministry. In 2013, a group of churches both COGIC and non COGIC approached me and beseeched me to oversee them and after much prayer and leading of God, I formed the Mountain Fellowship and it thrived until it was dissolved to accept a greater God ordained assignment.

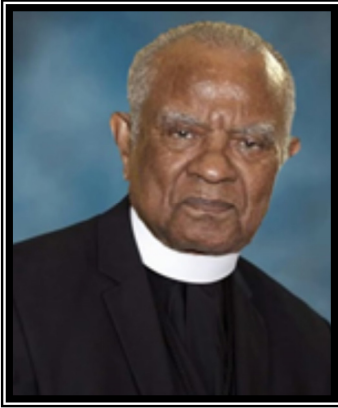
In the secular world he spent 32 years in the banking industry. As his assignment grew in ministry he walked away for the banking industry to dedicate his energies to the God ordered assignment. He has been married for 40 years to Valerie Woolard and from this union there are two children, Clarence L. Sexton, III and Cherie Miranda Dulin. He has 5 grand-children. He continues to pastor at Mount Sinai Cathedral also known as "The Mountain" with the fervent passion of a God ordained assignment preparing the ministry for the return of the Lord.

Bishop Designate
Geoffrey Stirrup
Auxiliary Bishop, Texas Southwest
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction



Superintendent Geoffrey Stirrup has been the pastor of the Dominion Church of God in Christ for over 29 years. He has been the Superintendent of the San Antonio District for over 26 years and is the Chairman of the Superintendent's Board for the Texas Southwest Jurisdiction. Supt. Stirrup was also recently elected as the Vice-Chairman of the Community of Churches for Social Actions (CCSA), an ecumenical group of local Churches in San Antonio that is comprised of over 50 pastors. He has held many different positions within the Jurisdiction to include the Chairman of the Auxiliaries in Ministry and the Chairman of the Program Committee. Supt. Stirrup has served as the Jurisdictional Financial Expeditor for over 13 years. He is a member of the Trustee Board of the Texas Southwest Jurisdiction and currently aides Bishop S.E Iglehart as one of his Administrative Assistants.

He received his Business Degree from Miami Dade College and Florida State University and his Bachelor's Degree in English from the University of Texas at San Antonio. Continuing his education, he completed his Master's in Educational Leadership from Concordia University and in 2011 graduated from Oral Roberts University with a Masters of Divinity. Supt. Stirrup served as an educator for over 20 years, while also leading the Anderson Temple church family in a building campaign that resulted in the fruition of the now Dominion Church of God in Christ. He has been married to First Lady Margarette Stirrup for over 35 years. He is father of five children and grandfather of one son.



***Bishop Designate
Talbert W. Swan, I
Auxiliary Bishop, Nova Scotia
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction***

Bishop Designate Talbert W. Swan, I is a third generation member of the Church Of God In Christ and follows in the steps of several generations of men and women in the Swan family serving in the ministry. A native of Belzoni, MS, Pastor Swan first acknowledged and accepted his calling into the Gospel ministry in 1956 and was subsequently ordained in 1958 by the late Bishop H. B. Richardson, prelate of the Massachusetts Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction. Pastor Swan attended Westfield State College where he completed the academic requirements for teacher certification in vocational education. He earned a Master of Education from the University of

Massachusetts and received academic credit for other coursework in the area of effective management and concentrated employment. Bishop Designate Swan organized the St. James Church Of God In Christ in 1958 and later merged the church with the Upper Room Church Of God In Christ, where he served as pastor. He organized the Rehoboth Church Of God In Christ, Dorchester, MA in 1967. While serving as a dedicated pastor, Bishop Designate Swan served the Church Of God in Christ in several capacities on the Jurisdictional level. In 1980 Bishop Designate Swan organized the Spring Of Hope Church Of God In Christ and has faithfully served that congregation for more than three decades. He served as Chairman of the United States Auxiliaries Convention, District Superintendent, Chairman of the Board of Ordination and Administrative Assistant. He also served the National Church Of God In Christ as Chairman of the Judicial Review Committee for the General Council of Pastors and Elders, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee of the General Assembly, member of the Executive Committees of the General Council of Pastors and Elders and the General Assembly.

Bishop Designate Swan currently serves as Senior Advisor and Administrative Assistant Emeritus to his nephew, Bishop Talbert W. Swan, II, prelate of the Nova Scotia Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction. He also serves the National Church Of God In Christ as First Vice Chairman of the National Judiciary Board. Bishop Designate Swan enjoys tennis, reading and fellowship with God's people. He has been married to Ora L. (Bailey) Swan for over six decades and is a proud father, grandfather and great grandfather.



