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Summary Minutes of the General Assembly
April 2014 Session



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Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr.
Presiding Bishop

Bishop Joel H. Lyles, Jr.
General Secretary

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(as of April, 2014)

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The Constitution Committee	-	Elder Solomon Williams, Chair
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The Election Committee	-	Mother Myra Banks, Chair
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The Job Description & Remuneration Committee	-	Dr. Frederick Jenkins, Chair
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The Rules Committee	-	Attorney Melvin Smith, Chair
The Screening Committee	-	Bishop David Screven, Chair
The Standards & Extensions Committee	-	Bishop Malcolm Coby, Chair

**THE SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

APRIL SESSION – 2014

CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
April 8-10, 2014
Mason Temple – Memphis, Tennessee

Tuesday, April 8, 2014
(Morning Session)

The April 2014 session of the General Assembly opened at 9:55 a.m. and commenced with devotion led by Chaplain Elder Eugene Ferrell (California), who was assisted by Mother Lee Van Zandt (Maryland). The invocation was offered by Bishop LaDell Thomas, Jr. of Texas. The Old Testament Scripture (Isaiah 40:28-31) was read by Dr. Frederick Jenkins of Georgia and the New Testament Scripture (John 3:16, 17) was read by Mother Gloria Lewis of Rhode Island. Superintendent Larry Myles of Virginia then led a period of praise and worship.

Chaplain Ferrell presented Vice-Chairman, Bishop Lemuel Thuston, who called the Assembly to order. Bishop Thuston then called for Bishop Juan Lawson, Chairman, and members of the Credentials Committee to certify the House. The House was certified at 10:45 a.m. with 730 of 1,635 registered delegates. Vice-Chairman Thuston called Elder Melvin Smith, Chairman of the Rules Committee for the reading of the Rules (*see Attachment A*). After reading the Rules, Chairman Smith made a motion to adopt the Rules. After a proper second, a request was made to re-read Rule 5, to correct a typographical error in Rule 9/Item g, and a friendly amendment made to remove Rule 7/Item 7. The question was called and the **MOTION TO ADOPT THE RULES CARRIED**.

Vice-Chairman Thuston called for the General Secretary, Bishop Joel H. Lyles, Jr., to present the Minutes and the Agenda. Bishop Lyles noted that the Minutes were sent to all Jurisdictional Bishops, Supervisors and Secretaries for distribution to delegates and made available online for perusal. He moved for adoption of the Minutes. After a proper second, the **MOTION CARRIED**. General Secretary Lyles presented the proposed Agenda (*see Attachment B*) and moved for its adoption as printed. After a proper second, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

Vice-Chairman Thuston noted that the Rules passed by the Assembly gave the Chairman discretion to rearrange Agenda items for presentation. Bishop Thuston acknowledged the leadership and departments of the Church, as well as the laity. He also noted that his presentation of the Chairman may be the last time he would be able to call him “Elder” Hunt. He then presented General Assembly Chairman, “Elder” James W. Hunt, Sr.

Chairman Hunt addressed the Assembly and gave remarks concerning the great heritage given to the Church through its founder, Bishop Charles Harrison Mason. The Chairman noted that he has served the Church for over 34 years as a delegate to the General Assembly and reflected upon his 2001 election as Vice-Chairman of the General Assembly and the great honor of serving with the late Bishop J. O. Patterson, Jr. He also noted that he has been blessed to serve as Chairman for nearly 3 years.

Chairman Hunt thanked the delegates for their presence and noted that he has spent much time studying the Rules and Constitution of the Church. Commenting on the November Judiciary Board election, he instructed the delegates that according to the Rules of the General Assembly, any delegate with an unreadiness can voice it prior to the carrying of a motion or approval of an election.

He noted the process in the past election included the Board of Bishops submitting the names of candidates who were then properly screened by the Screening Committee. He stated that after elections are held at their appropriate time, any objections should be made in the General Assembly and addressed before the Assembly is adjourned. He opined that once the General Assembly has adjourned, its actions cannot be questioned after the fact.

Chairman Hunt noted his initial thought was there was no need for a standing Rules Committee because Assembly Rules typically do not change. He stated that he has decided to reconstitute the Rules Committee to keep the Assembly informed as to how we operate, and that the Rules could remain updated and current. He intimated that the Official Manual was 41 years old and has not changed, however, it needs to be updated to include a collation of current information. He noted that the Church was currently bound by all of the policies and procedures in an outdated document.

Chairman Hunt stated one of his greatest concerns was regarding the Judiciary Board. He detailed he had received letters regarding the last Judiciary Board election. He also received letters regarding jurists, elected by the General Assembly, no longer being qualified to serve due to an elevation in office. He further stated he has received correspondence regarding filing charges against a jurist. Chairman Hunt detailed his research of Article VIII regarding the Judiciary Board. He further explained he was uncomfortable with the responsibility of appointing an Investigating Committee (per Article VIII) due to close relationships developed over the years.

Chairman Hunt expressed that the Constitution gives specific duties and responsibilities to every elected official of our Church and that the Presiding Bishop and General Board are the executives elected by the Assembly to serve as the spokespersons for the Church. He further expressed that “individual opinions sometimes hinder the work of God.”

Chairman Hunt noted that a procedure is now in place (the result of the Resolution passed in the April 2012 General Assembly session, effective January 1, 2013), whereby all credentials issued are through the Office of the General Secretary of our National Church. The procedure requires the completion of a background screening and sexual misconduct training by candidates for appointment or licensure.

Chairman Hunt intimated the importance of all delegates remaining in the session through its conclusion. He then called for the report from the Presiding Bishop and General Board.

Presiding Bishop Charles Edward Blake, Sr. acknowledged the delegates and thanked them for their attendance at the General Assembly. He noted the year’s challenges to our churches as a result of both inclement weather and natural disaster as well as economic concerns, which have been difficult. In spite of those challenges he gave praise to God for our lives and presence. Bishop Blake presented the 2014 theme: “We are called to Witness and Minister to a Deeply Distressed and Troubled World” (Acts 26:15-18).

He reminded the delegates of his 2007 address to the General Assembly concerning “Big Rocks” and opined that if we deal with the “big rocks” first, we can deal with anything. He noted that the “big rocks” were the essential things and identified evangelism as a “big rock.” The Presiding Bishop noted that the Church was the most important institution in the world and that, while other institutions deal with time, the Church deals with eternity; others deal with the physical and material world, but the Church deals with the spiritual world. He intimated the importance of Evangelism as a “big rock” winning the souls of men and impacting lives for Jesus Christ.

Bishop Blake stated that another “big rock” noted in his 2007 address was financial accountability and the necessity of an audit to structure our finances. He reported that for the first time in 107 years, a consolidated audit of the organization was completed in February. Bishop Blake acknowledged Mr. Stan Sawyer, head of the audit firm, Banks, Finley & White. Mr. Sawyer reported that the Church received an “unmodified” opinion which is the highest level of assurance from any CPA. He also noted that it is very unusual to receive this type opinion on first audit. Bishop Blake also recognized Elder Tyrone Potts, Bishop Frank Anthon White and Elder C. H. Patterson, Sr. for their involvement in the audit process.

Bishop Blake reported that the Church had \$4.9 million on hand, \$2.3 million in investments, and long-term debt of less than \$180,000. He stated that our reported operating balance is about \$10.2 million, but the audit indicated the Church’s annual gross income was \$21.5 million, which is the highest ever reported in the Church’s history. He further noted that all departments and auxiliaries should operate within the context of the General Church and not independently. He noted that our accounting firm encouraged consolidation of auxiliary accounts into the overall structure of the Church enabling us to leverage our financial strength to accomplish more in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Bishop Blake expressed concern regarding the issue of risk management and the need for a more comprehensive approach providing a safe environment for ministry. He noted that the Church Of God In Christ churches should be a “safe zone” and never a place where a child or a woman are unsafe. He cited other organizations that have settled legal cases up to \$500 million as a result of sexual improprieties. Bishop Blake emphasized that we are a holy and sanctified Church and called for Attorney Uleses Henderson to present a resolution. Attorney Henderson presented a resolution on behalf of the General Board entitled Discipline of Sexual Acts Against Minors (*see Attachment C*). Presiding Bishop Blake and Chairman Hunt, by common consent, referred the resolution to the Resolutions Committee.

Bishop Blake noted the progress on renovations made to the headquarters’ campus. He acknowledged the work done on the Lee Building and reported that the Lelia Mason Building was in the process of being remodeled. Bishop Blake commended First Assistant Presiding Bishop P. A. Brooks for his fundraising efforts and reported that over \$600,000 had been raised to date. Bishop Brooks thanked all who had contributed and made a pledge to the project. He also acknowledged the support and assistance of National Trustee Elder Darin Burns (a mechanical engineer and Project Supervisor) in the Lelia Mason Building initiative. Elder Burns gave an overview of the current project status along with a video presentation.

Bishop Blake reported the Church’s ownership of a radio station donated by the Crawford Broadcasting Company. The station, located in St. Louis, Missouri, is valued at over \$800,000. The newly acquired station has been named Jubilee Broadcasting Network (KSTL-AM). Bishop Blake stated that the station has the potential to be a profitable venture that will give the Church a global stage to expand its ministry efforts. He noted that Katrina Chase from Virginia has been hired as the station’s general manager.

Bishop Edwin Bass was called to give an overview on COGIC Urban Initiatives. Dr. Elijah Hankerson, President of the Department of Evangelism, then highlighted the upcoming Vision Week, which is scheduled for May 12-18, 2014. Dr. Hankerson noted that the Vision Tool Kit could be downloaded from the COGIC website.

Bishop Bass continued the Urban Initiatives presentation. An Urban Initiatives Bookmark was distributed to the delegates highlighting its five goals. He also reported that Urban Initiatives would serve as the hiring source for a packaging company (Aldelano Packaging) with plants all over the country. The first plant has been established in St. Louis, moving on to building a plant in Chicago. The first 50 persons have already been hired for the St. Louis plant. He finally reiterated the Church Certification Program and recognized pastors who have completed the certification process. He encouraged more churches to participate in the Church Certification Program.

Bishop Blake called for a report from Elder James Smith, Chief Operating Officer of the Church. Elder Smith stated that substantial economic impacts are made in cities where the Church holds conventions or conferences. The financial contribution is such where it exceeds even the \$10.5 million budget of our Church. He noted that during the Holy Convocation, the economic impact to the city of St. Louis is about \$35 million. He further expressed Presiding Bishop Blake's desire to transform this economic impact where the primary benefit is to the delegate of the Church Of God In Christ through partnering with other interested organizations and corporations. Elder Smith presented Mr. Robert Coleman, Public Relations Director, who reported partnerships have been developed with Enterprise and National Rental Cars and Delta Airlines. Mr. Coleman also announced that the "real" COGIC app had been launched and was now available for download

Chairman Hunt presented members of the Mason family who addressed the question regarding the actual year of birth of the Founder, Bishop Charles Harrison Mason. Elder C. H. Patterson, Sr., served as the family spokesperson representing Mrs. Ruth Mason Lewis (Bishop Mason's daughter) and other Mason family members. Elder Patterson stated that researching documents revealed Bishop Masons' date of birth recorded as 1862 (obituary), 1865 (passport), and 1866 (per Elsie Mason). He stated that the census record of 1864 contained more accurate data to support Bishop Mason's year of birth as 1864. Therefore, the Mason Family concurred with the Church in acknowledging and celebrating the birth year of 1864 which resulted in this year, 2014 marking the 150th birthday of our Founder.

Chairman Hunt outlined the General Assembly schedule for this session. Vice Chairman Thuston recessed the Assembly for lunch at approximately 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 8, 2014 (Evening Session)

Chaplain Eugene Ferrell opened the evening session at approximately 5:00 p.m. with songs of praise. He called on Bishop Jesse Dickens to acknowledge his 98th birthday on May 28, 2014. Bishop Dickens testified to the goodness of God and gave thanks for his life and strength. Prayer was offered by Elder Larry Weems of Mississippi. The Old Testament Scripture (Deuteronomy 10:12) was read by Elder James Stanford of Georgia and the New Testament Scripture (Philippians 4:6-8) was read by Dr. Lanelle Perry of Ohio. Chaplain Ferrell then presented Vice-Chairman Thuston.

Bishop Thuston called the Assembly to order and asked for certification of the House. At 5:35 p.m., April 8, 2014, Bishop Juan Lawson reported the House certified with 523 delegates present. Vice-Chairman Thuston also asked Bishop Lawson to give a report from the Credentials Committee. Bishop Lawson reported that the committee is responsible for certifying the House and the function of the committee was to hear and resolve issues pertaining to the certification of delegates.

Vice-Chairman Thuston presented Chairman Hunt, who then presented Mother Mary Patterson. Mother Patterson informed the delegates of a trip to Lexington, Mississippi to witness the installation of 2 historical markers; one on the grounds of the courthouse honoring Bishop C. H. Mason and the other on the campus of Saints College honoring Dr. Arenia Mallory. She noted that the wording on the markers were written by Dr. David Daniels, Commissioner of Education.

Chairman Hunt called for Presiding Bishop Charles Blake to continue the report of the General Board. Before continuing with the General Board report, Bishop Blake presented Bishop Darrell Hines for remarks regarding the SIMUL Conference/C.H. Mason Heritage Symposium and Celebration. Bishop Blake then presented Elder Roderick Hennings, Chairman of Church Growth, and also acknowledged Bishop Roger Jones, who was appointed to serve over the healing and deliverance ministry. Bishop Blake finally presented Elder Mark Ellis, Board Chairman of the Publishing House. Elder Ellis gave a brief overview of the Publishing House activities and objectives and mentioned the \$250,000 contribution made to the Church from the Publishing House.

Bishop Blake mentioned the Holy Convocation. He opined that the Holy Convocation in St. Louis will be top notch and second to none. He reported his desire to make prayer a primary focus of the meeting. Therefore, prayer will be offered daily and services will start with one hour prayer (with less announcements) for a more spiritual Convocation experience.

Bishop Blake called on General Board Secretary Bishop Roy L.H. Winbush and Assistant Secretary Bishop Frank O. White to report on the activities of the General Board (*see Attachment D*), which included the field actions of the General Board regarding the funerals of Bishop Harvey Tyler, India Jurisdiction and Bishop Cornelius Fletcher Porter, Texas Lone Star Jurisdiction and the appointments of auxiliary and jurisdictional bishops.

Bishop Winbush moved for ratification of the report. After being properly second, the Chairman heard an unreadiness regarding the General Board's report concerning the Jubilee Radio Station from Elder Peter Davis (Georgia) and a point of information from Elder Aaron Tolbert (Illinois). Presiding Bishop Blake addressed the concerns and called for the question. Chairman Hunt called the question, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

Bishop Designate Hunt called for the report of the Board of Trustees (*see Attachment E*). Bishop Designate Dwight E. Walls, Sr., Chairman of the Trustee Board, introduced the members of the Trustee Board and presented Superintendent Melton Timmons, Secretary, to present the summation of activities. After the report was presented, Chairman Walls moved for the report to be ratified. After a proper second, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

Chairman Hunt called for Bishop Frank Anthon White, Financial Secretary, who gave a synopsis of credential holder reports collected to date. He noted the totals for male and female reports received were \$2.2 million, which represents less than 50% of the \$5.4 million expected to be collected. Bishop White stated a financial performance report would be given on tomorrow.

Chairman Hunt called for General Secretary, Bishop Joel H. Lyles, Jr. for a report on the licensing and credentialing process (*see Attachment F*). Questions were raised by Supervisor Johnnie Harrison regarding background checks for our international credential holders and Bishops LaDell Thomas, Jr. and Paul Fortson regarding the retrieval/non-retrieval of credentials. Chairman Hunt and General Secretary Lyles addressed the concerns. Presiding Bishop Blake also suggested including our Legal Counsel in developing a definitive resolve to the matters.

Chairman Hunt and General Secretary Lyles entertained several other questions, concerns and recommendations regarding the licensing and credential process. General Secretary Lyles also read the April 2012 Resolution passed (*see Attachment G*) regarding licensing and credentialing in order to bring clarity to the licensing concerns. Bishop Jerry Macklin, 2nd Assistant Presiding Bishop informed the Assembly that a meeting would be held to work through the issues and a statement would be made by tomorrow midday.

At 8:30 p.m., Chairman Hunt called for a recess until 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 9, 2014.

**Wednesday, April 9, 2014
(Morning Session)**

Chaplain Eugene Ferrell accompanied by Mother Lee Van Zandt opened the session with a devotional period at approximately 10:00 am. Superintendent Jerry Walker offered the invocation, the Old Testament Scripture (Psalm 107:1-9) was read by Elder John Pendleton and the New Testament Scripture (St. Matthew 5:1-6) was offered by Evangelist Margaret Brewer of Maryland.

In the absence of Vice-Chairman Thuston, Elder George Davis called for certification of the House. At 10:31 a.m. on April 9, 2014, Bishop Lawson, Chairman of the Credentials Committee certified the House at 605 delegates. Chairman, Bishop Designate James Hunt noted that the General Assembly is the law making body of our Church and that any items affirmed by it become law. He opined that all business should be done in the General Assembly and not behind closed doors and in secret. Chairman Hunt then called for recertification of the House.

At 11:08 a.m. the House was recertified with 646 delegates present. Chairman Hunt noted that the resolution regarding Holy Week and other constitutional matters (*see Attachment H*) could not be considered as there were not enough delegates present to have 2/3 of the registered delegates voting in the affirmative as required by the Constitution.

Elder E. Bernard Alexander of New York expressed concern that the business of the General Assembly was being held up while the Chairman waited for the Board of Bishops, who were in a meeting and not present in the session. He noted that no other business should be taking place while the General Assembly is in session. Elder Aaron Tolbert expressed concern regarding what he perceived to be a lack of respect by the Board of Bishops holding a meeting while the General Assembly was in session and called for the Order of the Day. The motion was not recognized.

