

# CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

BISHOP CHARLES E. BLAKE, SR. | PRESIDING BISHOP & CHIEF APOSTLE  
111<sup>th</sup> HOLY CONVOCATION

## The Lord's Day

### WORSHIP CELEBRATION

9:00 AM

THE SERVICE OF EPISCOPAL  
CONSECRATION AND INSTALLATION  
AND

### *The Holy Communion*

### CELEBRATION

7:30 PM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2018

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

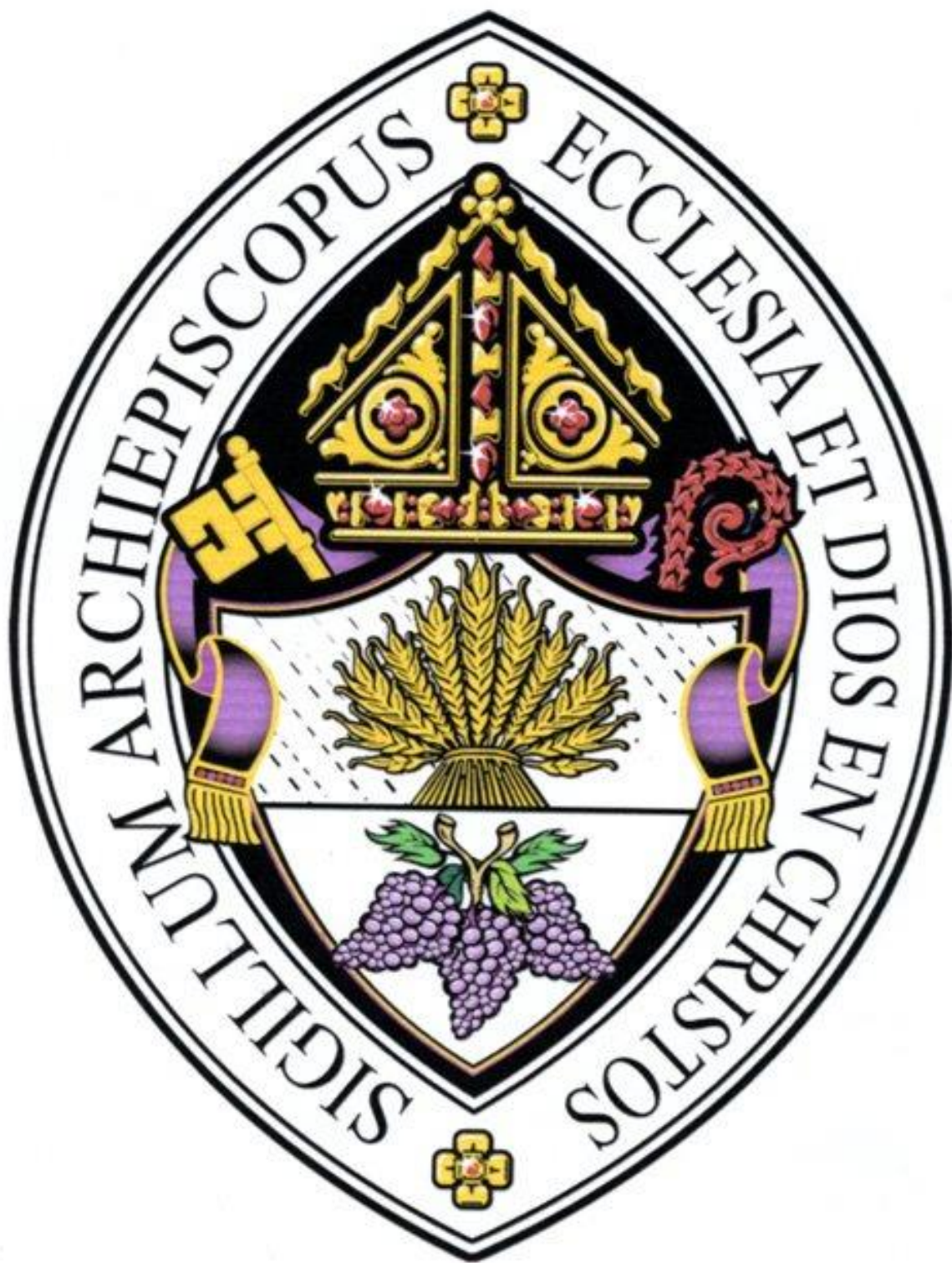


THE PRESIDUM OF THE  
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST









**The Lord's Day Celebration**

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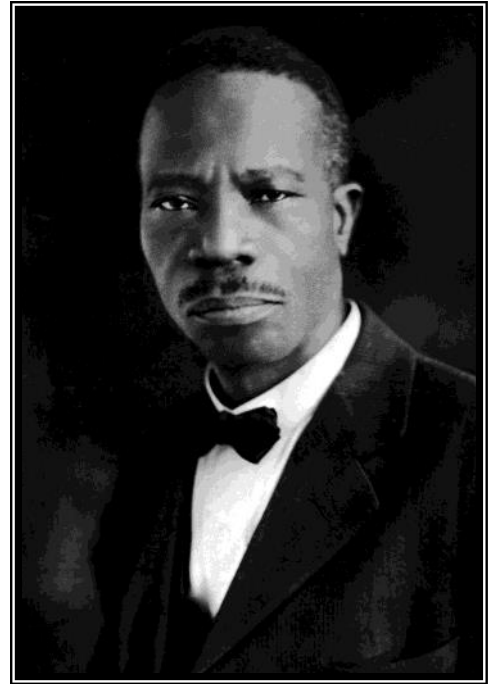
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# Bishop Charles Harrison Mason

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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





# **Bishop Charles Edward Blake, Sr.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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







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

## **Greetings to All of the Lord’s People:**

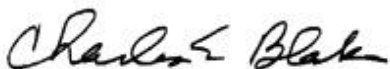
I would like to extend an enthusiastic welcome to each of you as we joyfully gather for the Church Of God In Christ’s 111th Holy Convocation! 111 years of God’s goodness to us as the 4th largest Protestant group in the United States and one of the oldest Pentecostal institutions in the world, currently in 95 countries, is certainly something to be excited and proud about. As the Holy Convocation is our largest annual convention, we gather to continue the epic legacy of our church to intentionally impact and influence the world.

I would further like to extend a tremendous note of thanks to the city of St. Louis for welcoming us once again, and for being a gracious and accommodating host for the past eight years. As we look forward to fulfilling fellowship and miraculous worship experiences as one collective church, I pray that the Spirit of God and His magnificent blessings would overflow to every St. Louisan that we encounter during the 111th Holy Convocation.

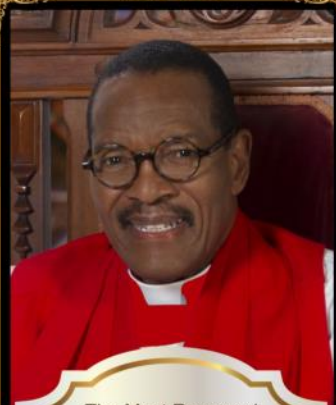
As 2018 nears its close, I would like to remind and encourage each of you to continue in the vain of our 2018 theme - “The Church Seasoning the World” - as outlined in Matthew 5:13-16. The current state of our country alone should motivate us, as saints of the Most High God, to consistently infiltrate the darkness with our light. As the salt of the earth, we have a duty to maintain our flavor, our positions and our influence. Through steadfast prayer, the Word of God and total reliance on the Savior, we are victorious.