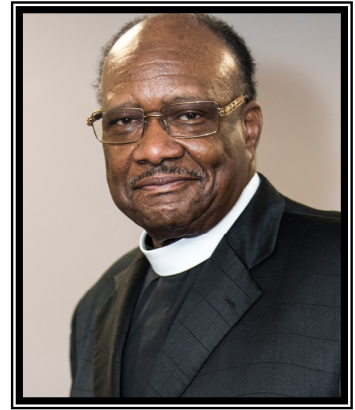
***Bishop Designate
Marc Anthony Thomas, Sr.
Auxiliary Bishop, Virginia First
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction***

Elder Marc Anthony Thomas, Sr., was born, August 1, 1970, to Bishop Ted G. Thomas, Sr., General Board Member, Church of God in Christ, Inc. and Mother Charletta Virginia Clifton Thomas. After completing his secondary education, Elder Thomas earned a Bachelor of Arts, Mass Communications (1994) and a Master of Arts, Education (1997) from Norfolk State University. Elder Thomas served as an Educator in the Chesapeake Public Schools (13 years). He also serves on the Board of Directors of CMC Holdings, Inc., Suffolk, Virginia.

A fourth generation COGIC preacher, Elder Thomas serves as Pastor of New Community Temple COGIC. He also serves the Virginia First Jurisdiction as Jurisdictional Secretary, Chief Adjutant, Conference Coordinator and Assistant Superintendent to the Central District. Nationally, Elder Thomas serves as Adjutant Overseer (General Board), Conference Chairman, GCPE Shepherds Conference and President, East Region, International Youth Department.

Elder Thomas is a loving husband and a caring father. He is married to his bride of over 20 years, Evangelist Naomi K. Thomas. They are the proud parents of four handsome sons; Marc Anthony Thomas, Jr., Evan Fitzgerald Thomas, Aaron Xavier Gera Thomas and William Marson Simuel Thomas.

Bishop Designate
Willie B. Toone
Auxiliary Bishop, Michigan Southwest Second
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction



Bishop Designate Willie B. Toone was born in Toone, Tennessee. He moved to Detroit at the age of twenty. In 1965, he was drafted into the military. In 1966, he was promoted to Sergeant E-5 in the 82nd Airborne Division.

Bishop Designate Toone was saved and received the gift of the Holy Ghost in 1971 under the pastorate of Bishop Earl J. Wright, Sr. He was a faithful and dedicated armor bearer for Bishop Wright from 1971 to 2003. He was called to the ministry in 1972 and was ordained in 1975 by the late Bishop John Seth Bailey. Throughout his ministry he has served in various outreach ministries, community services and in numerous positions in the Local, District and Jurisdiction.

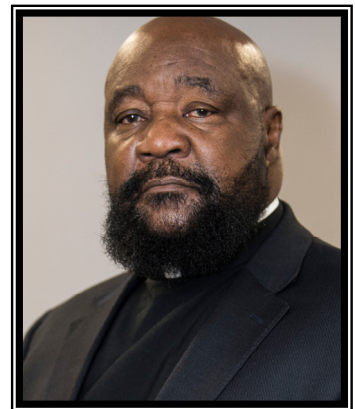
Bishop Designate Toone is presently the 1st Administrative Assistant to Bishop James L. Whitehead Jr. the Superintendent of the Headquarters District in the Michigan Southwest 2nd Jurisdiction.

Bishop Designate Toone was installed as the Pastor of the Northend Church of God in Christ on Sunday, September 21, 2003 by Bishop Earl J. Wright, Sr., Prelate of the Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Southwest Michigan.

Since being appointed as the pastor of the Northend Church, Bishop Designate Toone has instilled in the members that they are an outreach, teaching and healing ministry of passionately committed believers of Jesus Christ.

Bishop Designate Toone has been married to the beautiful Missionary Roberta Toone for 48 years and is the father of six children and the grandfather of seven.

Bishop Designate
Thomas Leon Walker
Auxiliary Bishop, Texas Northeast Fourth
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction



Superintendent Thomas L. Walker, is fourth generation Church of God in Christ. He is the first of two children born to the late Elder Taylor and Missionary Darlene Gates in Dallas, Texas. His father served as Assistant Pastor to the late Supt. A. B. Powell in Dallas (Powell Chapel Church of God in Christ) and his mother served as the District Missionary of the Powell Chapel District in Dallas. During which time, they served under the late Bishop R. E. Ranger.