The Chairman then called for the report of the Job Description & Remuneration Committee (*see Attachment I*). Dr. Frederick Jenkins, Committee Chairman, explained that the committee was assigned to develop, expand, and make recommendations regarding job descriptions of elected officers not clearly defined in the Constitution. Their first area of focus was the Judicial Branch. Dr. Jenkins introduced the committee secretary, Dr. Lanelle Perry, to read the report. Dr. Jenkins also explained that the committee would be addressing job descriptions for all elected officials and called for acceptance of this portion of their report. The report was **ACCEPTED**.

Chairman Hunt called for a report from the Resolution Committee. Dr. Diana Banks, Committee Chair, presented Resolution #04014-1-Creation of Certificates of Recognition (*see Attachment J*), which was designed to create the "Dewitt Arthur Burton Certificate of Recognition" to recognize members of the Church aged 90-99 years. Supervisor Romanetha Stallworth read the resolution. A motion was made to adopt the Resolution. After a proper second, there was some discussion on the motion. Bishop J. Drew Sheard requested the wording be changed to state 90 or better instead of 90-99. The committee accepted that amendment. Bishop Designate Talbert Swan, II offered a point of information that the Office of the General Secretary already had two awards named in Bishop Burton's honor: one for jurisdictional secretaries and the other for those senior in age. Bishop Designate Swan recommended that, as opposed to formulating a commission to oversee a new award that the matter should remain with the Office of the General Secretary. Chairman Hunt noted that keeping the award with that office would be problematic as recommendations would not be readily available across the entire Church.

After some additional discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED** and the Resolution was adopted with accepted changes. Chairman Hunt stated he wanted a committee to oversee the implementation of the Resolution preferably headed by a woman appointed by Mother Rivers. Chairman Hunt asked Mother Rivers to also include members of the Assembly on the Committee and to establish procedures.

Bishop Designate Hunt called for the General Board to complete their report. Bishop Roy Winbush, Secretary and Bishop Frank O. White, Assistant Secretary, presented appointments of the Presiding Bishop and General Board (*See attachment D*).

Bishop Winbush made a motion to ratify the report of the Presiding Bishop and General Board. After a proper second, there was some unreadiness. Elder Solomon Williams (Missouri) noted that the Judiciary Board members were prohibited by the Constitution from serving on any other boards. He stated that Bishop Charles Connor was listed as a member of the Publishing Board.

Elder Steve Jamison (Mississippi) raised questions concerning the appointment of Bishop J. Delano Ellis as Director of Military Chaplaincy. He enquired regarding the credentials of Bishop Ellis and stated that some of Bishop Ellis' doctrinal beliefs were repugnant to those of the Church Of God In Christ. He also asked how appointments and documents were being made without the official signature of the General Secretary.

Bishop Designate Hunt noted that he spoke with the Presiding Bishop, who assured him that all appointees were being properly vetted and would be required to have an application and background check on file. Elder Jamison asked if the same was done regarding Bishop Ellis. Chairman Hunt noted that Bishop Ellis would not receive credentials if he did not meet the church's requirements. Chairman Hunt then called on General Secretary Lyles, who noted that the Office of the General Secretary had not issued credentials to any appointees to date.

Chairman Hunt called the question and declared that the **MOTION CARRIED**. There was some unreadiness regarding the Chairman's determination regarding the motion. Presiding Bishop Blake spoke concerning the fact that Bishop Ellis serves as Administrative Assistant to Bishop Nevels in Ohio and has served faithfully. He noted that he formerly served as Chief of Chaplains in the Reserve Department of the U.S. Air Force, grew up and served in the Church Of God In Christ. He noted some of Bishop Ellis' other contributions to the Church. Bishop Blake noted that Bishop Ellis's doctrinal beliefs are consistent with the Church's regarding the trinity and baptism and that he will conform to the doctrinal beliefs and practices of the Church. Bishop Blake called for the question on the motion. Chairman Hunt divided the House and asked for a standing vote. The **MOTION CARRIED**.

Elder E. Bernard Alexander spoke concerning the fact that many members are not afforded a chance to serve. He questioned why so many serve in multiple positions while others are available but not serving. He urged the Assembly to look among those who are faithful and have remained to be considered to serve and to hold to "one man one job" and follow the rules the Assembly has set over the years.

Presiding Bishop Blake announced that Bishop Earl Gordon of Louisiana had just passed. He offered prayer on behalf of Bishop Gordon's family, church and jurisdiction.

Chairman Hunt called for the Election Commission. He noted that last November the General Assembly held an election for 2 Judiciary Board members, however, did not follow the rules of the Assembly during that election.

He stated that there were a number of letters and inquiries directed at both the General Assembly and the Judiciary Board concerning allegations that an individual elected in November was not a Jurisdictional Bishop. Chairman Hunt noted that the Board of Bishops had submitted the names of 2 Auxiliary Bishops for consideration, Bishop Enoch Perry and another Auxiliary Bishop.

Chairman Hunt noted that he asked for a ruling from the Judiciary Board and reported that the Board's ruling stated that Bishop Enoch Perry was ineligible to run for the Judiciary Board as he was not a Jurisdictional Bishop. The Judiciary Board also ruled that while Bishop Perry was ruled ineligible, the election was valid.

Chairman Hunt noted that because the Judiciary Board ruled that the election was valid he was placing the question before the General Assembly to accept Judge Cassandra Lewis as a duly elected member of the Judiciary Board. The General Assembly **ACCEPTED** her as such.

Chairman Hunt reiterated that the Board of Bishops submitted the names of more than one Auxiliary Bishop and that Bishop Perry was recently appointed Jurisdictional Bishop of the Ivory Coast, which now placed him in a position to serve on the Judiciary Board. Elder Aaron Tolbert raised the question as to whether a Foreign Bishop could be considered a Jurisdictional Bishop on the basis of designations on the F-1 Form. Chairman Hunt clarified that Jurisdictional Bishops can be foreign or domestic.

Chairman Hunt noted that Bishop Perry was one of the top 2 vote getters in the election and that he was overwhelmingly favored in the runoff election. He noted that since Bishop Perry is now a Jurisdictional Bishop, he asked the House if it would allow him to serve on the Judiciary Board and immediately called for the question without a second. There was some unreadiness.

Elder Solomon Williams stated that the Constitution says the Judiciary Board had the final authority concerning election disputes and that to overstep their ruling was to violate our own law. Chairman Hunt called for Superintendent Thomas Jackson, Chief Justice of the Judiciary Board, to approach the microphone. Chairman Hunt stated that he had a problem with the ruling as it was not noted that a quorum was met or the signatures of all justices affixed to the ruling.

Justice Jackson noted that the ruling was made on the basis of the agreement of the majority of justices and that one judge wrote the opinion on behalf of the other judges. He noted that the ruling was a unanimous decision of the 7 justices sitting at the time. Chairman Hunt opined that all nine judges must decide in constitutional matters. Justice Jackson disagreed and noted that the Chairman was misreading the Constitution and that the Judiciary Board was not declaring an act of the General Assembly as unconstitutional but rather, the General Assembly violated the Constitution by electing someone who was ineligible. Justice Jackson further stated that Chairman Hunt did not have the authority to interpret the Constitution as that was the role of the Judiciary Board.

Justice Jackson opined that Chairman Hunt was attempting to try the Judiciary Board before the General Assembly. He noted that the rulings of the Judiciary Board are law and stand on their own as mandated by the Constitution. He stated that it was the job of the General Assembly to legislate or make the law and the job of the Judiciary Board to interpret the law. Justice Jackson declared by ruling of the Judiciary Board that Bishop Enoch Perry was not a member of the Judiciary Board and that Chairman Hunt had no authority to requalify Judge Perry and request that he be accepted as a member.

Justice Jackson suggested tabling the issue. Chairman Hunt withdrew the motion for the General Assembly to accept Bishop Perry as a member of the Judiciary Board.

Chairman Hunt noted that there were 2 vacancies on the Judiciary Board: one from the General Council of Pastors and Elders and the other from the Board of Bishops. He noted that the Judiciary Board also made a ruling that Bishop Joseph Clemmons could no longer serve on the Judiciary Board after being elevated to the office of Bishop as he came from the General Council.

Chairman Hunt read from the Constitution regarding the term of office for Judiciary Board members. He opined that his reading of the Constitution did not disqualify Bishop Clemmons from serving as he was retained to serve a second year term by the General Assembly and was in the midst of that term. He opined that he could only be removed for incapacitation, incompetency or violation of the Constitution.

Bishop E. Charles Connor, Judiciary Board Justice, asked Chairman Hunt to read the Order of the Judiciary Board regarding former Justice, Bishop Joseph Clemmons so the delegates would understand how the Board came to the conclusion that Bishop Clemmons was ineligible to continue to serve, due to the slot under which he was initially elected to serve and his elevation to an Auxiliary Bishop. Bishop Connor noted that the Church must uphold the Constitution and not succumb to emotion regarding the decision. He stated that the vote was unanimous among justices making the decision.

Elder David Hall Jr. (Tennessee) questioned whether Bishop Connor had the right to speak on the matter and Bishop J.O. Lawson suggested that the matter be remanded back to the Judiciary Board for further consideration.

Chairman Hunt stated that Justice Clemmons was retained to serve a second term on the Judiciary Board and that process is through the Assembly. Chairman Hunt also asked how the Judiciary Board could rule on the Justice Clemmons matter when recusing him only left 6 justices to make the decision, and asked Bishop Connor to address this issue. Bishop Connor noted that Article VIII refers to a quorum, when considering constitutional matters. He asked the Chairman to read the Order. Chairman Hunt stated that since the matter came to the Judiciary Board from one member that there was no need to read the Order. After some shouts from the delegates to "read the order," Chairman Hunt had the Order read to the delegates by Bishop Connor (*see Attachment K*).

Chairman Hunt recognized Bishop Joseph Clemmons. Bishop Clemmons stated the meaning of a quorum. He further stated that any number of justices present less than 7 prevented the Judiciary Board from doing business. Bishop Connor noted that according to the Constitution, the Judiciary Board had made a ruling that should stand. Chairman Hunt argued that a single individual should not be able to go directly to the Judiciary Board without going to another entity in the Church. Bishop Clemmons read from Article VIII regarding filing charges against a member of the Judiciary Board and stated that he had not committed an act repugnant to the Constitution of the Church and stated that the Order, which the Judiciary Board ruled on, was illegal.

Presiding Bishop Blake stated that the way the Assembly dealt with the present matter on the floor, would have long lasting influence on the Church. He referenced the U.S. Supreme Court, its appointment process and mentioned it is a public court in its deliberations and inquiries. Bishop Blake noted that the discussion regarding the current matter indicated there is much constitutional work to be done in relationship to our Judiciary. He noted the need to outline the functions of the Board; how matters come to the Board, as well as what can and cannot come before the Board. He further stated that there needs to be a law indicating that once someone is elected to the Board they should be allowed to serve their full term even if their status changes.

Bishop Blake noted that the General Assembly needed to examine the Constitution in terms of its governance and guidance of the Judiciary Board. He also noted that there should be specific guidelines and procedures in place as well as a stipulation to avoid random selection of matters brought before the Board. He also noted that the constituency of the Church should be notified of the Board's deliberations and afforded the opportunity to have input in matters before the court. He noted that the Judiciary Board has made decisions on matters that the constituency of the Church did not know were before them. He also noted that, while he did not believe this was appropriate, the Board was operating within the law of the Church as it presently exists. Bishop Blake stated that there was a need to change the law and thoroughly examine the Constitution to avoid going through the issue before the Assembly.

Chairman Hunt allowed Bishop Clemmons to make the statement that a Justice can be removed from office prior to the expiration of his/her term for only three reasons: 1) incapacitation, 2) incompetence, or 3) for the commission of acts in violation of the Constitution of the Church Of God In Christ.

Justice Thomas Jackson clarified that the Judiciary Board does have rules and procedures by which it operates. He stated that the current proceedings were that of a Kangaroo Court and could not be allowed to continue as the Judiciary Board had made its ruling. He opined that the Chairman could not interpret the Constitution the way he wanted and that if there was a desire to change the way the Judiciary Board operates, the law of the Church would have to be changed by the process detailed in the Constitution. Chairman Hunt stated to Justice Jackson that the ruling of the Judiciary Board violated the Constitution as the Judiciary Board did not have the authority to put someone out of office before their successor was duly elected and qualified. Justice Jackson responded that Chairman Hunt was interpreting the Constitution, which was beyond his authority. He noted that the Judiciary Board stood on its ruling.

Elder Solomon Williams read from Article VIII concerning the fact that the Judiciary Board could receive referrals made to it by any authorized person or body provided that it is in writing and states the names and addresses of the disputants and bears the signature of the appellant or the presiding officer of the body making the referral.

Bishop Nathaniel Wells noted that in the Judiciary Code, there is a right of clemency in capital cases, such as the matter with Bishop Clemmons being removed from office. He stated that the Presiding Bishop could grant clemency from the Order of the Judiciary Board.

Chairman Hunt announced that the matter would be tabled and referred to the Constitution Committee.

At 2:30 p.m., Chairman Hunt called for recess until 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 9, 2014 (Evening Session)

Chaplain Ferrell accompanied by Mother Lee Van Zandt opened the session with a devotional period at approximately 5:00 pm. Superintendent E. Bernard Alexander offered the invocation. The Old Testament Scripture (Lamentations 3:21-24) was read by Superintendent James Reese and the New Testament Scripture (Revelations 1:10-11a) was read by Mother Fannie Mae Foster.

Chaplain Ferrell presented Vice-Chairman, Bishop Lemuel Thuston, to open the evening session. Vice-Chairman Thuston called the Assembly to order and asked for certification of the House. At 5:29 p.m. on April 9, 2014, Bishop Lawson and the Credentials Committee certified the House with 497 delegates. Vice-Chairman Thuston presented Chairman, Bishop Designate James Hunt, Sr.

Chairman Hunt announced that the Assembly lacked a quorum to do constitutional business and asked Constitutional Committee Chairman, Elder Solomon Williams, to distribute the materials from the committee to the delegates, although a vote could not be taken. He noted that delegates would have the materials to peruse in advance of the next session.

Chairman Hunt recognized several delegates who spoke concerning the problem of needing a quorum to do constitutional business.

Elder Solomon Williams read resolutions (*refer to Attachment H*), which would amend the Constitution. The entire Constitutional Committee was presented to the Assembly. Committee secretary, Dr. Bernadette Jeffery gave the statement of purpose and responsibilities of the Constitution Committee and shared information for contacting the committee at cogic.constitution.committee@gmail.com.

Chairman Hunt allowed the delegates of the Assembly a period to ask questions. Several questions were raised concerning the ordination and credentialing of women, the proper distribution of information to the delegates in advance of the Assembly, the election of officers of the Jurisdictional Council of Pastors and Elders, and the polity of the Church. Chairman Hunt allowed Pastor Michael Eaddy, Chairman of the General Council of Pastors and Elders Council to respond to the matter regarding the election of jurisdictional council officers. Pastor Eaddy noted that the General Council has a process by which jurisdictions should elect officers of their respective jurisdictional councils. The process would be made available to those who are not familiar with it.

Chairman Hunt called for the Nominating Committee to present their report. Chairman Jonathan Saffold and the Nominating Committee presented their report. Chairman Saffold had Elder David W. Stokes to introduce the members of the Nominating Committee. Chairman Saffold detailed the responsibilities the committee was charged with and the process by which applications for those vying for national office are made and reviewed.

Concerning the Judiciary Board, Elder Saffold stated that each house had to send at least 2 candidates for a vacancy. Chairman Hunt noted that a house could not select a candidate to fill a vacancy, but had to submit multiple candidates for an election to be held in the General Assembly.

Bishop Designate Talbert Swan, II questioned Chairman Hunt regarding the rationale for a house being required to send more than one individual for a vacancy if only one candidate from that house showed interest in the position. Chairman Hunt stated that anytime a vacancy opened for a particular house that enough candidates had to be submitted for an election to be held. Bishop Designate Swan noted that an election could be held if a candidate was unopposed. He also noted that the Constitution required that the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Sergeant-At-Arms, Parliamentarian and Chaplain of the General Assembly are to be elected. He questioned Chairman Hunt on the notion that the Chairman and Vice Chair be elected first and then the Chairman exercise his prerogative to put forth names for consideration for the other positions required by the Constitution to be elected. He asked the Chairman if nominations should be opened for persons desiring to serve in those offices so that they could be screened and qualified even as they were opened for the positions of Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Bishop Designate Swan suggested that if the Chairman handpicked his desired candidates and had them ratified by the General Assembly, it would not constitute an election as required by the Constitution.

Chairman Saffold announced that there was one application for Chairman and one candidate for Vice Chairman. He announced that Bishop Designate Hunt was running unopposed for Chairman and that Bishop Lemuel Thuston was running unopposed for Vice Chairman.

Bishop Designate Talbert Swan, II made a motion to open nominations for the positions of Sergeant-At-Arms, Chaplain, and Parliamentarian as they were required by the Constitution to be elected. The motion was properly seconded, however, Chairman Hunt stated that the positions were not vacant at the moment and that those officers serve with the elected Chairman and Vice Chairman. Bishop Designate Swan asked Chairman Hunt if he was going to ignore the fact that the Constitution clearly states that the offices in question are to be elected by the General Assembly. Chairman Hunt stated that there were only 2 positions on the ballot that the Assembly will deal with regarding an election, Chairman and Vice Chairman. He stated that the General Assembly could elect a Sergeant-At-Arms, Chaplain, and Timekeeper once the Chairman and Vice Chairman were elected. Bishop Designate Swan asked Chairman Hunt where the process he outlined was written and underscored that it was a constitutional requirement to elect all officers and for their tenures to run concurrently. Chairman Hunt opined that the Constitution did not detail the process to elect other officers of the General Assembly. Bishop Designate Swan noted that since the term of office for all officers required to be elected run concurrently they should therefore be elected at the same time. Chairman Hunt stated that the Chairman and Vice Chairman could put forth names for the other officers once they are duly elected. Bishop Designate Swan noted that he properly made a motion that was seconded and called for the question. Chairman Hunt stated that the motion was not being recognized.