If we assemble with prayerful hearts and minds, I am confident that the Lord will meet us mightily in all of our sessions and services. I greatly anticipate His outpouring. I also ask that you please join with me in earnest prayer for the General Board and the leadership of our church, that the Holy Spirit would strengthen and enable us to lead the saints of God with power, solely for His glory.

In His Service,



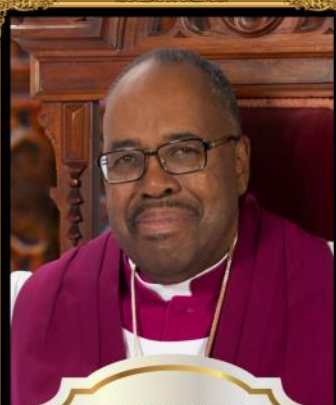
Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr.  
Presiding Bishop & Chief Apostle  
The Seventh in Succession  
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC.



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



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



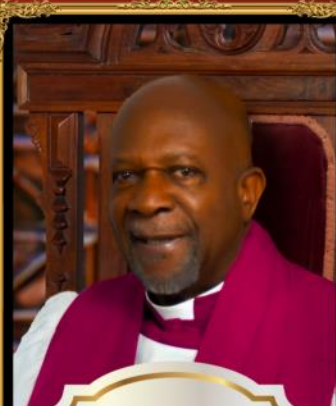
The Right Reverend  
**Jerry Wayne Macklin**  
Second Assistant Presiding Bishop  
Prelate, NorCal Metropolitan  
Hayward, California



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



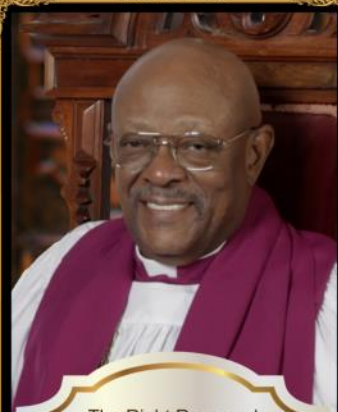
The Right Reverend  
**Lawrence M. Wooten, Sr.**  
Assistant Secretary to the General Board  
Prelate, Eastern Missouri, Western Illinois  
St. Louis, Missouri



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

## THE GENERAL BOARD

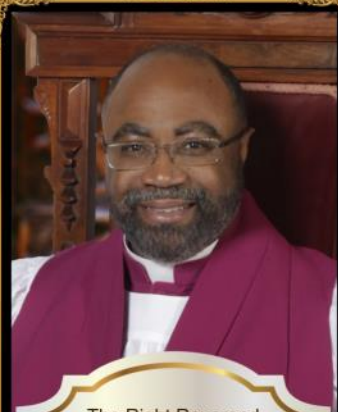




The Right Reverend  
**Nathaniel Wyoming Wells**  
Prelate, Michigan Western  
Benton Harbor, Michigan



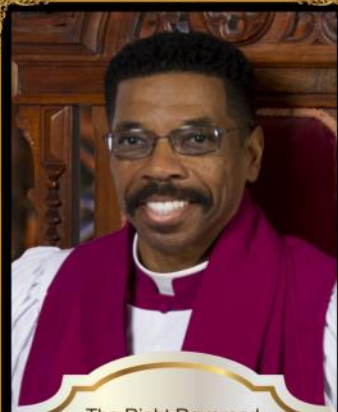
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**John Drew Sheard, Sr.**  
Prelate, Michigan North Central  
Detroit, Michigan



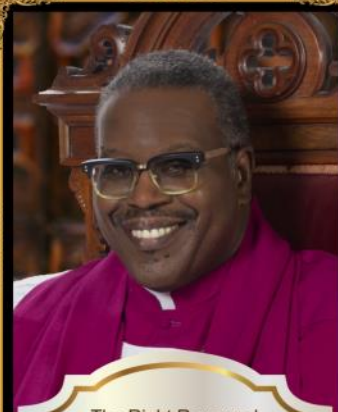
The Right Reverend  
**Brandon B. Porter**  
Prelate, Tennessee Central  
Memphis, Tennessee



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



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



The Right Reverend  
**Matthew Williams**  
Prelate, Florida Southwest  
Tampa, Florida

## THE GENERAL BOARD



SUNDAY, THE ELEVENTH DAY OF NOVEMBER,  
TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN ANNO DOMINI  
AT NINE O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

# The Lord's Day Worship Celebration

The Dome At America's Center

*Church Of God In Christ 2018 Theme:*

## ***The Church Seasoning the World***

*(Matthew 5:13-16 – NKJV)*

*"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."*

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

## THE ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP

*(+Where indicated, Please Stand)*

9:00 AM

The Prelude Recital

The C. H. Mason Memorial Choir

J.O. Patterson Fine Arts Orchestra

*Dr. Judith McAllister, International Minister of Music*

*Elder Ezra Howard, Director*

*J.O. Patterson Fine Arts Orchestra*

9:30 AM

The Processional

Bishop Robert G. Rudolph, Jr.

*Adjutant General*

THE NATIONAL ADJUTANCY

THE VISITING PRELATES

THE MILITARY AND INSTITUTIONAL CHAPLAINCY

NATIONAL APPOINTEES

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF PASTORS AND ELDERS

THE NATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

THE JUDICIARY

THE BOARD OF BISHOPS, LED BY THE CHAIRMAN

THE SECRETARY OF FINANCE

THE GENERAL TREASURER

THE GENERAL SECRETARY

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

+ The Hymn of Adoration

**"Holy, Holy, Holy"**

THE C. H. MASON MEMORIAL CHOIR

J.O. PATTERSON FINE ARTS ORCHESTRA

AND CONGREGATION

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

## + The Call to Worship

**Bishop J. W. Macklin**

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

**THE LEADER:** Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness. Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.

**THE PEOPLE:** Declare His glory among the heathen; His marvelous works among all nations. For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised: He also is to be feared above all gods.

**THE LEADER:** Give unto the Lord, ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord glory and strength. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name: bring an offering, and come before Him: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

**THE PEOPLE** Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice: and let men say among the nations, The Lord reigneth. Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof: let the fields rejoice, and all that is therein.

**THE LEADER:** Then shall the trees of the wood sing out at the presence of the Lord, because he cometh to judge the earth.