Supt. Walker is the founding pastor of the Straightway Pentecostal Cathedral Church of God In Christ, Dallas, Texas. The church was established January 15, 1977 (2017 is our 40th Anniversary Year). The church has grown under Supt. Walker's leadership and spiritual directions. After several locations that were outgrown, in 1995 he purchased an existing church with 5 acres of land and a sanctuary that seats 850 people and the facility provides a fellowship hall/multipurpose room, 17+ classrooms and several offices for administration.

Supt. Walker has been married for 54 years to the lovely Lonneta Walker and to that union they were blessed with six beautiful daughters, Genize, Bolivia, Shoroline, Tabitha, Tammy and Tara. He has 3 sons by marriage, Pastor Dennis Burks (New Jerusalem Family COGIC), Mr. Kevin Thomas and Mr. Kenneth McCoy. He is also the proud grandfather of 14 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

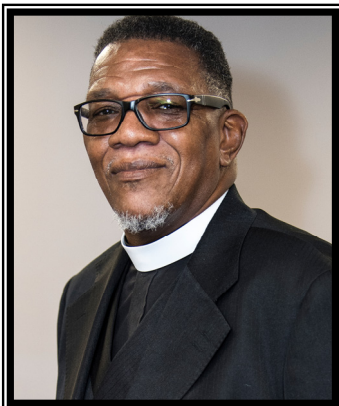
Supt. Walker's ministry focus is teaching and preaching the unadulterated Word of God and strongly believes 2 Timothy 2:15... "study to show yourself approved unto God a workman that is not ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth". He is committed to caring and ministry to all people. His personal disciplines of fasting and praying and meditation in the Word of God has distinguished him among his contemporaries.



Bishop Designate
Nelson Watts, Jr.
Auxiliary Bishop, Eastern Missouri/Western Illinois
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Superintendent Nelson Watts Jr. is the son of the late Administrative Assistant Nelson Watts Jr. and of the Supervisor of the Department of Women in Eastern Missouri Western Illinois Jurisdiction, Mother Rosetta Watts. He is the youngest of 6 children, and has been in the Church of God in Christ all of his life. He is married to the beautiful Lady Greta Vaughn-Watts. He has 3 Levite Sons: Junior Deacon, Nelson Watts III (20); Minister Samuel Lawrence (18); and Timothy Isaiah (13). He is the Pastor of the El Bethel Church of God in Christ and is the Superintendent of the Nelson Watts Sr. District in Eastern Missouri Western Illinois Jurisdiction. He also serves as the Jurisdictional Secretary under the leadership of General Board Member, Bishop Lawrence M. Wooten Sr.

Superintendent Nelson Watts Jr. graduated from Berkeley Senior High School. He attended St Louis Community College and studied Secondary Education and Counseling. He completed the CH Mason Bible Institute. He has attended Malachi Bible College and was a student teacher, there he was bestowed an Honorary Doctorate Degree. He is currently enrolled in Midwest Bible College. While in school, Superintendent Nelson Watts Jr succeeded in the job force in the areas of Security, Retail Management, and Hospitality. His career and Church work has allowed him to be recognized for Community and Outreach Events and Activities. He has served as the Jurisdictional YPWW President, Jurisdictional Program Chairman, Jurisdictional Adjutant, and AIM Chairman among many other aspects of servitude. He has received recognition and awards in the National Church for working in the areas of: The General Secretary's office (Registration); AIM Chairman of the Year Award; and Ministry Servant Award under the National AIM Department.



Bishop Designate
Walter C. Willie, Jr.
Auxiliary Bishop, New York Eastern Third
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

DR. WALTER C. WILLIE, JR., was born to the late Rev. Dr. Walter C. Willie, Sr. and Mother Alice B. Willie on August 25, 1954 in Huntington Long Island, New York. He is one of 12 children, reared in the New York City boroughs of Brooklyn and the South Bronx.