Elder Michael Eaddy asked for clarity concerning the upcoming election and questioned why it was permissible for the Chairman and Vice Chairman to run unopposed but not permissible for the General Council's candidate for a vacancy on the Judiciary Board to also run unopposed. Chairman Hunt stated that the Constitution required that enough candidates be submitted from the General Council for the General Assembly to have an election.

Elder Aaron Tolbert questioned how the Judiciary Board could get a quorum with the number of vacancies. He noted that to keep seats vacant through November would prevent the Board from doing business for the remainder of the year. Chairman Hunt stated that no election would be held. Chairman Hunt asked Elder Saffold to share contact information for the Nominating Committee. The committee can be reached via email: jsaffoldsr@hotmail.com

Chairman Hunt called for the report of the Standards and Extensions Committee. Bishop Malcolm Coby, Committee Chairman, asked the committee secretary, Evangelist Mildred Coby to introduce the members. Their report included forming Georgia Metro as a new jurisdiction and allowing New York Southeast, California Southwest, Illinois Midwest and Pennsylvania Eastern First to continue as jurisdictions. The committee concurred with the recommendations of the General Board regarding each jurisdiction.

Chairman Hunt called for Dr. Diana Banks and the Resolution Committee. Dr. Banks presented Elder Walker, committee secretary, to read Resolution #042014-2-Resolution for Discipline of Sexual Acts against Minors (*refer to Attachment C*). A motion was made to adopt the Resolution with the necessary corrections. After a proper second, Chairman Hunt called for the question and the **MOTION CARRIED**.

Chairman Hunt presented Bishop John Henry Sheard, Chairman of the Board of Bishops, joined by the college of Bishops, who made a contribution of \$50,000 toward the Lelia Mason Building renovation project. Bishop Sheard requested the funds be applied to the new wing identifying him and the Board of Bishops as contributors.

Chairman Hunt called for the Screening Committee, chaired by Bishop David Screven. Committee secretary, Supervisor Margaret Moore, identified those committee members present including one new member, Pastor Vernon Prioleau of Pennsylvania. The recording secretary reported that the Nominating Committee submitted names of nominees for the positions of Chairman and Vice Chairman of the General Assembly. The nominees had been screened and their background checks received. She also stated the importance of all Standing Committee members completing a background check. Bishop Screven reported that the screenings and background checks for the offices of Chairman and Vice Chairman of the General Assembly were completed and passed. He also stated that 65% of Standing Committee members had passed a background check and completed the on line Sexual Misconduct course.

Chairman Hunt entertained questions regarding employment of non-members pertaining to the Sexual Misconduct Against Minors Resolution and the confidentiality/security of background check information forwarded to Headquarters. Bishop Jerry Macklin, 2nd Assistant Presiding Bishop stated the desire of the General Board to set up background checks with specific companies so that all checks by the Church would be consistent. He stated the concern of confidential records being exposed and destroying lives. He recommended investigating at least three (3) companies to be used for the background checks, negotiate lower rates, and give the companies the required parameters and safeguards set by the Church. The company would issue the determination without specific data being exposed to the designated party.

Chairman Hunt made the logo of the General Assembly available in Velcro badges to the Chairpersons for issuance to the various committee members.

Chairman Hunt allowed Bishop Brooks to return acknowledging additional contributions toward the renovation project of the Lelia Mason building now totaling \$87,000. Added to the \$50,000 contribution from the Board of Bishops was: \$3,000-Administrative Assistant Hicks of Seattle, WA; \$5,000-Plummer Investment Firm; \$1,000-Trustee Sylvia Law; \$25,000-pledge completion from the Ohio Bishops; \$1,000 pledge completion-Bishop B. A. Sanders; and \$2,000-Bishop Designate Milton R. Hawkins.

Chairman Hunt called for a report from the Financial Secretary, Bishop Frank Anthone White who was also joined by Elder Tyrone Potts, CFO. Bishop White reviewed the Financial Performance Report (*see Attachment L*) which was distributed to the Assembly followed by a statement of revenue activity presented by Elder Potts.

Bishop Designee Hunt called for a recess at approximately 8:45 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Thursday, April 10, 2014.

Thursday, April 10, 2014 – 10:00 a.m.
(Morning Session)

Chaplain Eugene Ferrell, accompanied by Mother Lee Van Zandt opened the session at 10:00 am with a devotional period. Superintendent Willie Clark offered the invocation. The Old Testament Scripture (Habakkuk 2:4) was read by Administrative Assistant Ronald Sawyer and the New Testament Scripture (John 4:10-14) was read by Dr. Janice Selmon. Superintendent Ginyard led the delegates in songs of praise.

Vice-Chairman, Bishop Lemuel Thuston called the House to order and asked for certification of the House. It was noted that Attorney Timothy Smith was serving as Parliamentarian for this session. Bishop Juan Lawson certified the House at 10:46 a.m. with 297 delegates present.

Vice-Chairman Thuston took this opportunity to encourage every jurisdiction to hold jurisdictional assemblies which is constitutional. He stated the Jurisdictional Bishop is the official Chairman or he may delegate that responsibility to someone at the jurisdictional level. He further stated there should be a counterpart of the Assembly operating within the jurisdiction and these sessions provide an excellent model and example of operation. Vice-Chairman Thuston presented the Chairman.

Chairman, Bishop Designate James Hunt thanked the delegates who remained to do business of the Church. He reiterated comments made by Vice-Chairman Thuston regarding jurisdictional assemblies and stated that the Official Manual mandated that every jurisdiction should hold a jurisdictional assembly. He further stated that the Official Manual was published in 1973, 41 years ago, and delegates to jurisdictional assemblies had not changed for that same time period. Chairman Hunt opined jurisdictional assemblies is one of the areas the Constitution Committee should review for updating.

Chairman Hunt called for the report from Dr. David Hall, Sr., who served as Chairman of the Inaugural Committee (*see Attachment M*). Dr. Hall introduced the committee members and asked those present to stand with him during the report. After reading the report, he presented a contribution in the amount of \$9,044 (surplus from corporate contributions) designated for the renovation of the Lelia Mason building. Dr. Hall moved for acceptance of the report, it was **ACCEPTED**. Chairman Hunt stated the total amount of the contribution would be brought to \$10,000.

Chairman Hunt spoke concerning the ruling of the Judiciary Board, which declared that Bishop Joseph Clemmons was no longer eligible to serve on the Board. He stated that the actions taken by the Judiciary Board were null and void on the basis of not having a quorum and that their actions were in violation of the Constitution and of Robert's Rules of Order. He further stated Bishop Joseph Clemmons would continue to serve on the Judiciary Board until his term is completed and that Judge Cassandra Lewis would begin her 7-year term as a jurist.

Discussion ensued as to whether the Judiciary Board could be considered a deliberative body as defined by Robert's Rules of Order and as to whether Chairman Hunt could make such a ruling without it going to the body. Chairman Hunt stated that he was not making a ruling but rather stating the Constitution.

Chairman Hunt read the procedures for how charges are filed against a member of the Judiciary Board and noted his discomfort with the procedures. He informed delegates he had received charges filed against a member of the Judiciary Board.

Chairman Hunt noted that he had no desire to choose individuals to serve on an investigative committee but would allow delegates who had a desire to serve to come to the microphone and state their intention. He noted that he would choose an investigative committee from amongst delegates expressing a desire to serve. Several delegates came to the microphone and expressed their desire and qualifications to serve on the investigative committee.

- Dr. Diana Chandler Banks – Background in grievance management settlements and arbitrations.
- Pastor C. L. Seals (NV) – Background in investigations.
- Elder Eugene Ferrell (CA) – Chaplain, Oakland Police Dept., also served on investigative committees.
- Sharon Hennesy (TX) – Houston School District-Budgets.
- Evang. Sandra Gilkey Dixon – Background in criminal justice, mental health, and counselling.
- Tran Lewis (CA) – Serve on jurisdictional investigative teams.
- George Martin (CA) – Serve on jurisdictional screening committee.

Bishop Designate Talbert Swan, II asked for a point of information and informed the Assembly that the Office of the General Secretary was not in receipt of such charges, therefore, the Chairman could not have received such charges from the Secretary of the General Assembly as required by the Constitution. Bishop Designate Swan was asked to locate the General Secretary, Bishop J.H. Lyles, Jr., to speak to the matter. Chairman Hunt noted that he was sent a copy of the charges.

Bishop Lyles, who had not officially received the charges in the Office of the General Secretary, was handed a copy by Chairman Hunt. Chairman Hunt stated he was uncomfortable with the Chairman or Vice Chairman being involved with a process that investigates individuals considering their working relationship. He noted that he intended to have a forum in November to discuss how to rectify this problem.

Bishop Joel Lyles read the salutation and first paragraph of the charges, which were filed against Justice Thomas Jackson, and noted that they were receipted as of this day.

Chairman Hunt called on Bishop Joel Lyles, Jr. and Bishop Jerry W. Macklin to discuss credentialing. Bishop Lyles detailed that Bishop Macklin convened a meeting, including the Women's Dept. the Board of Bishops, and Board Secretary, Bishop Roy Winbush, to discuss the issue of licensing, particularly regarding the Women's Department. Bishop Macklin thanked Mother Willie Mae Rivers and her staff for coming together to help resolve issues relating to credentialing.

Bishop Macklin noted that revisions to credentialing was a work in progress and all would not be resolved on that particular day. He detailed that by June 1st the COGIC website would identify 3 fully authorized background screening companies recommended by the Church. The site will also provide a link where candidates for licensure can fill out a form to authorize background screening from authorized companies. The authorized screening companies will report to the National Church in 3 categories: red, orange or green and all records would remain in the depository of the screening company and not the National Church. Results of red, orange or green will be submitted to the National Church and to the Jurisdictional Bishop of the candidate. Bishop Macklin noted that the candidate would have privilege to respond to negative screening directly to the screening company. A determination of green will connote that the Church can move forward with credentialing. A determination of red will connote that the church cannot move forward with credentialing. A determination of orange will connote the Church should proceed with caution.

Bishop Macklin noted that another meeting would be held with the Women's Department to clarify some matters concerning licensing. Bishop Macklin reiterated that the licensing and credentialing process was set up for new candidates for licensing and ordination as a starting point.

Elder Paul Fortson was recognized by Chairman Hunt and he detailed concerns regarding the Judiciary Board election. Elder Fortson questioned why a new election needed to be held for the position which the Judiciary Board determined that Bishop Enoch Perry was not qualified to hold. He noted that it was improper to hold a second election and to requalify a previously disqualified candidate to run again. He further noted that since Bishop Perry was disqualified and the election was determined to be valid, that the next highest vote getter should be duly qualified as the elected member of the Judiciary Board. Chairman Hunt stated that he had already spoken to the issue and his determination to hold an election in November, with Bishop Perry as a qualified candidate would stand. Elder Fortson attempted to make a motion when instructed by Chairman Hunt that motions were not being accepted.

Chairman Hunt recognized Dr. Diana Banks who asked who would set the parameters for red, orange and green in the background screening process. Bishop Jerry Macklin noted that parameters would be clearly identified to the candidate and that the General Board was presently setting them. He noted that the individual candidate will be allowed to correct any misinformation from a report and be able to deal directly with the screening company. Bishop Macklin answered some additional questions regarding background screening and credentialing.

Bishop Designate Hunt apologized for Justice Thomas Jackson's name being read when speaking of charges filed against a member of the Judiciary Board. He noted that his intention was for specific information to only be given to the members of the investigative committee. He further stated that as it stood, the matters filed were no more than allegations and wanted delegates to leave with the correct understanding. He noted that there was a need to create a judicial council for the General Assembly to hear charges. He stated that the matter would be discussed further in the November session.

Chairman Hunt presented a check for \$9,044 to Bishop Charles Blake on behalf of the Inaugural Committee and noted that it was earmarked for the Lelia Mason Building project. He stated that a total of \$10,000 would be given.

Chairman Hunt called on General Secretary Lyles to present the 2014 Calendar (*see Attachment N*) and Motion to Adjourn. Bishop Lyles gave the remaining calendar for 2014 and then called on representatives from jurisdictions celebrating 100 years to detail their respective celebrations. Bishop Lyles then made the Motion to Adjourn. The motion was properly seconded. Chairman Hunt allowed an announcement regarding the 106 year celebration of Bostick Temple Church Of God in Christ then called for greetings from Mother Willie Mae Rivers, General Supervisor. Chairman Hunt called for final remarks and benediction by Presiding Bishop Charles Blake. Bishop Blake called on Bishop Jerry W. Mackling to speak concerning the 2014 laity campaign. Bishop Blake gave closing remarks and offered a benedictory prayer. Chairman Hunt called the question on the Motion to Adjourn. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

Church Of God In Christ, Inc.

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MOTION TO ADJOURN

BISHOP JOEL HARLEY LYLES, JR.
General Secretary

Whereas, the General Assembly of the Church Of God In Christ was duly assembled on Tuesday, April 8, Wednesday April 9 and Thursday April 10, 2014 and the delegates to the April 2014 session were issued Certificates of Election, duly registered and properly seated, and

Whereas, directives and greetings were given by the Chairman of the General Assembly and

Whereas, reports from the Presiding Bishop and General Board, the Board of Trustees, the Resolution Committee, the Constitution Committee, the Nominating Committee, Screening Committee and various Standing and Ad Hoc Committees were received, accepted, ratified, and/or adopted, and where applicable, will be included in the Official Minutes of this session, and

Whereas, resolutions were passed which shall be included in the Official Minutes of this session, and

Whereas, reports were given and received from the General Secretary, and Financial Secretary, and

Whereas, the delegates to this session have given of their time and attention to make this General Assembly session a success,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved: that the General Assembly of the Church Of God In Christ does hereby ratify, confirm, and approve all actions and proceedings done during the calling of this General Assembly session; the registering and seating of delegates, the appointing of the aforementioned, the reports of all committees and commissions, and all actions and proceedings done by the General Assembly itself in the furtherance of its work,

Be It Further Resolved: that this General Assembly does hereby express its gratitude and appreciation to all delegates who have contributed to its success, and

Be It Finally Resolved: that this session of the General Assembly be adjourned on Thursday, and at 12:30 p.m.

**Done this 10th day of April, 2014,
in the city of Memphis, Tennessee**

**Bishop Joel Harley Lyles, Jr.
General Secretary
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GENERAL ASSEMBLY



April 8-10, 2014

RULES AND PROCEDURES

Chairman James W. Hunt, Sr.

Pastor Melvin Smith, Attorney at Law
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April 8, 2014, in Memphis, TN., The April Call Meeting of the Church Of God In Christ, Inc. during the opening Session of the General Assembly, the following Rules and Procedures are presented to be affirmed as the rules for our governance.

RULES AND PROCEDURES
FOR
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S AUTHORITY:

WHEREAS

In accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the Church Of God In Christ filed in the state of Tennessee and the Constitution as outlined in the Church Of God In Christ Official Manual, The General Assembly is the supreme legislative authority of the Church Of God In Christ. And

WHEREAS

The General Assembly is the only tribunal which has power and authority to express doctrines and creeds for the Church of God In Christ. And

WHEREAS

The General Assembly's decisions shall be binding on all members of the Church Of God In Christ. And

WHEREAS

The General Assembly shall adopt such rules, policies, procedures and regulations governing the conduct of its business and its organization, as it may deem necessary, proper and/or expedient. And

WHEREAS

There can be no appeal of the decisions and determinations of the General Assembly.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

The following Rules and Procedures shall govern the General Assembly of the Church Of God In Christ, Inc.:

RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RULE 1. The General Assembly Operation

The General Assembly shall be governed by the Charter, Constitution, Bylaws, Policies, Rules and Procedures of the Church Of God In Christ, Inc. as they now are or may be amended from time to time. Where the Constitution and General Assembly Rules are silent, at the discretion of the Chair Robert's Rules of Order may be followed. The General Assembly shall hear and consider the business and matters of the Church Of God In Christ, Inc. as reported to it by the entities of the Church Of God In Christ, Inc. making recommendations where required or needed for clarity and vote its conscience.

RULE 2. General Assembly Composition

The General Assembly shall be comprised of duly elected delegates from each Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction both Foreign and Domestic and certified by the General Secretary's Office. These delegates shall include:

Bishops: (General Board, Jurisdictional, Domestic & Foreign & Auxiliary
Jurisdictional Bishop's Wives

Pastors/Elders: (Administrative Assistant, District Superintendent,
Pastors, and Elders without Charge).

Supervisors: (Jurisdictional Foreign, Domestic, and Supervisor
without Charge).

Jurisdictional Secretaries

District Missionaries: 4 per Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Wives: (Of current and former General Board
Members, and Jurisdictional Bishops and Elected
Emeritized Officials' Wives).

Lay Delegates: 6 per Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction.

Specials: (At the discretion of the Chair with the approval
of the Assembly).

Note: All elected and voting delegates are to be in good standing in their Ecclesiastical Jurisdictions.