**ALL:** O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever.

*Psalm 48:1&2, 1 Chronicles 16:24&25, 28-31, 32-34*

## +The Invocation

**Bishop Nathaniel W. Wells**

*GENERAL BOARD MEMBER  
Prelate, Michigan North Central Jurisdiction*

## +The Levitical Affirmation

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

## +The Old Testament Lesson

**Psalm 96**

**Bishop Matthew Williams**

*GENERAL BOARD MEMBER  
Prelate, Florida Southwestern Jurisdiction*

## +The New Testament Lesson

**Hebrews 3:12-14, 6:10-15**

**Bishop Ted Thomas**

*GENERAL BOARD MEMBER  
Prelate, Virginia First Jurisdiction*

## +The Congregational Hymn

**“Walk In The Light”**

**Choir & Congregation**

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

## +The Affirmation of Faith

**Bishop J.D. Sheard, Sr.**

*GENERAL BOARD MEMBER  
Prelate, Michigan North Central Jurisdiction*

## +The Celebrative Praise

**Send Judah First - International Worship Team**

*Pastor Rodney Posey, Coordinator  
Ohio North 1<sup>st</sup> Jurisdiction, Bishop Edward C. Cook, Prelate*

**Lord's Day Worship Celebration  
Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

The Observations

**Bishop Joel H. Lyles**

*General Secretary*

*Prelate, Greater Maryland First Jurisdiction*

The Anthem

**The C. H. Mason Memorial Choir**

**J.O Patterson Fine Arts Orchestra**

*Dr. Judith McAllister, International Minister of Music*

The Salutation

**Mother Barbara McCoo Lewis**

*General Supervisor, Department of Women*

## **THE SACRED MINISTRY OF GIVING**

**Bishop Sedgwick Daniels**

*Secretary to the General Board – Prelate, Wisconsin Southern First Jurisdiction*

The Ministry of Music, Worship & Arts

**The C. H. Mason Memorial Choir**

**J.O. Patterson Fine Arts Orchestra**

**Send Judah First Liturgical Dancers**

*Dr. Judith McAllister, International Minister of Music*

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

*Evangelist Rochelle Robbins, Coordinator- SJF Liturgical Dancers*

The Introduction of the Presiding Bishop

**Bishop Phillip A. Brooks**

*First Assistant Presiding Bishop*

*Prelate, Historic Michigan First Jurisdiction*

The Sermonic Selection

**The C. H. Mason Memorial Choir**

**J.O Patterson Fine Arts Orchestra**

*Dr. Judith McAllister, International Minister of Music*

## **THE OFFICIAL MESSAGE**

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

**Presiding Bishop and Chief Apostle**

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

+The Invitation

+The Prayer of Healing & Deliverance

+The Benediction

+The Recessional



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

**5:30PM – 6:30PM**

**DR. BENJAMIN STEPHENS – PRESIDENT, INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DEPARTMENT**  
**EVANGELIST JOYCE RODGERS – CHAIRLADY, INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DEPARTMENT**  
**THE DOME AT THE AMERICA'S CENTER**



# Affirmation Of Faith

**We affirm our faith in the Bible.**

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

**We affirm our faith in God.**

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

**We affirm our faith in the blessed hope.**

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

**We affirm our faith in repentance.**

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

**We affirm our faith in salvation.**

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

**We affirm our faith in Jesus Christ.**

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

**We affirm our faith in the Holy Spirit.**

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

**We affirm our faith in sanctification.**

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

# Jesus the Light of the World

Mrs. James Vincent Coombs, 1898

Arranged

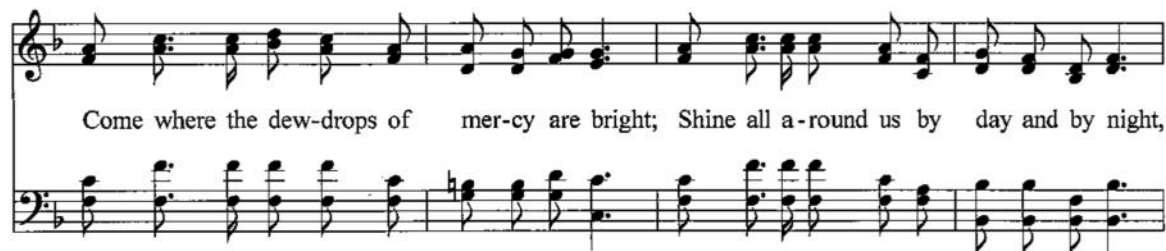
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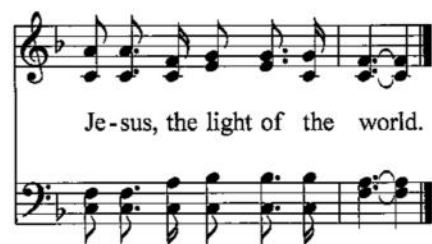
1. All ye saints of light pro-claim, Je-sus, the light of the world; Life and mer-cy  
2. Hear the Sav-ior's ear-nest call, Je-sus, the light of the world; Send the Gos-pel  
3. Why not seek Him then to-day, Je-sus, the light of the world; Go with truth the  
4. Come, con-fess Him as your king, Je-sus, the light of the world; Then the bells of



*Refrain*  
in His name, Je-sus, the light of the world.  
truth to all, Je-sus, the light of the world. We'll walk in the light, beau-ti-ful light,  
nar-row way, Je-sus, the light of the world.  
Heav'n will ring, Je-sus, the light of the world.



Come where the dew-drops of mer-cy are bright; Shine all a-round us by day and by night,



Je-sus, the light of the world.





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**The Evening Worship Celebration &  
The Service of Episcopal Consecration and Installation**  
The Dome At America's Center

**The Order of Divine Worship**  
*(+ Where indicated, Please Stand)*

**PRESIDING**  
**BISHOP PHILLIP A. BROOKS**  
*First Assistant Presiding Bishop*  
*Prelate – Historic Michigan First Jurisdiction*

**The Organ Prelude**

❖ **The Apostolic Procession**

**Bishop Robert G. Rudolph, Jr.**  
*Adjutant General*

THE NATIONAL ADJUTANCY  
THE VISITING PRELATES  
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THE GENERAL SECRETARY  
THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

❖ **The Hymn of Adoration**

**“Holy, Holy, Holy”**

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

❖ **THE BISHOPS DESIGNATE [WITH EPISCOPAL ESCORTS]**  
❖ **THE GENERAL BOARD**  
❖ **THE PRESIDING BISHOP**

❖The Call to Worship

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

**THE LEADER:** O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation

**THE PEOPLE:** Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.

**THE LEADER:** For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In His hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is His also. The sea is His, and He made it: and His hands formed the dry land.

**THE PEOPLE:** O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

**ALL:** For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations. (*Psalms 95:1-6*)

❖The Invocation

**Bishop Lawrence M. Wooten**  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO THE GENERAL BOARD  
*Prelate, Eastern Missouri, Western Illinois Jurisdiction*

❖The Old Testament Scripture      Deuteronomy 11:1-7

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

❖The New Testament Scripture      2 Corinthians 4:1-10

**Bishop Darrell L. Hines**  
GENERAL BOARD MEMBER  
*Prelate, Illinois Midwest Jurisdiction*

❖The Hymn      “Standing on The Promises”

**Choir & Congregation**  
*Led by:* **Bishop Matthew Williams**  
GENERAL BOARD MEMBER  
*Prelate, Florida Southwestern Jurisdiction*