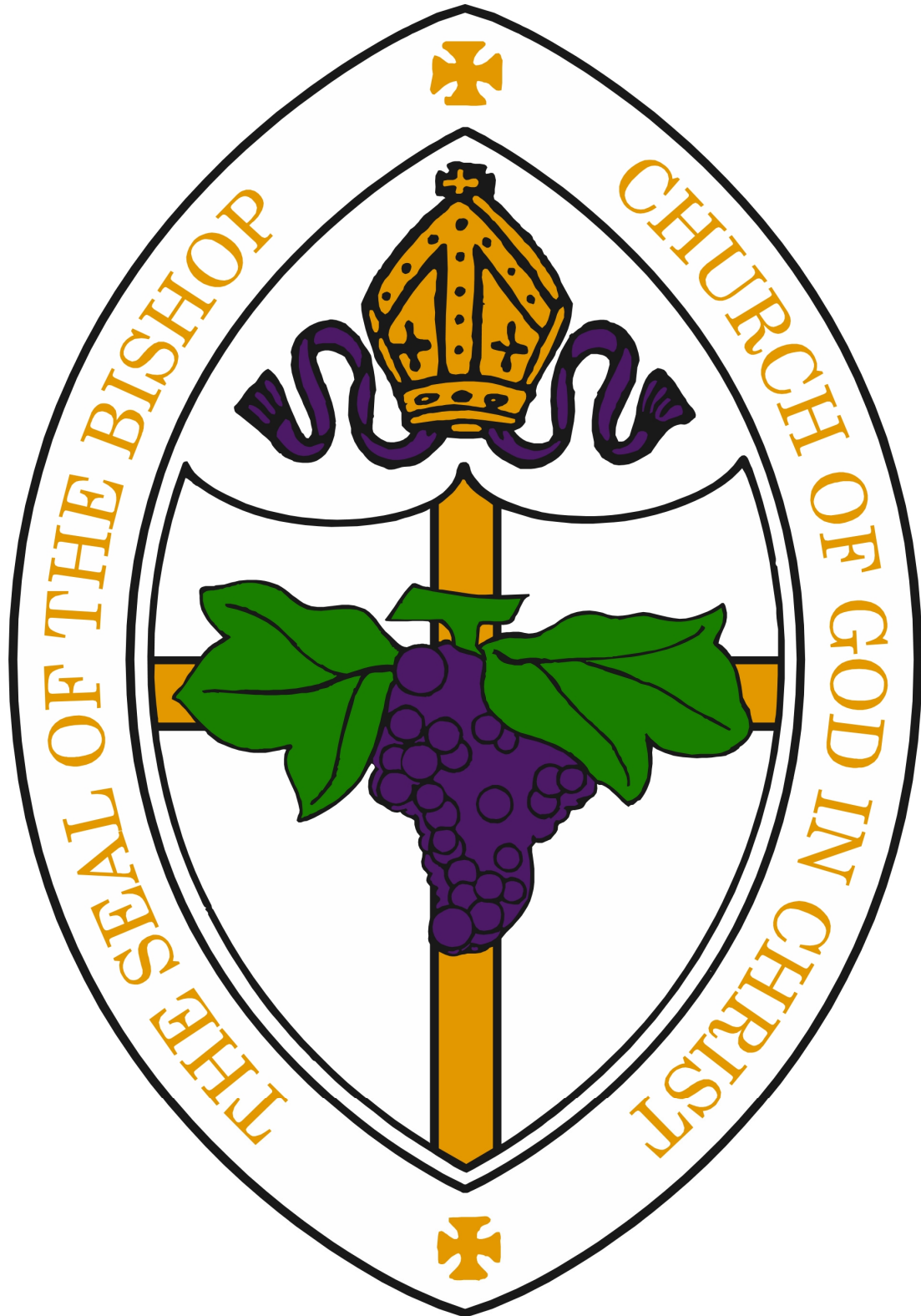
Dr. Willie is Founder and Pastor of the Prayer Tabernacle Church of God in Christ in the heart of Amityville, New York. In March 1984, Dr. Willie built—from the ground-up—the Church's new and current edifice, and innovatively spearheaded the campaign of totally satisfying the Church's mortgage.

For the past 29 years, Dr. Willie has served as Superintendent of the South Center District—renamed the Bishop Frank O. White Memorial District. Dr. Willie currently serves the New York Eastern Third Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction as Jurisdictional Secretary, a role he has fulfilled with exceptional administrative acumen since the inception of the Jurisdiction in 1988. Dr. Willie's 25 years of service to the National Church has been in the Office of the Financial Secretary.

Dr. Willie is deeply grateful for the spiritual mentorship of the late Bishop Frank Otha White whom he served for nearly a combined 40 years as District Secretary and subsequently Jurisdictional Secretary. It is his testimony that his life and ministry have been shaped by “the pleasure of serving this great man of God who gave, taught, inspired and always shared his best.” Dr. Willie continues to serve the New York Eastern Third Jurisdiction under the distinguished Prelacy of Bishop Frank Anthone White.