RULE 3. Seating of Officials and Delegates

In keeping with the General Assembly custom and in order to facilitate the orderly flow of business, seating on the platform shall be as follows:

- a. **General Assembly Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Parliamentarian.**
- b. **Presiding Bishop and the General Board.**
- c. **General Secretary and General Assembly Secretarial Staff.**
- d. **The Judiciary Board, 9 members.**
- e. **Board of Bishops – 6 members.**
- f. **Women's Department – General Mother and Fifteen (15) staff members.**
- g. **Wife Of the Presiding Bishop, Wives of Present and former General Board members and the Wife of General Assembly Chair and formal General Assembly Chair Wives or Widows.**
- h. **National Trustee Board- Chairman, Vice Chairmen, and Secretary.**
- i. **General Council of Pastors and Elders – 5 members.**

- j. **General Financial Secretary**
- k. **General Treasurer**
- l. **The lower round right** – The Rules Committee 3 members, Sergeant at Arms 3 members.
- m. **The lower round left** - The Support staff to the Chairman and Presiding Bishop.
- n. **Special Sections** on the floor is reserved in the following manner: the first eight (8) rows center for the remaining members of the General Assembly Advisory/Executive Staff, the Trustee Board, and all other elected and appointed officers, to the immediate left the first ten (10) rows are for Supervisors, Bishops Wives and Supervisors without charge, to the immediate right the first ten (10) rows for the remaining members of the Board of Bishops, the section to the immediate lower floor right reserved for the Physically Challenge.
- o. All other Delegates shall be seated on the lower floor.
- p. **Non delegates** will be permitted in the balcony in the role of observers only, **Non delegates** will not be permitted into the Assembly during any Quadrennial Election.
- q. **ONLY DELEGATES WITH PROPER CURRENT YEAR CREDENTIALS WILL BE PERMITTED INTO AND ON THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FLOOR.**
(Seating arrangements in the General Assembly are subject to the discretion of the Chair.)

RULE 4. The Chairman

The Chairman shall conduct the meeting as outlined on a printed agenda and in the following manner:

- a. The Chairman shall open the assembly by calling the meeting to order.
- b. The Chairman shall announce the business of the assembly by presenting an agenda to the assembly.
- c. The Chairman shall decide all questions of order.
- d. The Chairman shall put all questions before the assembly.
- e. The Chairman shall maintain the order of and in the assembly.
- f. The Chairman shall discuss and allow discussion of the items on the agenda for the session.
- g. The Chairman will recognize all Delegates, and shall conduct the meeting without partiality.
- h. The Chairman shall be permitted to change the order of the agenda items.
- i. The Chairman shall have the authority to set time limits for discussion of agenda items.
- j. When deemed necessary, the Chairman shall have the authority to assign agenda items to the appropriate committee or committees for further studies and/or refinement.

(In the absence or direction of the Chairman the Vice-Chairman shall conduct the meeting in the same fashion)

RULE 5. The Quorum

“A quorum shall only be required when dealing with the Charter, Constitution and Bylaws.”

All other business where the delegates have been properly notified concerning the meeting/business of the General Assembly which includes elections, resolutions, appointments and all other necessary business of the National Church shall be with those delegates present and voting.

RULE 6. Quadrennial Election

- a. Candidates for National Office will be nominated and or declare their intention to run for National Office, the Nominating and Screening Committee will conduct the necessary interview and background check to insure their qualification. Upon completion of the necessary interview and background check the Nomination and Screening Committee will submit the names of all qualified candidates to the Chairman of the General Assembly to have their names places on the ballot.
- b. The Election Commission under the direction of the Chair or his designee will conduct all elections for National Office.
- c. Voting in all elections for National Officers shall be by ballot vote only. To be declared the winner, a candidate must receive at least 50%+ 1 of the votes cast. In the event that no candidate gets 50%+1 of the votes cast, there will be a run off between the two candidates with the highest number of votes. In the case of the General Board the twelve (12) candidates with the highest number of votes will be declared the winners; this is true as well for the National Trustee Board the fifteen (15) candidates with the highest number of votes will be declared the winners.
- d. Delegates once in the General Assembly Chamber may only leave at the discretion of the Chair; any delegate leaving the General Assembly Chamber after the house has been certified without leave of the Chair will not be permitted back into the Chamber.

RULE 7. The Method of Voting

- a. The method of voting on motions shall be at the discretion of the Chairman. However, a "**Division of the House**" shall be honored when the vote is inconclusive.
- b. Any proposed Amendment to the Charter (Constitution), Articles of Religion (Doctrine) of the Church Of God In Christ shall require the following:
 1. All proposed Amendments are to be submitted in written form.
 2. The proposed Amendments shall become the property of the General Assembly for consideration and action.
 3. No such Amendments shall be voted upon in the same session presented.
 4. Proposed Amendments to the Charter (Constitution), Articles of Religion (Doctrine), of the Church Of God In Christ shall have three (3) reading before the General Assembly:

First reading is the document in its present form,
Second reading is the proposed revisions, and
Third reading is for ratification.

Passage is required at each reading to move forward (not in the same session presented).
 5. Proposed Amendments to the Charter (Constitution), Articles of Religion (Doctrine) of the Church Of God In Christ Must Pass by a **Two Third 2/3** majority vote of the Registered Delegates to the General Assembly Session in which presented for a vote.
 6. All such Amendments upon passage in the General Assembly are in full force and effect, and are to be filed within twenty one (21) days from the date of passage with the Secretary of State of the State of Tennessee by the General Secretary of the Church Of God In Christ, Inc.
 7. Proposed Amendments to Policy and Procedural items of the Church Of God In Christ may be presented and become the property of the General Assembly and acted (voted) upon in the same session presented. Passage

and/or adoption of these items requiring only a majority vote of those Registered Delegates present and voting, the items voted on become effective immediately upon passage in the General Assembly.

RULE 8. Addressing the General Assembly

- I. Members, who wish to speak, shall address the Chair and be recognized by the Chair,
- II. Upon being recognized by the Chair, members shall stand; give their Names, their Jurisdiction and their Jurisdictional Bishop's name.
- III. When addressing the General Assembly, members shall limit their remarks to the discussion at hand and avoid negative, personal comments.

RULE 9. Disturbances

Disturbances that hinder the orderly transaction of business shall be deemed a violation of order in such case the Chair may:

- a. Prohibit the disorderly Delegate from further participation in any discussion during the remainder of the General Assembly session or any part thereof.
- b. If the disorderly Delegate continues to disturb the order of the General Assembly, the Chair may eject the Delegate from the Assembly Session.
- c. Non-Delegate who causes disturbances may be ejected from the auditorium.
- d. **NO** recording or monitoring devices are permitted in or on the General Assembly floor or in the gallery without the expressed permission of the Chairman of the General Assembly.
- e. **NO** outside media coverage or reporters are permitted in the General Assembly session or in the gallery without the expressed permission of the Chairman of the General Assembly.
- f. **All Cell phones MUST be turned OFF** or put on **VIBRATE** mode during the General Assembly Sessions.
- g. **There will be no distribution of literature in the General Assembly accept by the Sergeant At Arms and his staff.**

RULE 10. Sergeant-At-Arms

The Sergeant-At-Arms shall be charged with, verifying that all Delegate on the General Assembly floor are Registered for the current General Assembly Session, gathering the count of Registered Delegate in the General Assembly session, maintaining order in the General Assembly session, distributing materials to Registered Delegates, the counting of votes (in the event of a Division of the House); and any other duties the Chairman may deem necessary to the orderly flow of business during the General Assembly session.

MEMBERS OF THE RULES COMMITTEE:

Pastor Melvin Smith, Attorney at Law Chairman
Evangelist Deborah Braxton, Secretary

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Church Of God In Christ, Inc.
 General Assembly
Elder James W. Hunt, Chairman
 April Call Meeting-April 8-10, 2014
 Mason Temple-930 Mason Street-Memphis TN

The Devotional Period	Prayer, Scripture & Testimonies	Elder Eugene Ferrell, Chaplain
1.	The Call to Order <i>Vice Chairman</i>	Bishop Lemuel Thuston,
2.	The Certification of the House Bishop Juan Lawson	<i>Chairman, Credentials Committee</i>
3.	The Reading of the Rules Elder Melvin Smith	<i>Chairman, Ad Hoc Rules Committee</i>
4.	The Adoption of the Minutes (November 2013) Bishop Joel Harley Lyles, Jr.	<i>General Secretary</i>
5.	The Adoption of the Agenda General Secretary Lyles	

AGENDA

I. The Chairman's Address	Elder James W. Hunt, Sr., <i>Chairman</i>
II. The Report from the Presiding Bishop and the General Board	Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr., <i>Presiding Bishop</i> Bishop Roy L. H. Winbush, <i>Secretary, General Board</i>
III. The Report from the Trustee Board	Supt. Dwight Walls, <i>Chairman</i> The Board of Trustees
IV. The Jurisdictional Financial Reports	Bishop Frank Anthone White <i>Financial Secretary</i>
V. The Report on National Licensing and Credentialing	General Secretary Lyles
VI. The Reports from Standing Committees:	
The Resolution Committee	Chairlady Diana C. Banks
The Constitution Committee	Chairman Solomon Williams
The Nominating Committee	Chairman Jonathan Saffold
The Election Committee	Chairlady Myra Banks
The Job Description & Remuneration Committee	Chairman Frederick Jenkins
The Screening Committee	Chairman David Screven
The Standards & Extensions Committee	Chairman Malcolm Coby
The Finance Committee	Chairman Alonzo Baxter

VII. Reports from Ad Hoc Committees:

The Manual Review Committee

Chairman Eugene Canty

The Ordination Committee

Chairman George McKinney

The Inaugural Committee

Chairman David Hall

VIII. The 2014 Calendar & Motion to Recess

General Secretary Lyles

IX. The Closing Directives

Chairman Hunt

X. The Closing Remarks & Benediction

Presiding Bishop Blake

ATTACHMENT C

**RESOLUTION COMMITTEE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY APRIL CALL MEETING 2014**

**RESOLUTION #042014-2: DISCIPLINE OF
SEXUAL ACTS AGAINST MINORS**

WHEREAS, the Church Of God In Christ, Inc. (the “Church of God in Christ”) was founded on the fundamental principles of sanctification and holiness;

WHEREAS, the Church of God in Christ is directly opposed to and denounces all forms of sexual abuse against children and believes that these acts are spiritual and moral wrongs repugnant to the founding principles of our Church and the Bible and, further, may irreparably damage the lives and positive mental, physical, and spiritual development of the victims of such crimes;

WHEREAS, the Church of God in Christ and its leadership are committed to upholding our founding principles by maintaining a safe environment for our children;

WHEREAS, the Church of God in Christ intends to aggressively discipline members within our Church who commit sexual acts involving minors;

WHEREAS, a resolution against misconduct was passed by the General Assembly during the Fall 2002 Session (the “2002 Misconduct Resolution”) that provides, in pertinent part:

The Presiding Bishop and General Board will have the authority to suspend any officer, elected or appointed, including, but not limited to, Bishops, Supervisors, Pastors, Elders, Ministers, Missionaries, Evangelists, or Deacons pending the outcome of any allegations of misconduct that has the potential to substantially impact the National Church financially, morally and spiritually. The Presiding Bishop, with the approval of the General Board, shall have authority to delegate this authority to the Jurisdictional Bishop where the misconduct occurred.

However, a need exists for a resolution speaking directly to sexual acts against minors;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that all assignments, appointments, and credentials held by any member of the Church of God in Christ who has been formally charged in a criminal court with committing a sexual act with a person under the statutory age of consent in the municipal jurisdiction (state or country) in which the charges were brought shall be automatically suspended until such charges are resolved and the matter shall immediately be referred to the appropriate adjudicatory body—including, by way of

example only, the local church, the jurisdictional Pastor's and Elder's Council or Women's Department, the International Department of Women, or the Board of Bishops—for investigation, review and trial, if necessary;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all assignments, appointments, and credentials held by any member of the Church of God in Christ who, during either a criminal, civil or administrative proceeding, admits to, or is otherwise convicted, found guilty or personally liable of committing a sexual act with a person under the statutory age of consent in the municipal jurisdiction (state or country) in which the proceedings occurred shall be automatically revoked;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution does not supersede or amend the 2002 Misconduct Resolution, but supplements the 2002 Misconduct Resolution along with the Church of God in Christ's no tolerance policy as set forth in the Sexual Misconduct Policy (2009 Edition); and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall apply to those acts committed or charged after the date this resolution is passed by the General Assembly.

Submitted this day, April, 9, 2014, on behalf of the General Board:

Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr., Presiding Bishop	Bishop Nathaniel W. Wells
Bishop P.A. Brooks, First Assistant	Bishop Sedgwick Daniels
Bishop J.W. Macklin, Second Assistant	Bishop J. Drew Sheard
Bishop Roy L.H. Winbush, Secretary	Bishop Brandon B. Porter
Bishop Frank O. White, Assistant Secretary	Bishop Ted Thomas, Sr.
Bishop George D. McKinney	Bishop Lawrence M. Wooten

By the General Assembly Resolution Committee, Dr. Diana Banks, Chair, Elder Willie Bonner, Vice Chair, and Elder Jerry Walker, Secretary and committee members:

Elder Clyde Brown	Elder Phillip Jackson	Elder David Taylor
Elder Ronald Duplessis	Elder Roland Joyner	Elder Aaron Tolbert
Supervisor Lendora Early	Elder Kevin E. Knight, Sr.	Dr. Angela Wilson
Elder Marcus Fenner	Elder Herman Platt	
Elder Myrick Fondren	Dr. Hazel Shepherd	
Elder Gilbert Ginyard	Dr. Donnell Smith	
Elder Percy Henderson		
Supervisor Romanetha Stallworth		

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Presiding Bishop's Appointments

General Board:

General Board Secretary

Bishop Roy L. Winbush

General Board Assistant Secretary

Bishop Frank O. White

General Supervisor of Women Department of Women

Mother Willie Mae Rivers

Asst. General Supervisor, Chair of Executive Business Affairs

Mother Barbara McCoo Lewis

General Counsel

Elder Uleses C. Henderson, Jr.

Auxiliaries In Ministry (AIM)

Superintendent Linwood Dillard, Chairman

Music Department President

Dr. Judith Christie-McAllister

Department of Evangelism

Pastor Elijah Hankerson, President

Evangelism Elect Ladies

Evangelist Rita Womack, Elect Lady

Evangelist Dorinda Clark Cole, Assistant Elect Lady

Department of Sunday School

Bishop Alton Gatlin, Superintendent

- **Sunday School Field Representative**
Evangelist Cleolia Penix
- **Evangelist Charla Johnson, Assist. Field Representative**

President, Department of Missions

Bishop Carlis Moody, President

Presiding Bishop's Appointments

President, Youth Department

Pastor Benjamin Stephens, President

- **Chairlady, Evangelist Joyce Rodgers**

Scholastic Motivation

Dr. Davis Todd Whittley Director

President, Men's Conference

Bishop Darrell Hines, President

Adjutant General

Bishop Matthew Williams

Supt. Robert Rudolph, Scribe

Security Commission

Pastor William McMillan, Commissioner

Commission on Education

Dr. David Daniels Chairman

COGIC SIMUL Conference

Bishop Darrell Hines, Chair

Church Growth & Development

Pastor Roderick Hennings

Military Chaplaincy

Bishop Jessie D. Ellis

National Prison Ministry

Dr. Milton Rochford

Presiding Bishop's Appointments

Public Relations Director

Robert Coleman

Advisor of Social Justice

Pastor Taibert Swan II

Publishing House Board

Dr. Marc Ellis, Chairman

Attorney Uleses Henderson, Vice Chair

Members of the Publishing Board

Mother Sandra Jones

Supt. Tony Campbell

Deacon Stephen Savage

Dr. Sabrina Ellis

Reggie Witherspoon

Supervisor Grace Davis Harris

Bishop Oscar L. Meadows

Pastor Joe Chase, Jr.

Bishop Welton Lawrence

Pastor Philip Jackson

All Saints Bible College

Board Members:

Bishop Jewel Withers

Dr. Robert Asberry

Dr. Adrienne Israel

Pastor Larry Kendreick

Dr. Mary T. Maynard

Pastor Robert Cole

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Missy Faye Butler

Elder Quintin L. Robertson

Pastor Eric Slack

Presiding Bishop's Appointments

Community Development Board

Dr. Lula Ballton

Bishop David L. Herron

Bishop Charles McClelland

Bishop Ervin Sims

Pastor Destry Bell

Pastor Herbert Davis

Pastor Dan Estelle

Pastor Gordon Choyce

Pastor Timothy Smith

Elder Eddie Pruitt, Jr.

Ms. Billie Jean Smith

Judge Cassandra Lewis

Supt. Gerald Echols, Jr.