❖The Affirmation of Faith

**Bishop Ted Thomas**  
GENERAL BOARD MEMBER  
*Prelate, Virginia First Jurisdiction*

The Anthem

**The C. H. Mason**  
**International MASS Choir**  
*Dr. Judith McAllister, International Minister of Music*

**THE SACRED MINISTRY OF GIVING**

**Bishop Brandon B. Porter**  
GENERAL BOARD MEMBER  
*Prelate, Tennessee Central Jurisdiction*

## ☞ The 111<sup>th</sup> Holy Convocation Video Highlights ☛

The Ministry of Music

**The C. H. Mason  
International MASS Choir**

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

**THE VOICE OF OUR LEADER**  
**HIS EMINENCE, THE MOST REVEREND CHARLES EDWARD BLAKE, SR.**  
**Presiding Bishop and Chief Apostle**  
**Church Of God In Christ, Inc., Seventh in Succession**

## ☞ The Presentation of the Messenger ☛

The Sermonic Selection

**The C. H. Mason  
International MASS Choir**

*Dr. Judith McAllister, International Minister of Music*

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**BISHOP BOB JACKSON**  
*Prelate, California West Coast Jurisdiction*

+The Invitation

Prayer of Healing & Deliverance

**Bishop J.D. Sheard, Sr.**  
GENERAL BOARD MEMBER  
*Prelate, Michigan North Central Jurisdiction*



# The Service of Episcopal Consecration & Installation

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

*Presiding Bishop,  
Chief Consecrator and Celebrant*

**1 Timothy 3:1-7** *This is a true saying, if a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.*

<sup>2</sup> *A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach;* <sup>3</sup> *Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;* <sup>4</sup> *One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;* <sup>5</sup> *(For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)*

<sup>6</sup> *Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.* <sup>7</sup> *Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.*

## Preface to the Ordinal

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

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

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

# The Service of Episcopal Consecration

## THE PRESIDING BISHOP

### CHIEF CONSECRATOR

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

## The Presentation

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

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

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

## The Charge

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

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

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

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

## The Inquiry

### The Presiding Bishop:

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

ANSWER: “I WILL”

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

ANSWER: “I WILL, BY THE HELP OF GOD.”

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

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

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

ANSWER: “I WILL, BY THE HELP OF GOD.”

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

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

## The Acceptance

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

### The Presiding Bishop:

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

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

## The Investiture

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

## The Installation of the Bishop

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

### The Presiding Bishop:

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

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





**Holy Communion**



# The Holy Communion Celebration

*"This do ye in remembrance of me"*

❖ The Scripture Reading

I Corinthians 11:23-32

Bishop Nathaniel W. Wells

GENERAL BOARD MEMBER

Prelate, Michigan North Central Jurisdiction

❖ The Blessing of the Elements

The Presiding Bishop

Assisted by The General Board

❖ The Purification

❖ The Consecration and Distribution of the Hosts

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

❖ The Closing Hymn and Levitical Benediction

*"And they sang a hymn and went out..."*

*Let The Church Say - AMEN*

❖ The Recessional

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

THANK YOU.



# Standing on the Promises

Russell Kelso Carter, 1886

*♩ = 107*

1. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my King,  
 2. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail,  
 3. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I now can see  
 4. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord,  
 5. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall,

Through e - ter - nal ag - es let His prais - es ring,  
 When the howl - ing storms of doubt and fear as - sail,  
 Per - fect, pre - sent cleans - ing in the blood for me;  
 Bound to Him e - tern - al - ly by love's strong cord,  
 List - ening eve - ry mo - ment to the Spir - it's call

Glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing, Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of  
 By the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail, Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of  
 Stand - ing in the lib - er - ty where Christ makes free, Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of  
 O - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword, Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of  
 Rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all, Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of

*Refrain*

God.  
 God.  
 God. Stand - ing, stand - ing, Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of  
 God.  
 God.

God my Sa - vior; Stand - ing, stand - ing, I'm

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.



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**Bishop Designate Blessing Titus Fernando**

Sri Lanka Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

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Zambia Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

**Bishop Designate Joseph Jay Mayo**

Dominican Republic First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

**Bishop Designate Ngamitu Muhini**

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**Bishop Designate James Pullings, Jr.**

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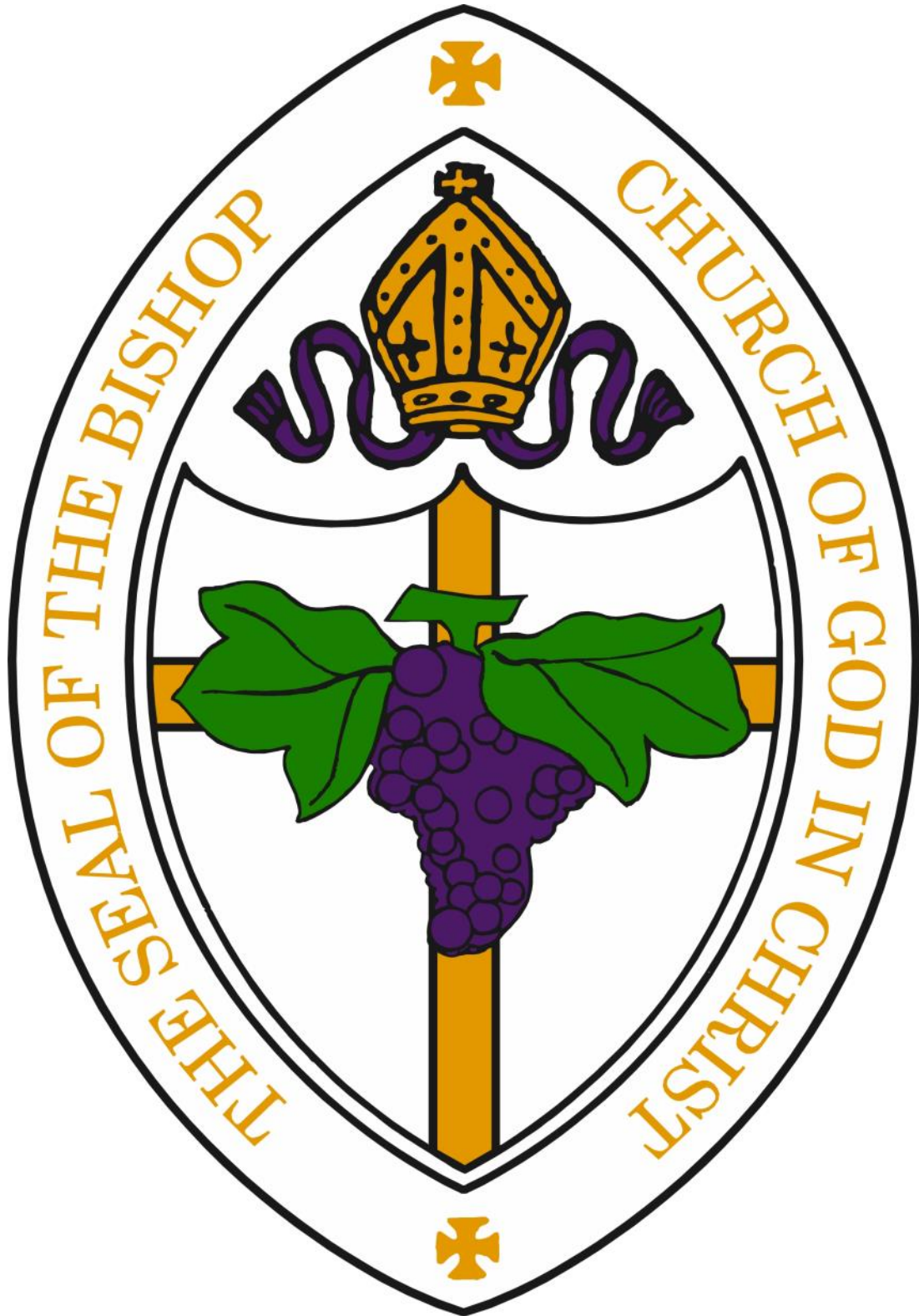
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Guatemala Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