Dr. Willie is a fervent prayer warrior, an organizer, an administrator, a builder, a dedicated servant of God and a devoted family man. He is the husband of 41 years to Theresa J. Willie and the proud father of three outstanding children—Walter C. Willie III, Joseph Willie and Tiakyta Willie, Esq.

“These are the men whom the Lord delighteth to honor”



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***Bishop
Troy Michael Carr
Prelate, South Dakota Jurisdiction
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction***

Troy Michael Carr was born in New Orleans, Louisiana March 11, 1963. As a youth and in his early teens, Troy sang in the choir, directed the adult choir and played the drums. After graduating high school in 1981, Troy attended Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, CA. While in college, Troy enrolled in the Air Force ROTC program. In 1985, Troy graduated from Loyola with a bachelor in Business Administration and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Air Force.

In 1987, Troy joined Faith Temple Church of God in Christ, founded and pastored by Bishop Lorenzo L. Kelly. Troy worked in many auxiliaries in the church until he heard the call from God to preach the gospel. Troy accepted this call to ministry and in July 1989, was licensed as a Minister at Faith Temple Church of God in Christ. In December 1991 Minister Carr received his Master of Business Administration from The University of South Dakota and in June of 1992, Minister Carr received his ordination to Elder.

Elder Carr continues to work in several departments of the church and is busy doing whatever his hands find to do. Elder Carr has served Faith Temple as Choir President, Praise and Worship Leader, Sunday School Teacher, Sunday School Superintendent, Youth Pastor, Board of Directors member and Chief Adjutant to Bishop Kelly. In September 1993, Elder Carr was appointed Jurisdictional Secretary of the Church of God in Christ for the state of South Dakota. Elder Carr currently serves as the Pastor of Faith Temple Church after being appointed on September 6, 2015 and is in full-time ministry. Elder Carr is a dynamic teacher and preacher, anointed to win souls for the kingdom.



***Bishop
Nathaniel Andrew Ellis
Prelate, Missouri Southeast Third Jurisdiction
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction***

Bishop Nathaniel A. Ellis was born in Chicago, Illinois, November 11, 1959 to the late Mr. Robert Ellis and Mrs. Edna L. Ellis. He is the second oldest of three siblings. He has been married for 32 years to District Missionary Hester Ellis. They are the proud parents of two adult daughters, Heather R. Ellis Jefferson and Natalie Nicole Ellis.

Bishop Ellis has been preaching and teaching the gospel for over 38 years. He currently serves in two jurisdictions. For 25 years he has faithfully pastored North Six Street Evangelistic Church of God in Christ in the Eastern Missouri/Western Illinois Jurisdiction, where General Board Member, Bishop Lawrence M. Wooten is the Prelate. For eight years he has faithfully pastored Victory Temple Church of God in Christ in the Missouri Southeast Third Jurisdiction where he also serves as the AIM Chairman and Administrative Assistant to Jurisdictional Prelate, Bishop Charlie Green Jr.

Bishop Ellis has been a National Evangelist in the COGIC For 28 years and has served as the Jurisdictional President of the Department of Evangelism for 22 years, and for 10 years he has served as Assistant District Superintendent in Eastern Missouri/Western Illinois Jurisdiction. Bishop Ellis has also served as Chairman of the Tri-Jurisdictional Rally for the International Department of Evangelism.

For more than 33 years Bishop Ellis has held many positions on the District and State level under the leadership of the Late Bishop C.N. Rucker, the Late Bishop E. Harris Moore, and the Late Bishop W. Wesley Sanders. He has faithfully served and followed the leading of the Lord, his Leaders and this "Grand Old COGIC."

Bishop Ellis has a Bachelor of Science degree in Education and a Master of Arts degree in Curriculum and Instruction. He has taught in the Missouri and Illinois public school systems for more than 31 years, and is a conference and motivational speaker. Most of all he is a Man of God, filled with the Holy Ghost, who loves his wife, family, and the Church of God in Christ.