Dr. Patrick Wooden

Supt. Rodney Douglas

Pontotoc Community Development

Bishop William Cahoon

Pastor Darin Burns, Trustee Board

Elder Bobby White, Mayor's Office

Bishop William Watson III

Bishop Charles McClelland

Elder Tyrone Potts

Pastor Jerry Johnson

Bishop Brandon Porter

ADDENDUM

Jurisdiction Assignment

1. Pastor Maurice Green
Mexico
2. Auxiliary Bishop Enoch Perry
Ivory Coast
3. Supt. Jerry Ivery
Kenya 2nd

Auxiliary Bishop Recommendation

1. Pastor Leo Brown
2. Pastor James E. Hicks
3. Pastor Milton P. Jackson
(Pending Back Ground Investigation)
4. Pastor Lee Ward
5. Pastor Robert Hardgrove

#	Date Rcvd/Open	Jurisdiction	Recommendation/ Request	Title	First	Last
1	8/1/2013		Auxiliary Bishop	Dr.	David	Daniels
2	4/2/2013	Missouri Southeast 3rd	Auxiliary Bishop	Admin Assist	Nathaniel	Ellis
3	7/29/2013	TN 4th	Auxiliary Bishop	Supt.	Milton	Hawkins
4	7/30/2013	Commonwealth of PA	Auxiliary Bishop	Supt.	James	Hunt
5	2/25/2014	Oklahoma Southeast	Auxiliary Bishop	Pastor	Levi	Lenley
6	12/26/2014	So. Cal 1st	Auxiliary Bishop	Sr. Admin Asst	Jams	Lewis, Sr.
7	4/22/2013	Texas Western	Auxiliary Bishop	Admin Assist	Albert	Mays
	4/8/2014	Tennessee HQ	Auxiliary Bishop	Pastor	Charles Harrison	Mason Patterson, Sr.
8	4/19/2012	Connecticut 2nd	Auxiliary Bishop	Admin Assist	Agustus	Pullen
9	4/4/2014	Arkansas	Auxiliary Bishop	Supt	Robert	Rudolph

10	11/28/2012	NY Eastern 4th	Auxiliary Bishop	Supt.	Ahmed	Screven
11	1/21/2014	Greater MA	Auxiliary Bishop	Pastor	Talbert	Swan, II
12	10/28/2013	TN 5th	Auxiliary Bishop	Pastor	Jerry	Taylor
13	1/27/2012	Pennsylvania 2nd	Auxiliary Bishop	Elder	Bernard	Wallace
14	4/4/2014		Auxiliary Bishop	Pastor	Dwight	Walls
15	1/21/2014	Greater NC	Auxiliary Bishop	1st Admin Asst	Patrick	Wooden, Sr.
1	3/25/2014	Texas Lone Star	Juris. Prelate	Admin Assist	Don	Nobles, Sr.

ATTACHMENT

CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC.

SUMMATION OF ACTIONS

THE NATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

November 2013 - April 2014



BISHOP CHARLES E. BLAKE

Presiding Bishop

National Board of Trustees

Superintendent Dwight E. Walls, Sr.

Chairman

Supervisor Mildred Linzy
Superintendent Melton R. Timmons
Elder Josephus Shepherd
Missionary Cari V. Barnes
Pastor Michael B. Golden, Jr.
Mother Sandra Smith-Jones
Elder Amos Smith

Missionary Sylvia Law
Dr. Ailean Stingley
Superintendent Joseph A. Chase, Jr.
Superintendent Darin Burns
Elder David A. Hall, Jr.
Missionary Georgia Macklin-Lowe
Bishop William H. Watson, III

April 8, 2014

To: Chairman James Hunt and

The Delegates of the General Assembly of Church of God in Christ,
Inc.

The following is a summation of actions by the National Board of Trustees for the Church of God in Christ for the period of November 4, 2013 to April 4, 2014.

The report also includes and represents the Phase III Renovations and Modernization Projects that have been instituted by the Office of National Properties.

The following actions, services and tasks have been performed:

A. **Mason Temple**

1. Refurbishing of the temple sanctuary (which included painting of the rails, spindles of choir loft and painting of main sanctuary) by the National Properties of staff (savings of \$20,000)
2. Repair and replacement of amplifiers in the Leslie speakers
3. Repair of marble in Mason Memorial Area
4. Inspection of the sound system in the Board of Bishops Chambers
5. Repair and replacement of the Boiler Room façade and overhang

B. **Lee Building**

1. Plumbing and floor repairs in the 1st floor men's room
2. Reconfiguration of the new Chaplaincy office

C. **Leila Mason Building**-National Properties staff cleaned out the Lelia Mason Building to prepare it for asbestos removal.

D. **Saints Haven**

1. Renovation and relocation of COGIC Media to Saints Haven unit #1
2. New Leases were signed for units #2, #3, and #13

The National Board of Trustees did direct and oversee the Office of National Properties in the completion and current operation of the following:

1. Ongoing repairs of Mason Street and Main Street properties;
2. Semi-annual Elevator Operating Certificate renewal for the Lee Building;
3. Landscape management of Mason, S. Fourth, and downtown lots;
4. Pre-April Call clean-up of Mason Street properties;
5. Ensuring the Church's insurance coverage is adequate and up-to-date by reviewing all policies upon their renewal;
6. Assuring that all properties are properly insured and maintained;
7. Servicing of heating and A/C units on Mason Street and Downtown properties;
8. The renewal of license tags and servicing for all Church Of God In Christ vehicles at Headquarters; and
9. Ensuring that all properties are in compliance with the Shelby County Code Enforcement.

Summary and update on Saints Academy in Lexington, Mississippi.

The National Board of Trustees did direct and oversee the Office of National Properties in the completion and current operation of the following:

E. Saints Academy/Lexington Campus

1. Refurbishing of Faith Hall to include painting of walls, staining of floors, and carpeting of administrative office.
2. Beginning of painting of Deborah Mason Patterson Building
3. Signing of revised commercial lease with Mallory Community Health Center and a residential tenant.
4. Ongoing repairs and maintenance of Saints Academy properties;
5. Ensuring the Church's insurance coverage for Saints Academy is adequate and up-to-date by reviewing all policies upon their renewal;
6. Assuring that all properties are properly insured;
7. Servicing of heating and A. C. units Faith Hall, B. S. Lyles and Deborah Mason Patterson Buildings;
8. The servicing and renewal of license tags for all Church Of God In Christ vehicles and equipment at Saints Academy;
9. Quarterly inspections of elevator in Deborah Mason Patterson Hall.

Submitted by
Superintendent Melton R. Timmons
Secretary, National Board of Trustees

ATTACHMENT F

**THE GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT
TO THE
APRIL 2014 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION
THE LICENSING AND CREDENTIALING PROCESS**

In April 2012, a resolution was passed that made a change in the manner in which credentials are issued from the Office of the General Secretary. Therefore, in April 2012 the General Assembly voted to modify the procedures in which credentials/licenses are to be issued.

The spirit of that resolution was to standardize the process of recognizing screening and providing accountability to all credential holders who serve the Church Of God In Christ. To comply with the new General Assembly mandate, the Office of the General Secretary established the Department of Licensing and Credentialing. This department works under the direction of the General Secretary to provide consistency and integrity in the credentialing process.

In order to bring the Church into full compliance with the mandate of the General Assembly Resolution, credentials will only be issued upon submission of an application, completion of the required sexual harassment training, and successfully passing a national background check.

All credentials issued by any arm, department, or entity of the Church Of God In Christ are to be centralized and distributed by the Office of the General Secretary. In compliance to the 2012 Resolution, all license and credentials which are to be issued by the Office of the General Secretary were redesigned.

In addition to providing wording that complies with the issues addressed in the 2012 Resolution, the paper on which the credentials or license are issued cannot be duplicated, as it is security paper. The verbiage on all credentials and license is consistent with the category of the appointment and all certificates and/or license will be numbered.

All credential or license circulated in the name of the Church Of God In Christ and issued by the Office of the General Secretary will bear the 1907 seal of the Church Of God In Christ and will bear the names of the Presiding Bishop, First and **Second** Assistant Presiding Bishops and the General Secretary.

If you receive a certificate, or credential, or a license within your jurisdiction that does not have the proper seal, on the proper paper, and list the appropriate names, that appointment will not be recognized in or through the Church Of God In Christ, headquartered in Memphis, Tennessee.

To maintain consistency and integrity, the signatures on the certificates and licensures will be as follows:

- National appointments of the Presiding Bishop will bear the signature of the Presiding Bishop and the General Secretary.
- Certificates issued to individuals elected by the General Assembly will bear the signature of the Chairman of the General Assembly and the General Secretary.
- Credentials and license issued in the name of the Church Of God In Christ for any and all jurisdictional appointments, offices and/or officers must bear the signature of the Jurisdictional Bishop and the Jurisdictional Secretary.
- Appointments issued through any department of the Church Of God In Christ must also follow the 2012 General Assembly Resolution. A list of names should be submitted and filed with the Office of the General Secretary and the departmental certificates will be signed only by the department head issuing the appointment.

Submitted by: Bishop Joel Harley Lyles, Jr., General Secretary
 Church Of God In Christ, Inc.
 Tuesday, April 8, 2014

ATTACHMENT G

Church Of God In Christ-Resolution Regarding Licensing and Credentialing April 2012

WHEREAS the Church Of God In Christ is committed to upholding biblical and ethical standards for all credential holders and members; and

WHEREAS the Church Of God In Christ seeks to provide a safe environment for all members of our church to serve; and

WHEREAS the National Church continually seeks meaningful ways, avenues and resources to assist jurisdictional bishops in fulfilling their obligation and responsibility relative to ordination and licensing of qualified candidates;

BE IT RESOLVED that all licenses and credentials issued by the Office of the General Secretary should henceforth be numbered and connected to a national database maintained in the Office of the General Secretary.

The processes by which credentials shall be obtained from the Office of the General Secretary shall include the following documents:

- I. The Jurisdictional Bishop shall direct the Jurisdictional Secretary to request personalized ministerial licenses and credentials to be issued to qualified and approved candidates. Each Qualified and Approved Candidate shall have:
 - A. A completed candidate's informational form.
 - B. A copy of a criminal background check.
 - C. A record of successful completion of the Online Ministerial Ethics Course (sexual misconduct).

It should be noted that all the above documents could be submitted to the General Secretaries Office online. Upon receipt of the above-required documents personalized license and credentials will be forwarded as requested.

II. It is recommended that the above-proposed procedures be implemented in 2 phases beginning with:

Requiring the requesting jurisdictions to supply the names of all qualified candidates beginning January 01, 2013.

Request that two (2) representatives from the following arms of our church be ask to serve on an implementation committee charged with presenting the necessary guidelines and procedures to be effective, 30 days following the ending of the April 2013 session of the General Assembly.

SUGGESTED REPRESENTATION:

The General Board,
The Office of the General Secretary
The Board of Bishops,
The Pastors and Elders Council,
The Women's Department
The General Assembly
The Office of General Counsel

ATTACHMENT H

RESOLUTION REGARDING HOLY WEEK FOR THE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC.

WHEREAS, the Church of God in Christ has traditionally celebrated its annual Holy Convocation beginning Tuesday after the first Sunday in November thru the Second Sunday (which is Official Sunday) with the following Monday morning being reserved for Communion and consecration of newly designated Bishops and with the General Assembly (the business session) beginning the following Monday afternoon; and

WHEREAS, the Church of God in Christ is one of the largest Pentecostal bodies in the world; and

WHEREAS, the constituency of the Church of God in Christ is composed of all classes of individuals, ministries, and professions of life; and

WHEREAS, our membership attends the Convocation and General Assembly (the business session) annually from all over the world in order to serve God in the tradition of our Church Of God In Christ heritage and do the business of the National Church; and

WHEREAS, sufficient time is needed to do adequately the business of the National Church in an efficient manner;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the week embracing Tuesday after the first Sunday in November through the following Sunday night shall be, and is hereby, declared Holy Week in the Church of God In Christ, Inc., to encourage and permit the Saints everywhere to attend the Holy Convocation of the National Church at a location that will be given in the General Assembly at least one (1) year in advance, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the leadership of the National Church get back to and maintain the original Holy Week Services, which would end on the Second Sunday night in November, with the General Assembly convening and beginning on the following Monday morning.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if a conflict in the availability of those dates should occur, the leadership must give the delegates a twelve (12) month notification so that the members can adjust their schedules (Vacations, Drives and Services) to be able to attend the Annual Holy Convocation and General Assembly.

**AMENDMENT FOR HOLY CONVOCATION WEEK IN THE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST,
INC.**

Holy Convocation week in the Church Of God In Christ, Inc., for the Annual Holy Convocation shall begin the Tuesday after the first Sunday in November and shall end the following Sunday night, with the General Assembly convening and beginning on the next Monday Morning.

The leadership of the Church Of God In Christ, Inc. shall maintain the original Holy Week ending on the second Sunday night in November, and the General Assembly shall begin Monday. Henceforth, the dates and location for each succeeding Annual Convocation shall be announced no less than 12 months in

advance so that the members can adjust their schedule (vacations, drives, and services) to be able to attend Annual Convocations. If a conflict in the availability of mandated dates should occur the leadership shall request a change of date by way of a resolution subject to the approval of the General Assembly.

ARTICLE V
SECTION B;
JURISDICTIONAL PASTORS AND ELDERS COUNCIL

The Jurisdictional Pastors and Elders Council shall consist of Pastors and ordained Elders in good standing with their local church in the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of their respective Jurisdictional Assembly. The officers of the Jurisdictional Pastors and Elders Council; Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be elected by a majority vote of the Jurisdictional Council members present and voting.

RESOLUTION-POLICY OF GOVERNANCE –(In Clarity)
(Constitution Commission Committee of the Church Of God In Christ,
Incorporated)

WHEREAS, The Church Of God In Christ, Inc. has the King James Bible as its basic foundation of Christian law, belief and conduct and

WHEREAS, The Church Of God In Christ, Inc.; is governed by Legislative, Executive and Judicial branches to enforce justice and prescribe duties and obligations to those governed and

WHEREAS, The three Church Of God In Christ, Inc. branches of governance have their individual policy and procedure, there needs to be a basic church policy and procedure for all branches of governance to have a basic standard and

THEREFORE, Be it resolved that the issuance and focus of all decisions on the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial Branches be based upon the policy of the King James Bible, Phil. 4:8-9. Whatsoever is biblical and genuine, honorable and worthy, and whatsoever is just and a righteous behavior toward man and God be their highest intent and

BE it finally resolved that each adjudicative body shall by biblical principles first attempt to negotiate reasonable grounds for the resolution of disputes. Should the parties fail to receive said recommendations of the particular adjudicative body based on biblical principles, that body shall then decide the matter before it pursuant to the interpretation of the church's constitution and doctrine, previous rulings, resolution, and relevant precedent setting for State and Federal case law.

RESOLUTION
From the Constitution Committee of the Church Of God In Christ

Whereas there has been much conflict over ownership of church property; and,

Whereas there is a need for the General Assembly to speak with clarity on the issue of local church proper ownership; and,

Whereas the General Assembly is the supreme legislative and authority of the Church Of God In Christ, Inc. It is the only entity which has power to express doctrines and creeds of the church and its decisions shall be binding on all members of the Church Of God In Christ, Inc.;

Therefore Be It Resolved;

Article III; Section B; The General Assembly Section D the paragraphs 8 and 9 be amended as follows:

8. All local trustees and officers shall be members of the local Church Of God In Christ, Inc. All corporate directors, officers, and trustees of local churches shall be duly elected by the local church membership. When applicable, said elections shall be in accordance with state law where said property is located.

When the local church is incorporated, the local corporation shall hold title deed to the local property for the exclusive use, benefit, and control of the local congregation (membership). Trustees of local unincorporated churches and their successors in office shall hold title to all real and personal property, for the exclusive benefit, use, and control of the members of the local Church Of God In Christ, Inc. pursuant to section 9 hereinafter. Where however, the law requires no particular mode of election of trustees, they shall be elected by a majority of the members of the congregation, present and voting.

The nomination of officers is a special order of business. All special meetings of the church shall be announced on a Sunday preceding the date of the meeting and shall state the purpose of the call and the time and place of the meeting. Nominations shall be made from the floor and there shall be adequate time given for everyone who wants to make a nomination to do so. A person not present may be nominated by their consent unless the by-laws provide to the contrary. There shall be written notice mailed to each member at least fourteen days before the elections are held. Each successful candidate must receive a majority vote.

9. Real Estate or other property may be acquired by purchase, gift devise, or otherwise by the local churches. All property acquired by the local church (congregation) by devise or gift, shall create to the local church (congregation) the same right of exclusive ownership as purchased property.

The purchasing local church (congregation), as grantee, shall be named on the deed, and shall be the exclusive owner of the local church property. Where the local church is unincorporated, the Board of Trustees of the local church (congregation) shall hold the local church property, for the exclusive benefit, use, and control of the local church (congregation). Where the local church is

incorporated, the corporation shall hold title deed to the local church property for the exclusive use and benefit of the local congregation (membership).

The local church shall have the right to assert its right of ownership of local church property against any and all others. Where real or personal property is acquired by deed, the instrument of conveyance shall contain the following clause.

“The said property is held in trust for the local church, by the Board of Trustees or Board of Directors (of the local incorporated church), for the exclusive benefit, control, possession, and use of the local church (congregation) of the local Church of God in Christ, Inc. with its National Headquarters in the city of Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee, and subject to the charter, constitution, laws and doctrines of said church, now in full force and effect, or as they maybe hereafter amended, changed or modified by the General Assembly of said church. This trust shall in no way be construed to create an expressed or implied trust for the national Church of God in Christ, Inc. nor shall it be construed to create an expressed or implied trust for any other, than the local church.”

RESOLUTION

From the Constitution Committee of the Church Of God In Christ

Whereas; the General Assembly is the supreme legislative and authority of the Church Of God In Christ, Inc. It is the only entity which has power to express doctrines and creeds of the church and its decisions shall be binding on all members of the Church Of God In Christ, Inc.;

Therefore Be It Resolved;

Article III; Section B; the General Assembly Section D the paragraphs 10 and 11 be amended as follows:

10. Directors and officers of an incorporated local church and/or trustees of an unincorporated local church shall not mortgage local property to pay or meet current expenses of the local church. Directors, officers and/or trustees of a local shall not otherwise mortgage local church property unless the local church membership by a 2/3 majority vote agrees to mortgage the property and the decision to do so shall be substantiated in writing by a congregational or corporate resolution.
 - 10.1. Directors and officers of an incorporated local church and/or trustees of an unincorporated local church shall not convey local church property unless the local church membership by a 2/3 majority vote agrees to convey the property and the decision to do shall be substantiated in writing by a congregational or corporate resolution.
11. No deed, conveyance or mortgage of real estate of local church property shall be binding on the local church unless the execution of said instrument has been duly approved by the board of directors of the local church and substantiated by a corporate resolution; in the event the local church is an unincorporated church; no deed, conveyance or mortgage of real estate of local church properties shall be binding on the local church unless the execution of said instrument has been duly approved by the trustees of the local church and approved in writing by the Jurisdictional Bishop having jurisdiction over said church.
 - 11.1 The local church shall elect from its membership, a Local Board of Trustees which shall consist of not less than three (3) and not more than nine (9) members, and they shall hold office for four years or until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

Qualification of trustees

- a. The trustee shall be a member of the Church of God in Christ, Inc.