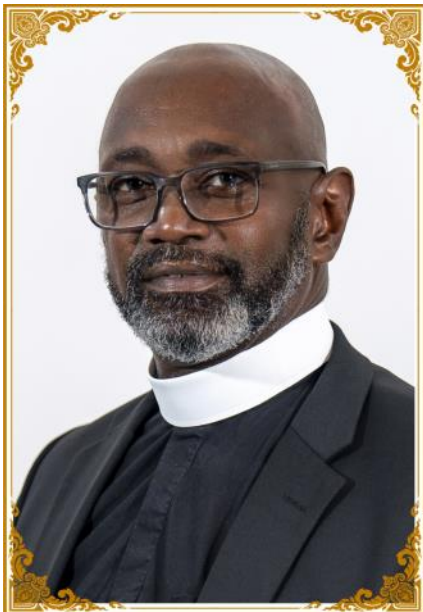
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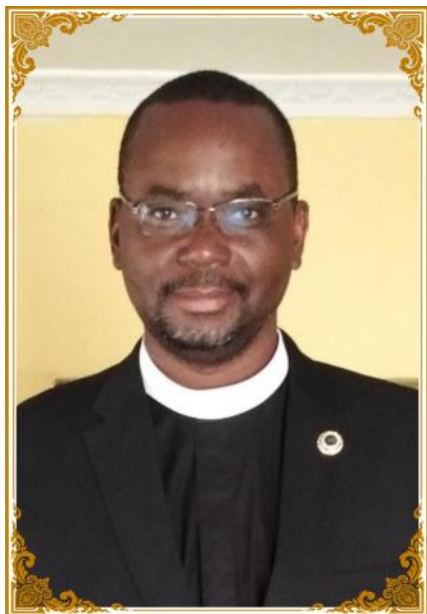
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***Bishop Designate  
Otis Augustus Eanes  
Illinois Southeast Jurisdiction***

Otis Augustus Eanes was born on January 27, 1958, the last child born to Mance and Bertha Eanes. Pastor Eanes began preaching at the tender age of 12 years old. In 1983 he became the pastor and founder of the Greater Liberty Church of God in Christ located in East St. Louis, Illinois. The congregation flourished, and he personally participated in the building of two churches from the ground up. The new Greater Liberty is a beautiful, state of the art structure with a fully appointed sanctuary, offices, classrooms, and a fully equipped computer lab. The services are streamed on the internet, and multiple ministries are in place. He is the district superintendent of District #4 of the Illinois Southeast Jurisdiction of the Church of God in Christ, appointed in 1991. He became the Administrative Assistant to Bishop William Scott in 1998. He was then elevated to Second Administrative Assistant. In September of 2015 he was elevated to the office of 1st Administrative Assistant. He has served all of the bishops of the Illinois Southeast Jurisdiction in one capacity or another. He was recognized by the Whole Truth Magazine as one of the 100 Influential Pastors of the Church of God in Christ in 2014.

Pastor Eanes was educated in the East St. Louis School system, and continued his studies post high school. He attended Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville for two years and Belleville Area College for one year. He received his welding certification from Ranken Technical College after attending for four years. He attended the Word of Truth Bible College for three years. He received certification from the Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC). He received a Doctor of Theology degree in June of 2015 from the Temple of Deliverance School of Theology. He currently serves on the board of the school. He retired from Ameren at the end of January in 2015 after working there for twenty-nine years. Superintendent Eanes is a lifelong resident of East St. Louis, Illinois. Superintendent Eanes is an accomplished, anointed, and gifted preacher, singer, musician, and orator. He has been married to Mother Donna Eanes, who is his helpmate and an extremely talented individual, for over 34 glorious years. Together they have four wonderful children who are all active in the ministry.



***Bishop Designate  
Justine Gondwe  
Prelate, Zambia Second  
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction***

He was born of Zambian parents in a mining town called Chingola which has the second largest copper mine in the world on the Copper Belt Province, on 7th July 1967 in Africa in a township called Chivempala.

He was saved and baptized in 1989 at Trinity United Church of Zambia in Kalulushi.

He is married to Vailin Nkwashi a teacher and have children: Grace, Faith, James and Nehemiah.

From the time the Lord called him to fulltime ministry, he has studied missions, ministry and pastoring with various institutions. He has two Honorary Doctorates from two bible institutions in the USA.

He worked in the hotel, motor and insurance industry and was a business man before becoming a full time Pastor.

He has ministry credentials with the Church of God in Christ under Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr. headquartered in Memphis, Tennessee. He represents this movement in Zambia.

He is founder and president of Firm Foundation Christian Academy, a project helping the orphans and widows in poor communities of Lusaka, Zambia. He is founder and senior Pastor of Macedonia Center Church of God in Christ in Lusaka, Zambia. He is founder of Nations Mission Ministry, a ministry that reaches African Nations with the gospel through revivals, crusades and revivals and leadership trainings. He sits on several organization boards and is a recognized community leader. He is an advisor to several individuals, Churches and organizations on various issues affecting humanity.

The Lord has called him to an Apostolic ministry across denomination lines. He travels to different parts of Africa conducting revivals, crusades and conferences for churches he relates to. The Lord confirms his preaching of the word with signs and wonders following. The bound get delivered, the sick are healed and the lost are saved by God's grace upon his life.



***Bishop Designate***  
***Joseph Jay Mayo***  
***Prelate, Dominican Republic First***  
***Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction***

Bishop Joseph Mayo was called at the early age of 16 years old to minister the word through music by playing songs of Zion for local churches and choirs in the Roanoke Valley. Three years later, Bishop Mayo became an Evangelist traveling around the country telling everyone about his savior Jesus Christ. In June of 1981, Bishop Mayo and Pastor Linda were married and into this beautiful union they were blessed with three sons and six grandchildren. In this same year, Bishop Mayo became the Pastor of the Garden of Prayer #5 in Covington, Virginia. In November of 1984, Bishop Mayo received the Ministry Degree of National Evangelist from the Church of God in Christ. In 1985, the "New Life Outreach Center" in Roanoke, Virginia was built. Bishop Mayo attended Seminary School at Belford University with the degree of Doctor of Arts in Divinity where he graduated (Magna Cum Laude).

In 1996, Bishop Joseph Mayo and Pastor Linda Mayo were lead to move to Martinsville, Virginia. Bishop Mayo founded the "New Life Family Center". The Lord opened a great door for Bishop Mayo and he was blessed to start a great business, MAYO Residential LLC. Bishop Mayo is a known entrepreneur, businessman and franchise owner. Bishop Mayo employs over 50 employees and staff members. Bishop Mayo is opening the doors to his international ministries in the Dominic Republic.