Bishop
Harrison Hale
Prelate, New York Fifth Jurisdiction
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction



Bishop Harrison Hale, was born on October 1,1959, to John Wiley Hale and Betty Estelle Langhorne Hale, at Central Suffolk Hospital, Riverhead New York. He graduated from Riverhead High School in 1977. In 1980 Harrison Hale accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior at the Galilee, Church Of God In Christ, Riverhead, New York, under the leadership of Superintendent Roy L. Pennon. While at Galilee, C.O.G.I.C., he labored tirelessly as a Deacon, Van Driver, Sunday School Teacher, Pastor Aide Leader, Personal Aide, and Y.P.W.W. President. In 1981, Harrison Hale was licensed as a Minister by Superintendent Roy L. Pennon, Galilee Church Of God In Christ.

He served in this capacity until 1985 when he transferred his membership to Philadelphia Church Of God In Christ, under the leadership of Superintendent Boyd English. While at Philadelphia C.O.G.I.C. he served as Sunday School Teacher, Pastor Aide President, President of the Ministers Board and Secretary to Superintendent Boyd English. July 9,1989, he married Artice F. Powell and from this union two children were born, Xavier Harrison Hale and Shardaie Artice Hale. March 31,1989, Harrison Hale was ordained Elder, by Bishop David W. Grayson, of the 4th Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Eastern New York, Church Of God In Christ. He served at a state level under Bishop David W. Grayson as Financial Committee Member, President of the Ministers Board and Superintendent of the New Covenant District. While under Bishop John P. Lee, Prelate of the Fourth Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, Church Of God In Christ, he served as Superintendent of the Cornerstone District, Executive Secretary and member of the Executive Board. January 27,1990, he accepted his Pastoral calling and opened Cornerstone Church Of God In Christ. During his twenty-one-year tenure as Pastor of Cornerstone Church Of God In Christ, Bishop Harrison Hale has Built three churches, Cornerstone Headquarters, Cornerstone Evangelist Temple Church Of God In Christ, and Cornerstone Glorious Temple. He has installed fourteen Pastors in the United States, eleven churches in Guatemala, Central America and has a children's orphanage with over 300 children in Guatemala and another orphanage in Jalapa with over 150 children. Bishop Hale is also the President of the Costa Rica Association overseeing 12 Pastors throughout San Jose Costa, Rica. His ministry has been extended to Panama where he currently oversees 6 Pastors in Panama. He is also the President of the New York Fifth District overseeing 15 Pastors in New York. He attended and graduated from United Christian College of Sacred Theology in Queens, New York, 1993 where he received his Doctor of Divinity, in 1994 and Sacred Doctorate of Theology in 1995. In June of 2005 Bishop Harrison Hale was consecrated to the sacred office of Bishop by the national Church of God in Christ as Jurisdictional Prelate of the Church of God in Christ Guatemala Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction under the leadership of Bishop Gilbert Earl Patterson.

Bishop
Ahmed Marc Screven
Prelate, St. Thomas Virgin Islands
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction



Ahmed M. Screven is the son of the late Dr. Nathaniel Louis Screven, Sr. and Evangelist Jean Screven. His father pastored Bethesda Church of God in Christ, and was the President of Evangelical Bible Institute. Growing up, in school he excelled in science and literature, and he sang with the youth choir at his fathers' church. Bishop Designate Screven graduated from the prestigious Rutgers School of Law. He also attended and graduated from Rutgers University, Orlando Theological Bible College, and Essex County College. In 1998, he was called to become the pastor of Greater Revival Community COGIC in Newark, and thereafter was installed as pastor of Bethesda Church of God in Christ in February 2008. Upon becoming Bethesda's new pastor, Screven began to commit himself and the church to a mission to help people reach their ultimate potential spiritually in their relationship with Jesus Christ, by teaching them to operate in the spirit and by faith. Under Screven's leadership, both the financial growth and the growth of the congregation through discipleship, has increased dramatically.

Since becoming Bethesda's senior pastor, he serves as the President of Evangelical Bible Institute, has incorporated a new Bible institute in Aurora Illinois, and created numerous community outreach programs in Newark. He has also implemented over 30 active-in-house ministries at Bethesda. Bishop Designate Screven's goal is to spread the Word of God in Newark, and throughout the world, through various missions and outreach efforts. He has established a new mission's ministry in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands where he and his ministry partners host yearly conferences, conduct revivals, implement community service initiatives to homeless shelters and senior citizen facilities, and provide food, clothing, and resources to the people of St. Thomas. In the National Church, Bishop Designate Screven has served in many capacities, and currently as an appointee of the Presiding Bishop, he serves as the Assistant General Secretary for Legal Affairs in the Office of the General Secretary. Personally, shortly after attending Essex County College, he met and married the former Subrina Edwards in September 1995, and together they have two children, Oksana and Abbielle.