- b. The trustee shall be of legal age as determined by law,
- c. The trustee shall be a person of good reputation, saved, and possessing wisdom. (Acts 6:3 KJV)
- d. The nominee shall have been a member of the local church for at least one year. This provision is waived for a new established church
- e. All actions of the trustees are subject to the will of the members of the local church.
- f. Directors and/or trustees of each local church shall establish or cause to be established by-laws to govern the day to day operations of the local church.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION—ECCLESIASTICAL STRUCTURE

WHEREAS, The Church Of God In Christ, Inc. has an ecclesiastical structure which is necessary for the effective operation of the Church Of God In Christ, Inc.; and,

WHEREAS, Administrative Assistants and District Superintendents are appointed by Jurisdictional Bishops to assist said Bishops within a jurisdiction; and,

WHEREAS, Administrative Assistants and District Superintendents provide vital assistance in the effective operation of jurisdictions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED;

ARTICLE III, PART II; Ecclesiastical Structure be amended as follows:

Ecclesiastically, the Church Of God In Christ, Inc. shall be composed of (A) the General Assembly, (B) General Board, (C) Judiciary Board, (D) Board of Bishops, (E) Administrative Assistants, (F) Superintendents, (G) General Council, (H) Women's Department, (I) Jurisdictional Assemblies, and (J) Local Churches.

ATTACHMENT I

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INTRODUCTION TO OUR REPORT

It was said that:

“Our greatest weakness lies in giving up; however the most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time.”

“Change does not roll in on the wheels of inevitability, but comes through continuous struggles.”

And less we forget

“Every adversity, Every failure, Every heartache carries with it the seed of equal or greater benefit.”

As we address our assigned tasks, we remain cognizant of the fact, that we are more alike than different. We are husbands, wives, fathers, mothers, grandparents, brothers, sisters, uncles and aunts. We bring to this task some of the same burdens that you carry as being human. We are clad in emotions, driven by duty, purpose, hampered by reservations, doubt, energized by appointment, motivated to accomplish the task assigned, assumed, and humbled by the fact that we are the Lord’s chosen. And that whatever we do it must be done to the Glory of God.

We thank you for this opportunity to serve so great a people and church. As we present our report and recommendations, no doubt there will possibly be grammatical errors, typos, misspelled words, and for that we apologize in advance, we ask you again to remember we like you are human.

In order for us to fulfill our assigned tasks it is necessary that we review some pertinent information and gain clarity of terms that will appear in this report and recommendation. We beg your indulgence as we humbly proceed to fulfill our assigned tasks;

Our Assigned Tasks:

“Every elected position in the national church should have a Job Description along with qualifications for the position. It is the responsibility of this committee to recommend honorariums for every nationally elected official. It is also the responsibility of this Committee to determine what is a fair compensation for individuals who have been

granted emeritus status, (retired) from their position of service.....in the National Church.”

“...researching, analyzing, and publishing of a Job Description Pamphlet on each Nationally Elected Officer’s Position.”

“The purpose... to give an overall concept of the nature and extent of the tasks performed in each position and how one position may differ from another.”

“..to develop and/or expand upon job descriptions that are not clearly define by the constitution of our church.”

Understanding of Terms: (as this committee understands them)

A corporation is an artificial being created by operation of law, having the right of succession and the powers, attributes and properties expressly authorized by law.

A corporation then, being a creature of law,
"owes its life to the State in which it is created,
its birth being purely dependent on its will,"
therefore it is "a creature without any existence until it has received the imprimatur
(license) of a State acting according to law."

A corporation will have no rights or privileges of a higher priority than that of its creator and cannot legitimately refuse to yield obedience to acts, statues or laws of its State of origin.
(*Tanyag v. Benguet Corporation*)

A corporation then has four (4) attributes:

- (1) It is an artificial being;
- (2) Created by operation of law;
- (3) With right of succession;
- (4) Has the powers, attributes, and properties as expressly authorized by law.

The State of Tennessee Nonprofit Corporation Act, Title 48, Chapters 51-101 (the “TNCA”) governs the formation, operation and disillusionment of nonprofit corporations in the State. A nonprofit corporation in the State of Tennessee is managed by its board of directors and operated by its officers and employees.

Instead of shareholders as “a for profit corporation”, a nonprofit corporation may, but is not required to, have members.

According to Tennessee Nonprofit Act, Title 48, Chapters 51-68 Religious Nonprofit corporations, are specifically organized to not earn profits. No part of the income or surplus of a State of Tennessee nonprofit corporation may be distributed to its members, directors or officers; however, reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered and reserve funds may be maintained to provide for periods when expenses exceed income.

A nonprofit corporation has a separate legal existence, as an entity that is independent of the parent body in terms of its office or employment of members, directors or officers. It can sue or be sued in its own name and can own or lease real estate and make loans in its own name. One of the requirements of being a nonprofit organization in the State of Tennessee is to have an Oversight Board.

Church Boards are responsible for ensuring that the ministry fulfills its core mission. This is done by developing strategy, monitoring performance and ensuring church financial accountability.

It is a fact that Strong board governance makes certain a meaningful mission is implemented effectively.

Effective boards have an impact on the long-term viability of the organization and have a vested interest in how well the church implements the strategy of achieving its mission. This is done by meeting on a regular basis while actively overseeing the key operational functions - which are church budget oversight, top leader performance evaluation, strategic performance management and legal compliance.

Please note this committees' understanding of other relevant terms and documents from which we have gleaned information for this report and recommendations:

From TNCA 48-51-201. Definitions

Charter:

Is an instrument given by municipal government which affords within its borders corporations the right to exist and operate within the confines of its statutes. Therefore the Charter must tell:

- Who you are
- What you do
- Where you will operate
- Why you want to exist and operate (purpose)
- To and for whom you provide services
- How long you intend to exist and operate
- Who the responsible parties are (Board of Director / Officers)

From the Oxford Dictionary of Ecclesiology 9th edition

Doctrine:

A body or set of Fundamental principles, tenets of faith and religious teachings; by which the believers guide their actions in support of the body's objectives. It is authoritative but requires judgment in application.

From the United State Constitution Article I,II and III

Constitution:

The construct of rules, regulations and laws, either written or unwritten, that establishes order and the legal structure of the entities existence and operation. A constitution defines the entities organizational structure, establishes its principal institutions, regulates the functions of its various units and apparatus, and governs the relationship between the individual and the entity. Therefore the Constitution:

- Lays out Power / Authority
- Who will govern
- How they govern
- When they govern
- Who and what they govern

From TNCA 48-51-201. Definitions

By-Laws:

Sets limits on Authority and Power.
Assigns authority / accountability / liability / power / duties / responsibilities of and to the whole

From Blacks Law Dictionary 6th edition

Policies/Procedures:

The operation
How we do what we do

From West's Business Law Legal, Ethical, International, and E-Commerce Environment 8th edition

Salary

Salary is a fixed amount of money or compensation periodically paid to an employee by an employer in return for work performed which may be specified in an employment contract.

Salary is typically determined by comparing market pay rates for people performing similar work in similar industries in the same region.

Salary is also determined by leveling the pay rates and salary ranges established by an individual employer.

Salary is also affected by the number of people available to perform the specific job in the employer's employment locale.

Honorarium

An honorarium is an ex gratia payment (i.e., a payment made without the giver recognizing themselves as having any liability or legal obligation to pay) made to a person for their services in a volunteer capacity or for services for which fees are not traditionally required (example includes the payment to a guest speaker at a conference to cover their travel, accommodation, or preparation time)..

From Library of Congress Business Law Principles

Tradition

A way of thinking, or doing something that has been used by people in a particular group, or society, etc., for a long time.

Custom

An action or way of behaving that is usual and traditional among the people in a particular group or place, something that is done regularly by a person.

Culture

The beliefs, customs, arts, etc., of a particular society, group, place, or time
a particular society that has its own beliefs, ways of life, art, etc.
a way of thinking, behaving, or working that exists in a place or organization (such as a business).

History

The study of past events past events that relate to a particular subject, place, organization, etc.
events of the past.

Research Summary:

Nearly all churches and nonprofit religious corporations are governed by a Legal Body. To many the Board of Directors is the official body that has final authority and accountability for the church and/or nonprofit their mission and operation; it makes ultimate decisions about church and nonprofit priorities. In the Church Of God In Christ, however according to its charter/constitution the actions of the Board of Directors are subject to the will of the General Assembly.

Church workers often wear many hats and juggle countless responsibilities. Creating church staff job descriptions is one way to help keep workers focused on the most important tasks that support our global church ministry goals and objectives.

Working for a church is very different than working for a business, in that much of what gets done in churches is tied to helping people in their times of need. This creates a unique dynamic not seen in many other organizations. For this reason, the responsibilities of a church worker may be a moving target depending on what the church is involved with at any particular moment in time.

According to the United States Department of Labor creating church officers job description should not be overly complicated but should clearly define what is expected of the officer and help the officer understand what the priorities are and how those responsibilities support the mission of the church. Job descriptions and officers goals should be incorporated into the officers' annual performance evaluation process.

An important step in developing an employee job description is identifying which strategic goals or objectives need to be accomplished. A written job description is a document that lays out in detail the purpose of the position, reporting relationship, accountability, responsibilities, qualifications, duties and expectations just to name a few.

Job descriptions should be updated on an annual basis and a guide for performance evaluation in consideration for advancement. It should also be tied to individual goals which should support departmental and ultimately our global church strategic goals.

Managing a church has many of the same challenges as managing a business, and requires a lot of the same business processes to be successful. Church Leaders pursue their call to lead a congregation, and may have lots of training in theology and biblical principles but, may not have the necessary business training that is required when you manage people, time and money.

Because of this, the General Assembly thought it is necessary to develop systems and processes that will enable us to fulfill our mission and ensure responsible stewardship of God's people and their money. We have all heard stories of churches that were the victim of embezzlement, have gotten into trouble for not complying with state or federal regulations as well as churches that may have had financial problems. We believe in all of these cases, issues arose more out of ignorance of the proper way of managing resources than intentional neglect.

Less we forget that the power to govern comes from the governed but the Authority to govern comes from above.

Overview of our History:

From Church Of God In Christ records and the records of the Secretary of the State of Tennessee the Church Of God In Christ was incorporated in the State of Tennessee in December, 1922, this Charter of Incorporation was amended in December, 1926 to "Change the Name", it was amended again in January 1927 to "Increase the Power", an amendment to the Charter in December 1952, again in December 1962 which "Change the power", and yet again amended in February 1967 "Abolishing the office of Senior Bishop". All of these actions and others were taken with just two branches, segments or divisions of Church Government of the Church Of God In Christ in a State and Country where three branches of Government were and are recognized and operate.

Somewhere before November 1989 we the Church Of God In Christ came to the realization either by chance of circumstances or forethought, as we were operating in similitude to both federal and state government in our structure; that we were operating with only two branches, segments, or division (the legislative and executive) of church government, please note the church is not legally required to have branches, segments or division of church government. We

have patterned our structure after Federal and State governments have three branches, segments or division, which are the legislative, executive and judicial branch as is noted in Article I, II, and III of the United States Constitution and Article II and III of the State of Tennessee Constitution.

By all accounts the Judiciary is the cornerstone of our democracy and, if the public is confident that our judges, have integrity, are impartial, are independent, and act with propriety, the public will support the Judiciary as it functions within our legal system.

The public and the church have a right to pursue a remedy in cases involving judicial misconduct just as they have the right of appeal from legal and judicial errors.

According to a document titled "*An Introduction to Biblical Apologetics for the establishment of the Judiciary Board of the Church of God In Christ,*" the following is cited:

On **April 4, 1990**, upon the recommendation and Report of the Committee on Constitution, submitted November, 1989, it was ordered by those certified delegates, present and voting, in the General Assembly, pursuant to the Constitution of the Church of God in Christ, **Article VIII - The Judiciary Board**, that "**The Judiciary Board**" of the Church of God in Christ, Incorporated, shall be established as an independent third branch of church government to exist in conjunction with the two present branches of government; the executive branch and the legislative branch. And In compliance to this constitutional mandate **April 8, 1992** Nine persons were elected by the General Assembly to serve on the first elected Judiciary Board to discharge those duties as ordered and delineated in **Article VIII**, under sub-title, "**Duties**".

Article VIII, under subtitle, "**Organization and Procedure**", provision three, mandates that it is the Judiciary Board who shall, with the approval of the General Assembly, prepare and keep in revision a Judicial Code which shall be an addendum to the Constitution of the Church of God in Christ, and shall include procedures for trials and redress in all related matters. Changes or modification to the Judicial Code shall receive prior approval of the General Assembly.

In that the Judiciary Board is to serve the membership of the Church, as both an ecclesiastical and appellate court, we would do well to understand the difference between a trial court, and an appellate court.

The **Judicial Code of Conduct of the Church Of God In Christ Judiciary Board** dated November **14, 1994** the General Assembly approved the Judicial Code of Conduct for the Judiciary Board of the Church Of God In Christ, Inc. under Item II - Authority,

"This code is issued pursuant to Article VIII-"Judiciary Board" of The Constitution of the Church of God in Christ, Inc., adopted and ratified on April 11, 1991, by the General Assembly of the Church. It shall have the same force and effect and be binding on the members of the Church as are all other provisions of the Constitution of the Church."

And under **Item VI - Duties**,

"The general duties, powers and jurisdiction of the Judiciary Board shall be as prescribed and set forth in the Constitution and the Judicial Code of Conduct. The Board shall have and exercise all powers and authority reasonably, specifically or implied granted to the Board. No action of the Board may abrogate, curtail, limit or detract from a right or privilege granted to a Board member by the Constitution.

Additionally, Board members are urged to be guided by the biblical principles of holiness. Further, Board members collectively shall assure the highest standards of judicial service to all members of the Church.”

And under Item VIII -Self-Governance of the Judiciary,

“All Judiciary Board members must properly perform the obligation of their elected office. An independent Judiciary Board is an important force in preserving the Church's rules, regulations, constitutional provisions, doctrinal interpretations and traditions. Equal protection and "due process" shall be the right of every member.

Each Board member shall have a responsibility to assure that the Board's Judicial Code and/or regulations are conceived in the interest of all the Church members and not in the furtherance of the parochial or self-interested concerns of any one branch of Church government. Neglect of these responsibilities compromises the independence of the Judiciary Board and the Church's interest that it purports to serve.

Judiciary Board members play a vital role in the preservation of the polity of the Church of God in Christ, Inc., as a hierarchical church. The fulfillment of this role requires an understanding by Board members of their relationship to federal, state and local judicial systems and especially the first and fourteen amendments of the United States Constitution. The Code of Judicial Conduct, when properly applied, also serves to enhance that relationship.”

“We all want progress, but if we're on the wrong road, progress means doing an about face and walking back to the right road; in that case, he who turns about soonest is the most progressive.”

Therefore in keeping with and fulfilling our assigned task by this deliberative body;

To research, analyze, develop, expand, give clarity to and publish a pamphlet on Job description for all nationally elected officers/officials of the Church Of God In Christ:

We present our first set of recommendations relating to the Judicial Branch of our church (the Judiciary Board), ever mindful of ST. Matthews 6:33.

“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”

Humbly submitted by

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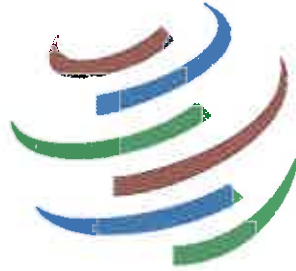
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Judiciary Board Job Description

PREAMBLE

The Church of God in Christ Judicial system is based on the principle that an independent, fair and competent judiciary will interpret and apply the laws that govern us.

The role of the judiciary is central to the Church of God in Christ concepts of justice and the rule of law.

Intrinsic to all sections of the Judicial Code of Conduct are the precepts that judges, individually and collectively, must respect and honor their judicial office as a public trust and strive to enhance and maintain confidence in our judicial system. The judge is an arbiter of facts and law for the resolution of disputes and a highly visible symbol of government under the rule of law.

The Judiciary is the cornerstone of our democracy and, if the public is confident that our judges, have integrity, are impartial, are independent, and act with propriety, the public will support the Judiciary as it functions within our legal system.

The church has a right to pursue a remedy in cases involving judicial misconduct just as it has the right of appeal from judicial errors.

Title / Position:

Judiciary Board Member / Justice

Department/Entity:

Judiciary Board / Church Of God In Christ Supreme Court

Accountable to:

According to COGIC Constitution the Judiciary Board is an Independent Board and subject to the Judicial Code of Conduct and addendum to the Constitution.

Job Summary:

Uphold and maintain the Integrity and Independence of the Judiciary Board of the Church of God in Christ

In the Church of God in Christ, Inc., an independent Judiciary Board is indispensable to justice;

therefore, a Board member shall observe and participate in establishing, maintaining and enforcing high standards of conduct so that the integrity and independence of the Judiciary Board shall not be questioned.

Rule 1: of the COGIC Code of Judicial Conduct

Avoid the Appearance of Impropriety

A Board member shall comply with the Church of God in Christ, Inc., Doctrine, tenets of Faith, Charter, Constitution, amendments, by-laws, and all appendices thereto, policy and procedure as they now are or may be amended from time to time.

A Board member shall always conduct himself/herself in a way that promotes public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the Judiciary Board.

A Board member shall not allow his/her family, social position, ecclesiastical title or any other relationships to influence his/ her judicial conduct or judgment. He/she shall not lend the prestige of this office to advance the private interests of others or convey the impression that they are in a special position to influence him/her.