In July 2000, Bishop Mayo was sent to the Garden of Prayer #6 in Roanoke, Virginia. There were only a few members who followed him from Martinsville, Virginia to the Roanoke, Virginia church. In 2004 Bishop and Pastor Linda purchased the church property in Ridgeway, Virginia and the church was named "Paradise Temple". This church was purchased for the people in Martinsville, Virginia to have worship. In 2005, the church property located at 1301 Melrose Ave, N.W. in Roanoke, Virginia became available. Being led by God, while continuing to obey and serve, with just a handful of members; this property was purchased, and church services were started at the new "Paradise Cathedral Family Center" which seats over 1,000.



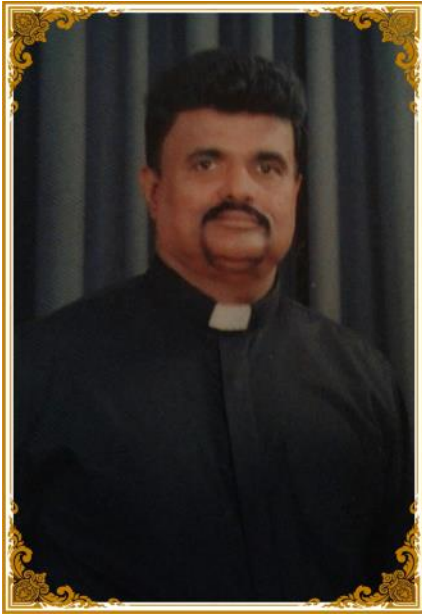
***Bishop Designate***  
***Ngamitu Muhini***  
***Prelate, Zambia First***  
***Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction***

Ngamitu Muhini was born in 1975. He joined the Church of God in Christ in 1998 and was Baptized in 1999. His parents are both indigenous Zambians. Bishop Designate Muhini has been very active in his local church. He began as the church treasurer was elevated to Elder and later elevated to Pastor. He also served as a Superintendent, Administrative Assistant.

Bishop Designate Muhini loves preaching the gospel and caring for the church property. He considers himself a lifetime student of the Word of God.







*Bishop Designate*  
***Macano Kamuimba Marcos Pedro***  
*Prelate, Angola*  
*Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction*

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*Bishop Designate*  
***Blessing Titus Fernando***  
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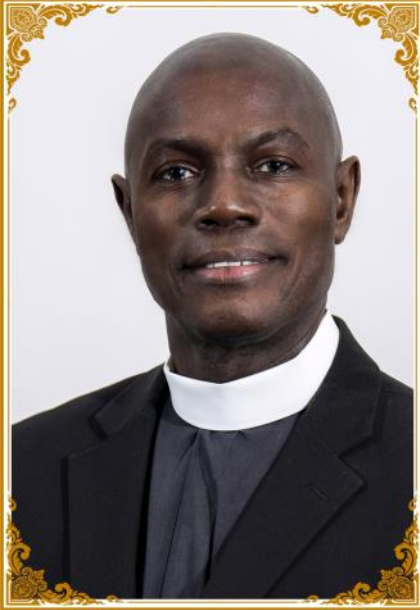
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*Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction*

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***Bishop Designate***  
***Roy Anthony Burrows, Sr.***  
***Auxiliary Bishop, Bahamas***  
***Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction***

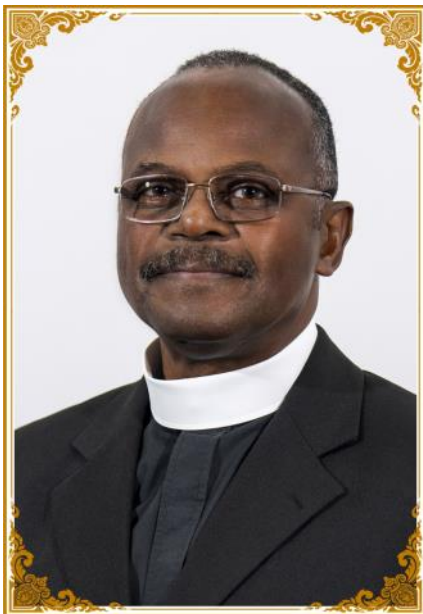
Illustrious, Exuberant, and 'down to earth' describe Bishop Designate Roy Anthony Burrows Sr. Bishop Designate Roy Burrows Sr. is third of twelve children born to Evangelist Mildred Burrows and the late Pastor Arlington Burrows of Congo Town Andros. While growing up in Andros he was an active member in the Community Church of God in Christ where he served as a youth leader under the leadership of his uncle Cedric Duvaier and later under his father the late Arlington Burrows who also served as pastor.

Upon graduating in 1977 he moved to New Providence where he continued his Christian journey at Fellowship Church of God in Christ; under the leadership of his uncle Bishop Garnett and Mother Sheila Gibson as music and youth director, youth pastor and later the assistant pastor for nine years.

He was ordained as a Minister of the Gospel by Bishop George Burns in 1987. In 1993 he received his Marriage Officer license and in 2014 he earned a master's degree in Theology.

In the year 2001 God led him to begin Vision of Hope COGIC Ministry. He has made his presence felt by becoming involved in the crime watch of the community whose meetings are hosted at the church. In addition, he played an active role in the Nassau Village Urban Renewal 2.0. this association afforded him the chance to engage in walk-about with the police officer in the area to especially speak to and encourage the young men and women they come into contact with. In 2008, he opened Vision of Hope # 2 in Congo Town South Andros. Twelve years later the ministry is still growing strong. Bishop Burrows has an infectious personality, for he has strong interpersonal skills. He gets excited when meeting people" he loves playing tennis and enjoys singing and playing the keyboard.

Bishop Burrows has thirty-three blissful years of marriage to Staff Nurse Elder Karen Burrows and they have been blessed with three children and five grandchildren. Bishop Burrows believes that when God is in the vessel we can smile at the storm. His daily prayer is that souls are saved, and lives are changed.



***Bishop Designate***  
***Herman Crockett, Jr.***  
***Auxiliary Bishop, Virginia Fourth***  
***Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction***

Dr. Herman Crockett, Jr. earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Virginia State University; and a Master of Divinity from Samuel Dewitt Proctor School of Theology of Virginia Union University. In 2005, he graduated from the Ministers' Police Academy of Petersburg Bureau of Police, and in 2006 the Trinity Bible College of Richmond, VA bestowed upon him an Honorary Doctor of Ministry Degree. He has served as an Adjunct Professor for St. Leo College, Fort Lee and has continued to educate people by establishing the Faith and Hope Temple Institute.

In 1978, Dr. Crockett was appointed pastor of Faith and Hope Temple COGIC by the late Bishop L.E. Willis; in 1984, he appointed him to serve on the Credential Committee of the Church of God in Christ International. From 1981-2004, Dr. Crockett served as Superintendent of the Capital District, and from 1998-2004 Chairman of the Jurisdictional Council of Pastors and Elders. He was also appointed as an Administrative Assistant to the late Bishop L. E. Willis of the Third Jurisdiction of VA in 2004.