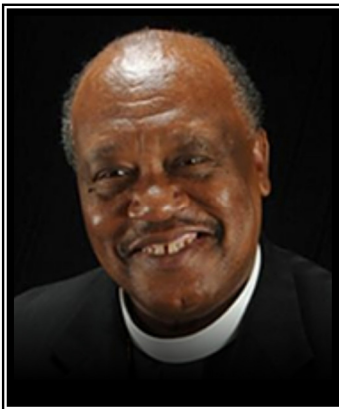
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Bishop
Roger Thomas
Prelate, California Southern Third Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Roger Thomas was born on December 31, 1951 in Valdosta, GA and was third of five sons born to the late Ralph and Bernell Thomas. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in April of 1971 and he retired in May of 1992 in the rank of Master Sergeant. During his tenure in the Air Force, he was blessed to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ across the United States and several countries abroad. Bishop Thomas accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior in June of 1969, the same year he graduated from high school. He was called into the ministry in 1973 in Goldsboro, North Carolina, under the ministry of Bishop Nelson Major Midget who was the pastor of Pentecostal United Holy Church of America. In January of 1989, Bishop Charles E. Blake appointed him pastor of Friendly Temple Church of God in Christ (formally known as Victorville COGIC). Through Pastor Thomas' leadership, Friendly Temple's ministry has grown from 30 active members to over 1000. Pastor Thomas gives all the glory to God for the many souls that have been brought into the kingdom through his ministry.

In 2001, Bishop Thomas received an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity from Tuskegee Bible College in Tuskegee, AL. Bishop Thomas has been married to the First Lady of Friendly Temple, Evangelist Joyce Marie Thomas, since 1973. They are the proud parents of their four children; Lena, Corey, Roger Jr., and Rashaun, and they have ten wonderful grandchildren. Bishop Thomas is a man who loves God, his family and the people of the Lord. He is truly an anointed and appointed "Man of God" who is making a difference in and outside the Kingdom of God for such a time as this.



Bishop
Paul Watson
Prelate, Germany
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

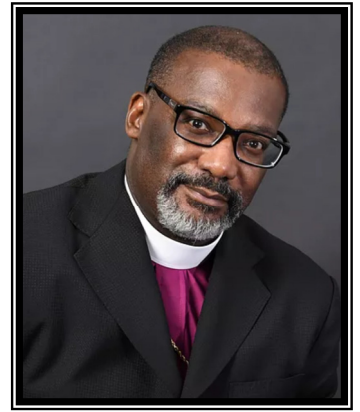
Bishop Paul L. Watson Sr. was born on January 25, 1950 in Daingerfield, Texas, to Hattie Ann Carter and Earnest Watson. He is the oldest of eight siblings. Elder Watson graduated from Daingerfield High School in Daingerfield, Texas and attended Texas Southern University in Houston, Texas. He has a Bachelor of Science in Theology from TSU (Trinity). He was united in Holy Matrimony to Mother Stella M. Lee on March 6 1971.

In 1975 Bishop Watson accepted the Lord Jesus as his Lord and Savior and recognized his calling into the ministry in November of 1976. In 1974 Bishop Watson with eight other people, started a service in Bindlach, Germany. In 1978 he Pastored a service on 52nd Street Chapel in Ft. Hood, Texas. He then started the first denomination service in Hohenfels, Germany. Surprisingly, 1979 Bishop Watson returned to Germany in October and in December of that year he began to pastor the church he was instrumental in starting in 1974. At this time Elder Watson requested and

received permission from Elder Robert Ellis to bring Bindlach Gospel Fellowship into the Church of God in Christ. Elder Watson was blessed and tutored by outstanding Chaplains in the military i.e. Captain Grover, Colonel Attie, Colonel Golden to name a few.

After retiring from the military in 1993 Bishop Watson was commissioned by Bishop Carlis Lee Moody Sr. to continue to serve in Germany. In January 1993 he returned to Vilseck, Germany to pastor Greater Love Church of God in Christ. Greater Love shared a building with Power of Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church. God gave Bishop Watson a vision to locate a place where the saints could worship anytime they wish and call their home. January 1994 Bishop Watson was led by God to transform a barn, utilized to store farm equipment and hay into a house of worship. He then changed the church name from Greater Love to Hour of Prayer Church of God in Christ. Bishop Watson has served as pastor of Hour of prayer Church of God in Christ from February 1993-2007, Superintendent of District V, and First Administrative Assistant to Bishop Carlis Lee Moody Sr. in the Germany Jurisdiction. In November of 2007, the Lord saw fit to elevate Elder Watson to the office of the Bishopric during the Centennial Celebration of the Church of God in Christ with the laying of hands by Bishop Nathaniel W. Wells Jr. and under the leadership of Bishop Charles E. Blake, the Presiding Bishop of the Church of God in Christ. Currently, Bishop Watson is the pastor of Greater St. Matthew Church of God in Christ in Dallas, TX.