Rule 2: of the COGIC Code of Judicial Conduct

Overall Responsibility:

In addition to settling disputes, the Judiciary Board remains poised to defend the Church against those conservative Christians, referred to as "Fundamentalists", who compete with others to explain to this generation that we, as a church body, are becoming more of a church of Law than of Grace; and other well meaning Christians who are wondering if there are biblical precedents of case "studies" that may serve as an example, a reason or as justification for a constitutionally mandated Judiciary Board to serve a Holiness Church as an ecclesiastical and appellate court.

Over and above, and in addition to, these theoretically conceived aims, a practical motive animates our work. We are assured that men are as much in need of Jesus Christ today, as more than ever before, in the history of human life, and that the highest act of the Judiciary Board of the Church of God in Christ is that; we can engage in making righteous and fair rulings that may have the potential of ultimately leading men and women, in this last decade of this century, and in the next, to a saving knowledge of the Man of Sorrows, Jesus Christ.

Preface to "An Introduction to Biblical Apologetics for the establishing of the Judiciary Board of the Church Of God In Christ."

Key areas of Responsibility:

This Judicial Branch, the Judiciary Board shall balance the legislative and executive branches by being the final authority on questions of constitutionality, doctrine and the final appellate forum of the Church for disputes.

This Judiciary Board shall have as its highest objective the protection of the rights of every member of the Church of God in Christ, Incorporated as set forth in the Church Constitution, Article VIII, without regard for official position or social status.

This Judiciary Board shall serve to prevent the unnecessary intrusion of civil authorities into the affairs of the Church wherever inevitable disputes shall arise, in accordance with precedent setting resolutions, those reasonable grounds for modifying or overruling previous rulings or resolutions; and in accordance with legitimate interpretation of the Church's constitution and doctrine.

The Judiciary Board has an affirmative duty before God to be responsible for the quality of

justice dispensed to God's people and is responsible to all members in the Church of God in Christ, Inc. Each Board member has the same affirmative duty.

A Judiciary Board member shall be godly, diligent, competent, prompt and professional.

The Judiciary Board shall accord every party to a proceeding "the right to be heard". However, the Board shall not receive, entertain nor consider *ex-parte* communications concerning a pending matter.

**By Order of the Church Of God In Christ
Code of Judicial Conduct: No. 001-1993**

Duties:

The first duty of a judge is to execute absolute justice showing the same impartiality to rich or poor; and to those, who are native or foreign born. He/She is forbidden to accept bribes or to distort or misrepresent the judgment of the poor (Ex.23:6-8; Dt. 16:19. The prophets validated this criticism by often complaining bitterly that the purity of justice was corrupted by bribery and false witnesses (Isa. 1:23; 5:23;10:1; Am. 5:12;6:12; Mic. 3:11, 7:3; Prov. 6:19; 12:17, 18:5) and they should not allow themselves to be swayed by popular opinions or unduly favor the poor (Ex 23:2-3).

The general duties, powers and jurisdiction of the Judiciary Board shall be as prescribed and set forth in the Constitution and the Judicial Code of Conduct. The Board shall have and exercise all powers and authority reasonably, specifically or implied granted to the Board. No action of the Board may abrogate, curtail, limit or detract from the right or privilege granted to a Board member by the Constitution.

Additionally, Board members are urged to be guided by the biblical principles of holiness. Further, Board members collectively shall assure the highest standards of judicial service to all members of the Church.

Judges Judicial Responsibilities:

A Board member shall be faithful to the Holy Bible, the Church of God in Christ, Doctrine, Tenets of Faith, Constitution, By-Laws, Policy and Procedure, and all Amendments.

A Board member shall maintain order and decorum in proceedings before him/her or cancel the same as provided for by the rules of the Judicial Code of Conduct of the Church of God in Christ.

A Board member shall be patient, dignified, and courteous to all parties, including, but not limited to witnesses, counselors, advisors and others with whom he/she engages officially.

A Board member shall promptly dispose of the business of a proceeding by devoting adequate time to his/her duties and responsibilities including, but not limited to, the punctual attendance at hearings and expeditious determination of matters under consideration. Specific time parameters for the resolution of matters before the Board must be adhered to, if justice is to be served.

A Board member shall abstain from public comments about a pending proceeding before the Board. This subsection does not prohibit the Board and/or its spokesperson from making public statements within their official duties or from explaining for public information the procedures of the Judiciary Board.

Judges Administrative Responsibilities:

A Board member shall diligently discharge his or her administrative responsibilities and maintain professional competence in the administration of judicial matters.

The Judiciary Board shall require its support staff to observe the same standards of fidelity and diligence that applies to the Board.

**By Order of the Church Of God In Christ
Code of Judicial Conduct: No. 001-1993**

Tasks:

The tasks of the Judiciary Board of the Church of God in Christ are to be both an ecclesiastical and appellate court, hearing disputes upon appeal; from Jurisdictions, the General Board, the Board of Bishops, the Women's Department, the National Pastors and Elders Council, the General Assembly, any authorized person or lower dispute body in the Church. It shall serve as the ultimate authority on matters of constitutional interpretation. As an independent branch of church government its overall task is to serve to prevent the unnecessary intrusion of civil authorities into the affairs of the Church of God in Christ whenever inevitable disputes arise.

Term of Service:

7 years (a maximum of 14 years)

Qualifications:

On the profession of their faith must be saved sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, a member of a local church, district, and ecclesiastical jurisdiction foreign or domestic in the Church Of God In Christ, and in good standing and fellowship in all.

The Judiciary Board member shall be (if from the Board of Bishops) a consecrated jurisdictional bishop classified (Episcopal), (if from the Council of Pastors and Elders) an ordained elder other than a consecrated bishop classified (Ministerial) and if from the General Assembly any ecclesiastical rank to include lay members from the church at large classified (General).

At least 45 years of age and an active member of the Church of God in Christ, for not less than twenty years, persons of mature judgment, proven ability, integrity and knowledgeable in Church of God in Christ constitutional matters and doctrine.

**By Order of the Church Of God In Christ
Code of Judicial Conduct: No. 001-1993**

Judicial Qualifications:

Among the Hebrews, the law was held very sacred, for God Himself had given it. Therefore, those who administered the laws were God's special representatives, and their person held correspondingly sacred. These circumstances placed upon them the duty of administering justice without respect of person (Dt. 1:17; 16:18). They were to be guided by the inalienable rights granted to every citizen by the Hebrew constitution.

Education:

While judges in the secular arena for the most part requires formal education in law, a law degree, a license to practice law, with years of experience to be appointed and/or elected a judge, this is not necessarily the case in every municipality. In the ecclesia most of the major denominations requires some formal education in law or familiarity with the court system. While having a formal education in law, a law degree and a law license are valuable assets, not having a law degree or license to practice law will not disqualify one from being elected to the Judiciary Board in the Church Of God In Christ. It is recommended that one would have at least a bachelor degree and some familiarity with the court system.

Experience:

An active member of the Church of God in Christ, for not less than twenty years, persons of mature judgment, proven ability, integrity and knowledgeable in Church of God in Christ constitutional matters and doctrine.

Active involvement in the General Assembly, the Jurisdictional Pastors and Elders Council, the General Council of Pastors and Elders, Board of Bishops, the Women's Department, Conflict resolution, arbitration and mediation experience.

Honorarium

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Disclaimer

It should be clearly understood that this Job Description is only a summary of the typical functions of this job; it is not an exhaustive or comprehensive list of all possible job responsibilities, tasks, and duties one may encounter.

The responsibilities, tasks, and duties of this job might well differ from those outlined in the Job Description and other duties, and assignments, that might be part of this job.

The Church Of God In Christ reserves the right to be selective in its choice. Because one meets the requirements set forth does not guarantee election to the Judiciary Board, and even if elected to serve should there be cause for dismissal, the Church Of God In Christ reserves that right.

Humbly submitted by
The Job-Description and Remuneration Committee
General Assembly of the Church Of God In Christ

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Church Of God In Christ, Inc.
General Assembly



JOB-DESCRIPTION and **R**EMUNERATION **C**OMMITTEE

MOTION TO ADOPT

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of the Church Of God In Christ, Inc. has appointed, affirmed and reaffirmed the Job Description and Remuneration Committee as a Standing Committee, and;

WHEREAS, The General Assembly has assigned to it the tasks of researching, analyzing, developing and/or expand upon job descriptions for all elected national officers/officials of the Church Of God In Christ, Inc. that are not clearly defined by the constitution of our church; and to publishing a Job Description Pamphlet on each National Elected Officer's Position, and;

WHEREAS, The General Assembly further empowered this committee with the responsibility to recommend honorariums for every elected official of the Church Of God In Christ, Inc, and to recommend a fair compensation for those officers/officials who have been given emeritus status and/or retired from service to the national church, and;

WHEREAS, The current Committee members have been a team since November 7, 2011 and have been working feverishly ever since to fulfill our task assignment, as did those who went before us, now;

THEREFORE, we recommend adoption of the document read with the following stipulation upon passage in the General Assembly that:

All provisions of this recommendation are effective immediately upon passage with the exception of the Honorariums; that, that provision be delayed until the fiscal year 2016. This will afford this committee time to complete its work, and the administration time to make the necessary budget adjustment that might be required for accommodation.

We So Move Adoption.

A T T A C H M E N T J

**RESOLUTION COMMITTEE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY APRIL CALL MEETING 2014**

**RESOLUTION #042014-1: A RESOLUTION TO CREATE A
CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION FOR
BISHOP D.A. BURTON**

“The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those who are planted in the house of the Lord: Shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bear fruit in old age; They shall be fresh and flourishing, to declare that the Lord is upright; He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.” Psalm 92:12-15.

“Do not remove the ancient landmark which your fathers have set” (Proverbs 22:28)

Whereas: Bishop Dewitt Arthur Burton was a preacher in the Church Of God In Christ for eighty-eight (88) years,

Whereas: Bishop Burton served the National Church for a span of some seventy-five (75) years in the following capacities:

- National Secretary of Disbursements (now known as the Financial Secretary)
- National Secretary of the Elders’ Council
- Secretary of the Board of Bishops
- Secretary of the Board of Directors (National Church)
- General Secretary of the National Church (2 terms)
- Secretary of the General Assembly
- Member of the General Board (served (2) terms.
- Co-founder of C.H. Mason Seminary – Appointed the first President

Whereas: Bishop Burton served as a Jurisdictional Bishop for forty-eight (48) years,

Whereas: Bishop Burton continued serving as an inspirational figure even as he approached his ninety-eighth (98th) year of age

Whereas: Through Bishop Burton’s stellar leadership, training and teaching many men and women were inspired to work in the Church on the local, jurisdictional, and national levels

Whereas: The Bible admonishes to recognize those who labor among you...and to esteem them very highly in love for their work’s sake

Whereas: There are many individuals among the membership ranks of the Church Of God In Christ that are yet alive and still among us who have obtained the age of ninety (90) or above who are the “UNSONG-HEROES.” They have served the Church into their golden years.

Therefore be it resolved: Mr. Chairman and fellow delegates of this General Assembly a “Certificate of Recognition” should be given to any member of the Church Of God In Christ who has obtained the ages of ninety (90) through ninety-nine (99).

Therefore be it further resolved: Because of his contribution to and legacy in the Church the “Certificate of Recognition” should be entitled the “Bishop Dewitt Arthur Burton” Certificate of Recognition and that a special committee or commission be placed over this ministry of love so that any member of the local, jurisdictional, and national level of the Church can be acknowledged.

Submitted this day, April, 8, 2014, on behalf of Bishop Screven by the General Assembly Resolution Committee, Dr. Diana Banks, Chair, Elder Willie Bonner, Vice Chair and Elder Jerry Walker, Secretary and committee members:

Elder Clyde Brown
Elder Ronald Duplessis
Supervisor Lendora Early

Elder Phillip Jackson
Elder Roland Joyner
Elder Kevin E. Knight, Sr.

Elder David Taylor
Elder Aaron Tolbert
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Elder Marcus Fenner
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Elder Gilbert Ginyard
Elder Percy Henderson

Elder Herman Platt
Dr. Hazel Shepherd
Elder Donnell Smith
Supervisor Romanetha Stallworth

ATTACHMENT K

**JUDICIARY BOARD
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC.**

IN RE: PETITION)

OF)

ELDER RONALD E. STIDHAM,)
ON APPLICATION FOR RULING ON)
CONSTITUTIONALLY MANDATED)
JUDICIAL QUALIFICATION OF)
JUSTICE JOSEPH D. CLEMONS)

January 2014
ORDER

PER CURIAM

I

This matter comes before the Judiciary Board, (Supreme Court), on a Petition for constitutional compliance of mandated judicial qualifications. The pertinent facts underlying this controversy are not in dispute, and may be briefly summarized as follows:

1. Justice Joseph D. Clemmons was elected to occupy a ministerial seat from the General Council of Pastors and Elders, Church of God In Christ, Inc.
2. On November 7, 2011, he was reaffirmed for a second term which will conclude in 2018.

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3. In November, 2013, during the 106th Convocation in St. Louis Missouri, he was elevated to the office of Auxiliary Bishop. With this elevation, he is now a member of the Episcopate (Board of Bishops).
4. Petitioner Elder Ronald E. Stidham alleges that Justice Joseph D. Clemmons, now an Auxiliary Bishop and a member of the Episcopate can no longer occupy a ministerial seat from the General Council of Pastors and Elders. He further alleges that this is a violation of Article 8 in The Church Constitution.

ISSUES

1. Whether Elder Ronald E. Stidham has standing to bring the Petition to this court.
2. Whether an Auxiliary Bishop can occupy a ministerial seat from the General Council of Pastors and Elders on the Judiciary Board.

II

- a. The first issue, whether Elder Ronald E. Stidham has standing to bring the Petition. He does. He is a U.S. citizen, a member of good standing in the Church of God In Christ, and has suffered an injury. We have held that a denial of a benefit in the Electoral Process can itself create an Article III (U.S. Constitution) injury, irrespective of the end result.
- b. The second issue is whether an Auxiliary Bishop, specifically Justice Joseph E. Clemmons can continue to occupy a seat from the General Council of Pastors and Elders on the Judiciary Board (Supreme Court).

PER CURIAM

This Court is asked to rule on a constitutional requirement of Article 8, Judiciary Board Composition & Criteria, as it relates specifically to the ministerial seats from the General Council of Pastors and Elders.

The Church Constitution is the written framework for our Church government. It establishes the Legislative, Executive and Judicial branches of the church. The Constitution also guarantees each member certain basic individual rights and liberties. The Judiciary Board (Supreme Court) is the ultimate authority on matters of constitutional interpretation, and is established as both an ecclesiastic and appellate court. Article: 8, 9, 15, 16; 1952, 1991.

In addition to protecting the rights of every member of the Church of God In Christ, The Judiciary Board is mandated to by Biblical principles, first attempt to negotiate reasonable grounds for the resolution of the dispute. Should the parties fail to receive said recommendation of the Board, the Board shall then decide the matter before it pursuant to the interpretation of the Church's Constitution and Doctrine. The Board shall also use previous rulings, resolutions and according to relevant, precedent setting Federal and State case law." The Judiciary Code pg. 9, 10, 1991.

III

The Judiciary Board as final arbiter of the Law is charged with ensuring that church members receive equal justice under law. Under Article 8, Composition & Criteria of the Judiciary Board, the law clearly states:

"The Judiciary Board shall be composed of nine (9) members designated in three (3) categories: episcopal, ministerial, and general. Three (3) members shall be Jurisdictional

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bishops (episcopal), three (3) members shall be elders other than bishops (ministerial), and three (3) members shall be from the church at large (general)..."

The framers of Article 8, Judiciary Board intended that elected justices would come from three (3) distinct areas of the church bringing to the court collective experience. Further, that having experiential input that is distinct and different would ensure fairness to all sectors of the Church, while making sure that the Judiciary Board would not be compromised of all of a majority of one category. An Elder or a Lay Person cannot run for nor hold a position designated for Bishop; neither can a Bishop run for or hold a slot designated for an Elder.

Article 8 of the constitution does not contain two distinctly opposite interpretations. It does not mean one thing at one time and an entirely different thing at another time. The article, when framed and adopted meant that the three (3) ministerial members of the Judiciary Board "shall be elders other than bishops". It is but to say that it means the same now. The provision of Article 8 there under consideration as expressed by the framers foresaw that times would arise when leaders and people would seek to make changes, whereby the principles of constitutional liberty would be in peril unless established by irrevocable law.

The constitution of the Church of God In Christ, Inc. is a law for its protection of classes of people at all times, and under all circumstances, and, none of its provisions can be suspended during period of administrative or political necessity. Such an effort leads to anarchy.

In *Dred Scott v Sanford*, 19 HOW, 393, 426, Chief Justice Taney said:

"That while the Constitution remains unaltered, it must be construed now as it was understood at the time of its adoption; that it is not only the same in words, but the same in meaning, and as long as it continues to exist in its present form, it speaks not only in

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the same words, but with the same meaning and intent with which it spoke when it came from the hands of the framers, and was voted on and adopted by the people of the United States. Any other rule would abrogate the Judicial Character of this court and make it the mere flex of the popular opinion or passion of the day.”

Article 8 of the Church Constitution, grants the Judiciary Board exclusive Jurisdiction on matters of constitutional interpretation. We note the landmark decision on the issue of Judicial Review in which the Supreme Court ruled that the Federal Court have the duty to review the constitutionality of acts of Congress and to declare them void when they are contrary to the constitution. *Marbury v Madison*, 5 U.S. 137 (1803).