Presently, he is Superintendent of the Petersburg District and 1st Administrative Assistant

to Bishop G. Wesley Hardy of VA Fourth. More importantly, he loves God and humanity, and he has led many to Jesus Christ equipping them for ministry. As a result, he was recognized as a Living Legend by Samuel Dewitt Proctor School of Theology of Virginia Union University Center for African American Pentecostalism. Additionally, he has made many contributions in his community to include but not limited to the local Law Enforcement's Weed and Seed Program geared toward weeding out violent crime and drug abuse and seedings in positive human services; feeding the hungry; providing shelter for the homeless; and, aiding support for persons living with HIV/AIDS. Due to such community involvement, he is a recipient of various awards--to name a couple, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference Award for Outstanding Service in the Community, and a Certificate of Appreciation by the Petersburg Police Department. Dr. Crockett is a family man, and he is married to the Dr. Martha L. Crockett; they have three lovely daughters, Tabitha Robertson (Kenneth), Sheree Patillo (Kevin), Mikela July (Evan), nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren.



***Bishop Designate***  
***Veodis Gaines, Jr.***  
***Auxiliary Bishop, Michigan North Central***  
***Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction***

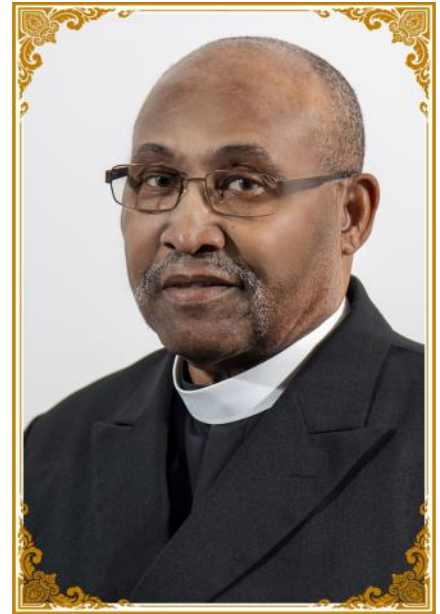
Auxiliary Bishop Designate Veodis Gaines, a native of Urbana, Arkansas, is the fifth of nine children. As a youngster, he was very energetic; always serving others. He attended the Arkansas Public School Systems. Auxiliary Bishop Designate Gaines was not privileged as some other children were; he often tells the story of how his Mother sold one of their Live Stock to purchase his 12th grade class ring. He also further his studies by attending Highland Park Community College in Highland Park, Michigan.

Auxiliary Bishop Designate Veodis Gaines received the baptism of the holy ghost under the leadership of the Late Superintendent L.C. Cook in Arkansas, at the age of sixteen. He served faithfully with his Pastor.

Auxiliary Bishop Designate Veodis Gaines came to Detroit, Michigan in 1966. He became a member of the Metropolitan Church of God in Christ, later known as Greater Metropolitan Church of God in Christ, under the Pastoral leadership of the Late Dr. Charlie C. Davis. Shortly after coming to Detroit, Michigan he was drafted in the United States Armed Force in 1968.

Auxiliary Bishop Designate Gaines served the Greater Metropolitan Church in several positions before becoming Pastor. He was appointed Pastor after the demise of the Late Dr. Charlie C. Davis, being installed in August 2000. He also serves as the Metro District Superintendent and one of the Administrative Assistants of the Prelate of Michigan North Central Jurisdiction, the Bishop J. Drew Sheard, General Board Member.

Auxiliary Bishop Designate Veodis Gaines met and married the love of his life, Connie Logan of Louisiana and they will celebrate forty-seven years of marriage in December. They have been blessed with two beautiful daughters, two awesome sons, one daughter-in-love and two sons-in-love, two handsome grandsons and two lovely granddaughters.



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***Bishop Designate***  
***James Pullings, Jr.***  
***Auxiliary Bishop, New York Eastern First***  
***Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction***

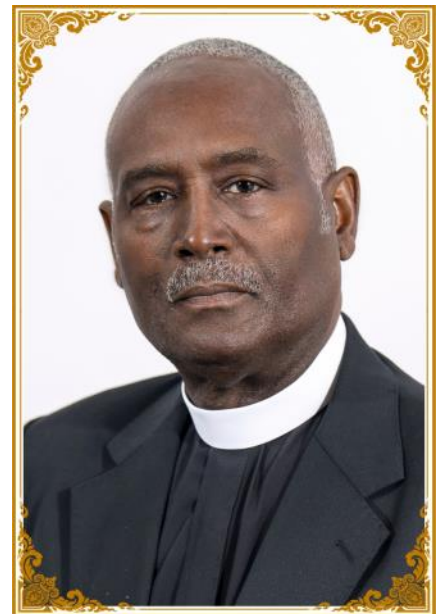
The Reverend James Pullings, Jr., is a resident of the South Ozone Park, New York area. He attended the New York Public School system and graduated from Francis Lewis High School. He served in the United States Military as an Era Veteran of the Vietnam War. Pastor Pullings attended and received degrees from Manhattan College and York College. He attended O.M. Kelly Religious Institute. He also received his Doctorate in Theology at North Carolina Seminary College.

Reverend Pullings gave his life to the Lord at the tender age of 10. He became a licensed Minister while he attended Bayside COGIC, Inc. by his then pastor, Superintendent Thomas E. Burns. He later met and married his wife of 44 years, Lady Esther Renee Pullings and they have 5 beautiful children. Upon obeying the leading of the Holy Ghost he answered the calling and in September of 1991 was called by God to Pastor "The Leviticus Church of God in Christ, Inc." and thus the church came into fruition. He was installed to the Office of Pastor by the late Bishop Frank O. White.

As a Humanitarian, Pastor Pullings was brought to the forefront to serve in the 911 tragedy. He was also called to serve in many of our country's natural disasters, such as Hurricane Katrina, where he helped to establish housing and services for over 500 families from Louisiana who came to NY, and many remain here. He has also played a great part in the natural disaster of Haiti where he was appointed as the Disaster Relief Coordinator for the COGIC, Inc. by the presiding Chief Apostle, Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr.

As a pastor in the local community Pastor Pullings has served on the Board of Directors for the Faith Mission Alcohol and Drug Rehabilitation Center, located in Queens.