Bishop
Frank Anthone White
Prelate, New York Eastern Third
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction



FRANK ANTHON WHITE is a third generation Church of God in Christ servant born the eldest of five to Bishop Frank Otha White and Dr. Juliet L. White just over 100 days preceding the glorious homegoing of the Church of God in Christ's Founding Father, Bishop Charles Harrison Mason. Closely concurrent with the completion of his undergraduate and graduate education, his acclaim as a music producer and career as a Wall Street Executive, he heard, acknowledged and answered the divine call to the Gospel ministry. Wasting no time setting his hands to the Gospel plow, his bold, insightful, rightly-divided delivery of the Gospel accelerated with heavy demand across the nation, qualified his subsequent candidacy for public ordination as an Elder by the late Bishop F. D. Washington.

In March 1998, after serving capably as Assistant Pastor, he was appointed by the Bishop Frank O. White to the full Office of Pastor of Little Zion (subsequently dedicated by the late Bishop Gilbert Earl Patterson as 'Zion Cathedral'). Following in the historically strong theological leadership of the landmark King's Chapel Church of God in Christ of Southampton, Bishop White officially appointed him to its pastorate in 1998, commencing a dual pastorate. Today, King's Chapel illuminates the map of "The Hamptons" by driving its evangelistic energy with a bold outcry for souls – the most prominent being its Annual Summer Soul Winning Tent Celebration and the establishment of the J. A. King Educational Resource Center, Inc.

In recognition of his distinguished pulpitering presence, embodying the principles of peace, justice and reconciliation, he was officially inducted into the Martin Luther King Jr. Board of Preachers, Sponsors and Collegium Scholars at Morehouse College. A two-term Trustee of the National Church, now in his second elected term as Financial Secretary, Superintendent of the Emmanuel District, Eastern New York Third Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, Jurisdictional Executive Board Member and Jurisdictional Chief of Staff – Bishop White, holds the most recent appointment by Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake as Chairman of the National LaityYes Task Force. Bishop White's ministry continues to thrive from the personal blessing and devoted support of his only son, Jykolyn K. White.

Bishop
Patrick Lane Wooden, Sr.
Prelate, North Carolina Third
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction



Bishop Patrick L. Wooden, Sr. has been saved for forty years and in the pastoral ministry for thirty-five years. He founded the Lighthouse COGIC where he pastored for 9 years and built a sanctuary within one year. In 1987, he was appointed to the Upper Room COGIC where he presently serves in Raleigh, North Carolina. Under his leadership the membership has grown from approximately 150 to presently over 3000 members. As CEO, Dr. Wooden has led Upper Room in three major building projects— in 1992, the first COGIC sanctuary ever built in Raleigh; in 1998, the current two thousand seat edifice; and in 2002, a 66,000 sq. ft. Christian school, which has provided quality education for thousands of students. Additionally, the ministry provides employment for over 70 people. Bishop Wooden serves as First Administrative Assistant, at the pleasure of the honorable Bishop Leroy J. Woolard, in the Greater North Carolina Jurisdiction; as Superintendent of the Greater Central District and nationally, on the Community Development Board. Bishop Wooden is a renowned gospel preacher, teacher, author and lecturer who is known for boldly and uncompromisingly addressing issues that adversely affect today's society. In addition to preaching across the country, he has been the featured guest on CNN, ABC, CBS, NBC, TCT, INSP, The Word Network, The O'Reilly Factor, Called 2 Action and Al-Jazeera. He has been the invited lecturer at campuses such as: UNC Chapel Hill, William Peace University, Meredith College and Shaw University. He has been featured in such national publications as the New York Times, Washington Post, Huffington Post, Associated Press, Jet, Charisma and the Whole Truth. Dr. Wooden resides in Raleigh, N. C. with his wife, Pamela McNeil Wooden. They have been married for over thirty-five years with two married children and two grandchildren. Bishop Wooden attributes his success to God's unmerited favor and good leadership. His motto for life and ministry is "God First."







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