Review of this case is warranted because of the need for this Court to clarify the action of the General Assembly allowing an Auxiliary Bishop to occupy a ministerial seat on the Judiciary Board, both April 1998 and November 2013, even though there was much unreadiness, regarding the constitutional issue of The Board of Bishops adding on another Bishop. The Chairman of the General Assembly “expressed his thinking that this consideration be deferred until November, 1997 session.” Church of God In Christ Minutes, General Assembly Page 8, 9, 10, April (1997)

In April, 1998, during the General Assembly session, several members of the General Council of Pastors and Elders voiced objection to the issue of reaffirmation of Bishop Cornelius Range. One Elder stated that he had already been screened and requested the General Assembly consider him or someone else from the Council. After much discussion, Bishop Range was reaffirmed to continue in office as a member of the Judiciary Board. There was some confusion regarding the meaning of the Constitution on the matter just, voted upon. The Chairman

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explained, “that we were living up to the letter of the law”. Church of God In Christ Minutes, General Assembly, Page 29 (1998).

In the instant case, The General Assembly’s contrary conclusion rested in part on the mistaken belief that an alleged precedent may be used to define a general principle of the Judiciary Board’s Jurisprudence, into a specific legal rule that this Court has not ruled on.

The error in this approach is subtle, yet substantial. Although the General Assembly may in accordance with its’ usual electoral procedures look to court precedent to ascertain whether it has held the particular point in issue is clearly established by Judiciary Board Precedent, it may not violate the constitution and expect that it would be, if presented to this Court, be accepted as correct. The General Assembly failed to abide by that limitation here. Its’ resultant actions were erroneous and must be reversed.

THE ISSUE THEN IS – DID THESE ACTIONS VIOLATE ARTICLE 8 OF THE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC. CONSTITUTION.

In determining whether the provision in Article 8 for three (3) Ministerial Members by reason of the clause is clear, we must consider the relation of personality to constitutional power, the historical setting of the clause – “Elders other than Bishops”, and the development of Jurisprudence of this Court in interpreting that clause.

PER CURIAM

CONCLUSION

Applying the criteria established by our decision, we conclude that:

1. Article 8 as drafted by the framers and approved by the General Assembly is crystal clear and binding on the church.
2. We approach the question thus presented upon the assumption, as required by Article 8 under the law, that the General Assembly violated the constitution both in November 1998 and November 2013.
3. Article 8 was framed to a legitimate end, which is the legislation was not for the mere advantage of particular individuals, but for the protection of a basic interest of the Church – integrity and justice for all.
4. Justice Joseph D. Clemmons now an Auxiliary Bishop is in violation of the constitution as set forth in and can no longer occupy a ministerial seat on the Judiciary Board.

This case is of extraordinary nature, and of great concern, gravity and importance to the Church. There can be no Rule of Law without a Judiciary that is independent of the Legislative and Executive Branches of the Church.

PER CURIAM**THE COURT RULES:**

Auxiliary Bishop Joseph E. Clemmons is no longer constitutionally eligible to sit on the Judiciary Board in a Ministerial Seat, and the matter is remanded to the General Assembly for his replacement and further proceedings consistent with this opinion.

IT IS SO ORDERED

NOTE: Justice Joseph D. Clemmons was recused from this case.

DATED: February 13, 2014

Official:

Thomas Jackson, Jr.
Chief Justice

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**CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC.
2014 APRIL CALL MEETING**



**FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE AND POSITION
APRIL 1, 2013 - MARCH 31, 2014**

**BISHOP FRANK ANTHON WHITE, FINANCIAL SECRETARY
ELDER CHARLES HARRISON MASON PATTERSON, TREASURER
ELDER TYRONE POTTS, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

**CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC.
STATEMENT OF REVENUE ACTIVITY
FROM APRIL 1, 2013 - MARCH 31, 2014**

Presented by: Bishop Frank A. White

NATIONAL REPORTS:

National Report - Laity	794,132.99
National Report - Men	4,015,637.57
National Report - Women	1,618,124.77

TOTAL NATIONAL REPORTS

\$6,427,895.33

OFFERINGS

Consecration Service Offering (All Night Prayer)	3,739.45
General Public Offerings	367,663.66
Morning Gems with Lady Mae	16,839.15
Men's Day	37,914.27
Morning Manna	22,421.00
Music Department (Nightly Convocation Musicals)	1,626.08
The Lord's Day Service Offerings	225,853.39
O.T. Jones Jurisdictional Institute	27,879.00
Online Contributions	10,672.78
Revival Fire Offerings	9,689.02
Sunday School- The Lord's Day	25,001.36
Sunshine Band	2,262.63
Women's Department/Offerings	67,594.73
Youth Department - (Consists of Youth Church, Youth Day and YPWW)	14,999.36

TOTAL OFFERINGS

\$834,155.88

DONATIONS

AIM Conference Donation	100,000.00
COGIC Publishing House	250,000.00
Men's Conference Donation	2,000.00
Special Donations - Restricted - (Oklahoma Disaster Relief)	10,000.00
Special Donations - Restricted - (International Missions)	3,526.00
Special Donations - Restricted - (Lelia Mason Building)	291,929.45
Special Donations - Restricted - (Urban Initiatives)	35,000.00
Special Donations - Unrestricted	40,960.37
Women's Convention Donation	100,000.00

TOTAL DONATIONS

\$833,415.82

SALES & CONVENTION SERVICES

Convocation Exhibits	303,780.00
Exhibits (SIMUL Conference)	1,050.00
Food and Beverage	151,768.49
Hotel Commissions (Convocation)	288,488.97
Hotel Commissions (SIMUL Conference)	7,965.00
Music Department Concert Tickets	37,295.00
Sales - COGIC Media	106,638.06
Sales - COGIC Media (Online Sales)	2,069.72
Sales - Convention Services Registrations	696,532.42
Sales - Convention Services Registrations (SIMUL Conference)	40,450.00
Sales - General Secretary Items	1,289.95

TOTAL SALES & CONVENTION SERVICES

\$1,637,327.61

**CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC.
STATEMENT OF REVENUE ACTIVITY
FROM APRIL 1, 2013 - MARCH 31, 2014**

Presented by: Bishop Frank A. White

OTHER REVENUE

Advertising Revenue	52,300.00	
C. H. Mason Institute Affiliate Fees	6,120.00	
Corporation Sponsorship	7,500.00	
Dividend Income on Investments	310.03	
Facility Rental/Use	45,950.00	
Interest Earned*	6,358.03	
Interest Earned St. Academy*	26.63	
Interest Income (MDM Investments)	5,679.86	
Interest Income from Investments	62,886.11	
IT Services	300.00	
Jurisdictional Sponsors - (SIMUL Conference)	17,731.80	
MDM Investments	2,558.68	
Miscellaneous Revenue	52,683.72	
New Bishops Academy	14,250.00	
Registrations (General Secretary's Office)	33,995.00	
Reprographics Services-Headquarters	924.00	
Security Academy	5,250.00	
Tithe of Tithe	1,030.00	
Utilization of Saints Academy	14,150.00	
TOTAL OTHER REVENUE		\$330,003.86

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

General Public Offerings	22,914.36	
Jurisdictional Sponsors	42,000.00	
Hotel Commissions	23,715.00	
Miscellaneous Revenue	2,380.80	
Media Sales (COGIC Exchange)	3,630.00	
On-Site Registration	29,073.00	
Registrations	170,407.50	
Registration Refunds	(2,000.00)	
Vendor Exhibits	10,850.00	
Youth Summit	13,185.00	
Workshop Donations	7,335.00	
TOTAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE		\$325,240.66

GRAND TOTAL

\$10,388,039.16

Footnotes

Returned Checks	(19,193.90)	
Returned Check Restitution	15,566.00	

NET TOTAL

\$10,384,411.26

Church of God in Christ Incorporated
 Unaudited balances as of March 31, 2014
 Financial Presentation to General Board Monday, April 7, 2014
 Elder Tyrone Potts, CPA, Chief Financial Officer

Cash Balance:	
Cash Balance at February 28, 2014	\$ 2,035,321
Decrease	\$ (123,758)
Cash Balance at March 31, 2014	<u>\$ 1,911,563</u>
Investments:	
Investment Balance at February 28, 2014	\$ 3,252,720
Increase	\$ 2,735
Investment Balance at March 31, 2014	<u>\$ 3,255,455</u>
Loan/Obligation Balance:	
Loan/Obligation Balance February 28, 2014	\$ 190,938
Payments	\$ (11,851)
Loan/Obligation Balance March 31, 2014	<u>\$ 179,087</u>

Note 1: Includes \$766,380.10 money market account balance.

Note 2: Cash balance end of prior fiscal year (3/31/13) was \$2,548,301. Decrease to cash balance this fiscal year as of March 31, 2014 is \$636.73 transferred to investment account in May of 2013.

Note 3: Investment balance at end of prior fiscal year (3/31/13) was \$2,256,933. Return on investments fiscal year-to-date is approximately -0.0005%.

Note 4: \$838.62 represents equipment leased from Dell Computer Corporation. \$87,001.58 represents Pitney Bowes equipment lease. Based on terms of the leases, Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) require that the leases are treated as an obligation. In December 2012 a \$120,000 loan was secured from Tri-State Bank to finance the purchase of a security system for HQ at 5% interest rate. L

Church of God in Christ Inc.
 Preliminary Expenditures Report
 Fiscal year end March 31, 2014

Account	Control #	Dept #	Account Description	Annual Budget	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget	Reamining Budget	Last Year's Actual
Expenditures								
0	Total		Other (See Note 1)	0.00	80,120.55	0.00	(80,120.55)	106,836.23
1	Total		General Board	1,194,347.00	1,205,722.38	1,194,347.00	(11,375.38)	1,110,630.33
2	Total		General Assembly (See note 2)	192,873.00	229,286.51	192,873.00	(36,413.51)	349,032.04
3	Total		Presiding Bishop Office	355,321.00	319,140.77	355,321.00	36,180.23	396,459.68
4	Total		Treasurer	52,000.00	50,978.00	52,000.00	1,022.00	50,245.49
5	Total		Financial Secretary	319,675.00	335,512.55	319,675.00	(15,837.55)	308,975.54
6	Total		Trustee Bd	336,100.00	336,539.04	356,100.00	19,560.96	312,768.99
8	Total		Judiciary Bd	99,500.00	98,738.26	99,500.00	761.74	89,749.13
9	Total		Women's	53,600.00	64,300.00	53,600.00	(10,700.00)	26,800.00
11	Total		Accounting (Financial Affairs)	333,848.00	371,405.18	333,848.00	(37,557.18)	334,148.62
12	Total		General Secretary	511,424.00	421,613.51	511,424.00	89,810.49	414,636.21
13	Total		Headquarters	531,390.00	601,868.69	531,390.00	(70,478.69)	527,075.37
14	Total		Technology	269,000.00	339,285.67	269,000.00	(70,285.67)	180,518.10
15	Total		Convention Planning	330,853.00	330,792.93	330,853.00	60.07	292,897.52
17	Total		Ur-ban Initiative	103,070.00	92,676.80	103,070.00	10,393.20	82,958.57
21	Total		General Counsel	229,325.00	210,160.82	229,325.00	19,164.18	172,008.08
22	Total		Adjutancy	43,521.00	45,615.81	43,521.00	(2,094.81)	36,461.72
23	Total		Chaplain	18,900.00	20,976.10	18,900.00	(2,076.10)	18,905.99
32	Total		April Call	35,000.00	41,526.71	35,000.00	(6,526.71)	25,330.47
33	Total		Convocation	1,461,730.00	1,422,999.29	1,461,730.00	38,730.71	1,624,497.76
34	Total		SIMUL CONF (See Note 4)	0.00	39,363.16	0.00	(39,363.16)	0.00
37	Total		PR & Marketing	53,900.00	51,400.71	53,900.00	2,499.29	42,571.78
40	Total		CHMS	361,722.00	370,566.26	361,722.00	(8,844.26)	393,324.97
41	Total		Saints Academy	322,513.00	264,282.82	322,513.00	58,230.18	248,333.93
43	Total		ASBC	94,256.00	63,304.56	94,256.00	30,951.44	76,042.16
44	Total		CHM Jurisdictional (See Note 4)	0.00	11,949.08	0.00	(11,949.08)	1,987.70
50	Total		Music	95,685.00	75,904.45	95,685.00	19,780.55	64,405.94
51	Total		Founder's Day	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	53,227.86
54	Total		Missions	748,050.00	797,192.60	748,050.00	(49,142.60)	763,863.94
55	Total		Hurricane Sandy Relief	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50,000.00
57	Total		Security	44,000.00	46,980.39	44,000.00	(2,980.39)	37,363.41
58	Total		Lelia Mason Bldg Project (See Note 3)	0.00	31,274.65	0.00	(31,274.65)	0.00
81	Total		Survivor Benefits	133,500.00	148,000.00	133,500.00	(14,500.00)	84,000.00
82	Total		National Properties	1,555,897.00	1,311,450.13	1,555,907.00	244,446.87	1,446,387.28
84	Total		Leadership Conf	294,000.00	246,021.39	294,000.00	47,978.61	208,739.17
91	Total		Bishop's Academy (See Note 4)	0.00	-4,059.09	0.00	(4,059.09)	4,549.41
	Total Expenditures			10,195,000.00	10,084,721.92	10,195,010.00	110,278.08	9,935,733.39

Note 1 Paid to AIM out of \$200,000 surplus received from prior AIM administration
 Note 2 Excess expenditures were funded by inaugural service offering.
 Note 3 Not budgeted. Funded by donations.

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Report of the Church Of God In Christ Quadrennial Installation and Inauguration Ceremonial Committee

Monday, April 8th, 2013 at the Temple of Deliverance Church Of God In Christ the Service of Installation and Inauguration for the Presiding Bishop, General Board and General Officers of the Church was conducted. This was a splendid occasion that solemnized the consecration of those elected to lead our Church and direct its ministries. It was an evening to remember! The saints were adorned in an array of colors and ceremonial attire emblematic of the sacred and holy calling these persons were elected. The moment transcended the meaning of the event as God smiled upon our officialdom who now boldly and ably serve our institution.

The committee, Bishop David Allen Hall, Sr., Chairman, Bishop Lemuel F. Thuston, Vice Chairman, Bishop Jewel R. Withers, Jr, Bishop Prince E.W. Bryant, Sr, Elder E. Bernard Alexander, Elder Alonzo Blair Baxter, Elder Johnny Bates, Supervisor Diana C. Banks, and Evangelist Myra Cromier Banks , along with local committee workers Elder Kendall Anderson, Sr, Elder Brandon C. Washington, Sister Jennifer R. Patterson Hill and Sister Linda Wilkins labored to make the entire event an affair to remember. The evening proved to be the most well orchestrated and profitable installation and inauguration conducted in the Church to date. I must express for the committee my appreciation for the confidence and latitude given me and their willingness to work and create an event, historically considered among our best. For certain, it is the committee's hope that we made the officials consecrated that night happy and the General Assembly satisfied with the activity itself. Particularly, the committee acknowledges, His Grace, Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr and of course, Elder James L. Hunt, Chairman of the General Assembly for the opportunity to serve.

Special thanks to Supt. Milton Hawkins and the Temple Of Deliverance Church Of God In Christ for the use of their magnificent facilities to conduct the installation and inauguration and the following inaugural reception.

The committee offers the following as a recommendation for future installation and inaugural ceremonial committees. Each quadrennial year the quality and presentation of the event should be of distinction and high quality. The following should help assure that possibility.

The Quadrennial Committee (Full Committee) shall be appointed after each quadrennial election by the chairman of the General Assembly. The Full Committee function shall be to plan and execute those plans for the event itself. The Full committee chairman reports to the General Assembly Chairman and shall be sensitive to the demands of protocol and directives that befit the occasion. The Full committee chairman shall select the committee members and make assignments for planning and execution of the installation and inaugural event. The chairman shall have the power to create sub committees to produce the necessary culture, ceremonies and personnel to make the event successful. The chairman should coordinate and participate with of the Office of General Secretary, National Adjutancy and all other entities that play a significant role in the shaping and execution of the entire event. The committee chairman is ex-officio head of each subcommittee under his charge.

The following is a listing of the sub committees

- 1 Program Committee
2. Finance Committee
3. Protocol Committee
4. Publicity Committee
5. Reception Committee
6. Security Committee
7. Decoration Committee

Last and very important is the benefit of this endeavor. It is not enough to have provided pageantry and splendor but the tangible result of our labor also. Chairman Hunt wanted a reception to honor the individuals consecrated on that night. Nearly twenty corporate sponsors lifted the burden of providing delicious food and ambiance to celebrate and cap the evening. These businesses and individuals proved their respect and appreciation for the Church Of God In Christ and this resulted in a corporate contribution to underwrite the cost of the reception. Our committee now presents to the Church our surplus. Chairman Hunt, we present to the Church Of God In Christ and our Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr a check of nearly \$10,000.00 for the renovation of the Leila Mason Building.

Bishop David Allen Hall

Committee Chairman

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2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(As of April 10, 2014 - Remainder of the Year)

Pastors & Elders Conference

May 5-8 2014

Portsmouth, Virginia

Contact: (773) 533-6877

SIMUL Conference

September 8-10, 2014

Memphis, Tennessee

Contact: (901) 947-9310

*(including the Men's Conference;
Church Growth; Urban Initiative
& Special Founder's Day Events)*

Int'l Women's Convention & Crusade

May 26-30, 2014

Louisville, Kentucky

Contact: (901) 775-0600

www.cogicwomensdepartment.com

Annual Bishop's Conference

September 15-19, 2014

Location: TBA

Contact:

AIM (Auxiliaries In Ministry)

June 30-July 4, 2014

Kansas City, Missouri

Contact: (901) 947-9300

107th Int'l Holy Convocation

(and General Assembly)

November 3-11, 2014

Saint Louis, Missouri

Contact: (901) 947-9310