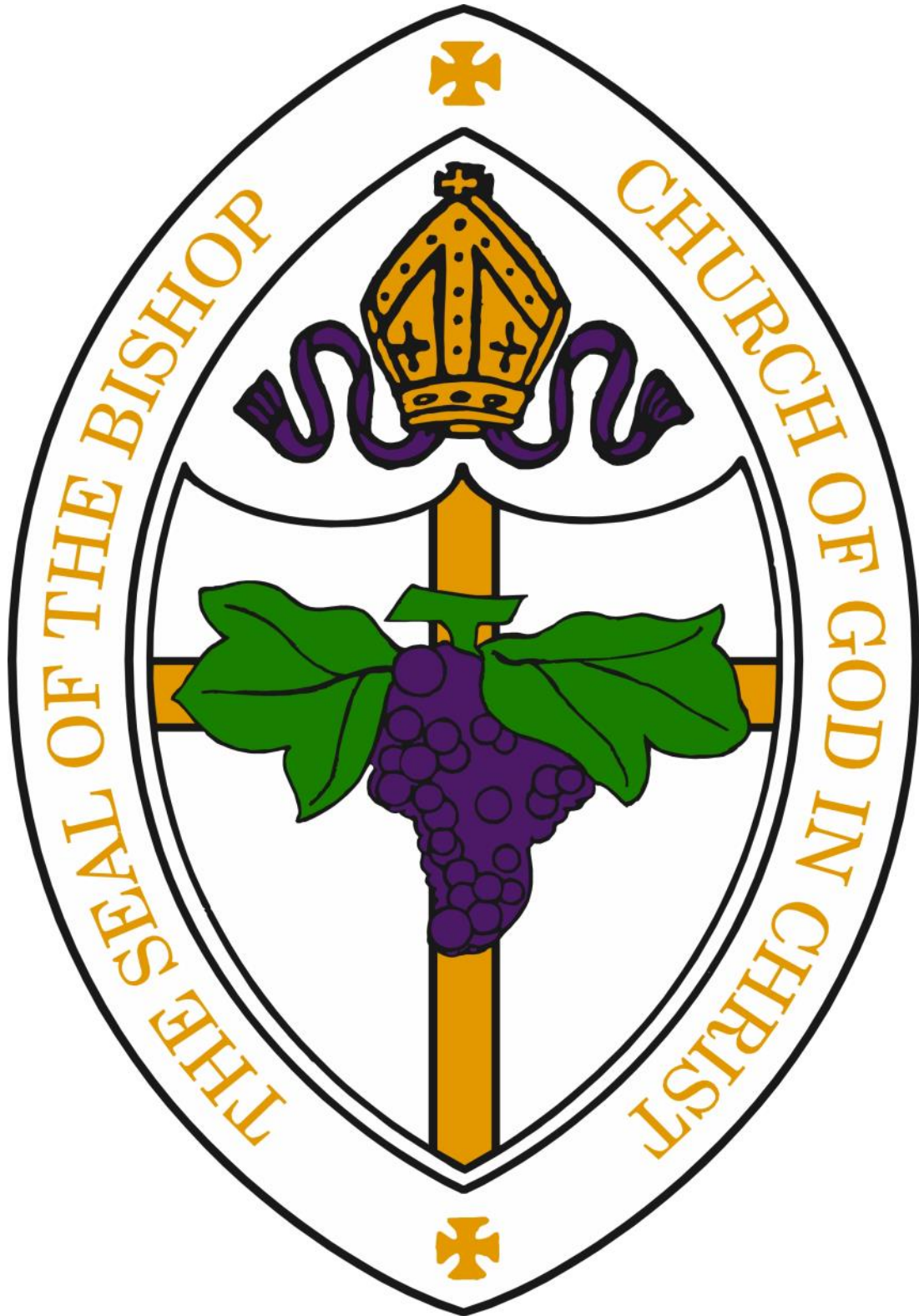
Pastor Pullings is a God-fearing, humble man of God who exemplifies to the community by the life he lives that we as a people can live and do great things in our Christian lives. He also has a few attributes that are honorable mentions; He was featured in two Documentaries "On the Ropes," directed by Director Nanette Bernstein, and "When the Levies Broke" directed by actor and director, Spike Lee.







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***Bishop***  
***Charles Harrison Mason Patterson, Sr.***  
***Prelate, Guatemala***  
***Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction***

Bishop C. H. Mason Patterson, Sr. is continuing a legacy of service and progress on the foundation built by his forefathers. Bishop Charles Harrison Mason, founder of the Church of God in Christ, is his great-grandfather and namesake.

He has taken up the torch lit by his grandfather, the late Bishop J.O. Patterson, Sr., COGIC's first elected Presiding Bishop and his father, the late Bishop J.O. Patterson, Jr., former Chairman of the General Assembly and currently serves as senior pastor of Pentecostal Temple Church of God in Christ.

Bishop C. H. Mason Patterson was born September 11, 1976, to the union of the late Bishop J. O. Patterson, Jr. and the late Missionary Rose Kelly Patterson. He is the youngest of four children.

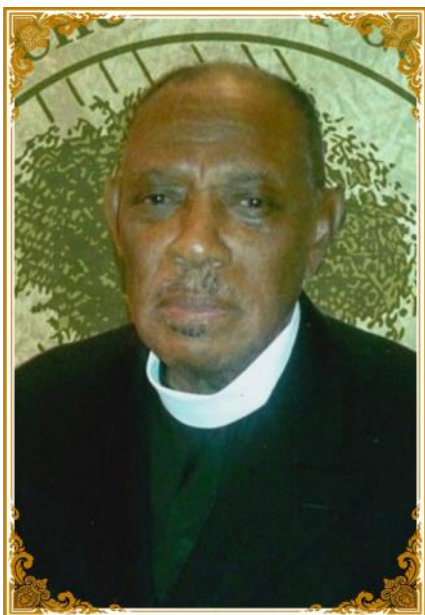
He was born a leader. He accepted the call to the ministry at the early age of 16. In August 1998, he was ordained an elder in the Church of God in Christ at the age of 21.

In Nov. 2004, Bishop Patterson was elected to the COGIC National Board of Trustees, the youngest person ever to win a seat on the 15-member body. During his time as a

member of the Trustee Board, he also served as the Superintendent of National Properties. In April 2010, during the church's National April Call Meeting, Bishop Patterson was appointed Assistant Treasurer of the National Church. And during the November 2011 General Assembly he was elected as the National Treasurer of the Church of God in Christ.

He is a very humble, high-spirited servant of Christ who daily devotes his life to fulfilling his calling. Following in the steps of his father, grandfather and great-grandfather, he prays, fasts, and studies the Word of God daily in an effort to further appreciate the work that God has called him to do. Bishop Patterson wants nothing more than to have his cup run over with the love of God and the spirit of the Holy Ghost. His ultimate desire is to have God's will fulfilled in his life.

Bishop Patterson is the proud husband of LaShaundra Cox Patterson, affectionately known as "Bonnie", and father of two sons, Tyren and Charles Jr. and two daughters, Kelly Rose and Callie Indiana.



***Bishop***  
***Travis Thomas Terry, Sr.***  
***Prelate, Texas Southeast Third***  
***Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction***

Bishop Travis T. Terry, Sr. is one of 13 children born and reared in the Piney Woods of East Texas in Henderson. At the young age of 12, Bishop Terry began proclaiming the glorious gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He obtained his bachelor's degree from Butler College in Tyler, Texas and Master's Degree in Psychology and Economics from Prairie View A&M University. Upon completing his higher educational endeavors, Bishop Terry began working as an administrator in the Dallas Independent School District. His first pastorate assignment was at Laneville Church of God in Christ in Henderson, Texas. He later served as pastor of Holy Temple Church of God in Christ in Caledonia, Texas and Faith Chapel Church of God in Christ in Wichita Falls, KS.

He later moved to Dallas in 1964 and founded the Holy Trinity Church of God in Christ. Bishop Terry has served as pastor of the Dallas congregation for more

than 50 years. In 2008, Bishop Terry was appointed to also serve as pastor of the Trinity Temple Church of God in Christ in Dallas, Texas. He has the dual responsibility of servant leader for both local congregations. He also served as Superintendent of the Trinity Valley District in the Texas Lone Star Jurisdiction under the leadership of Bishop Don V. Nobles, Jurisdictional Prelate.

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