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General Council OF PASTORS AND ELDERS RESPONDS TO THE FLINT WATER CRISIS

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(responsible for truckload of water)

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Special Assistant to Mayor Weaver: A.C. Dumas and Charlotte Keels.
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Flint Michigan clergy, city officials, and local community organizers

- 3 The Flint Water Crisis is a drinking water contamination crisis in Flint, Michigan that started in April, 2014 when the state decided to save money by switching Flint's water supply from Lake Huron to the Flint River, a notorious tributary that runs through town. The Flint River is known to locals for its filth.

The switch was made during a financial state of emergency and was supposed to be temporary while a new state-run supply line to Lake Huron was ready for connection. The project was estimated to take about two years. After the change, the city's drinking water had a series of problems that culminated with lead contamination, creating a serious public health danger.

Churches from bordering states were asked to commit to acquiring varying sizes of U-Haul trucks filled with water, ready made Similac, and Enfamil.

Pastors from far reaching areas also participated by providing monetary donations. Flint Michigan clergy, city officials, community organizers all participated in this humanitarian effort; Bishop Roger L. Jones, Special Assistant to Mayor Weaver. A.C. Dumas, Charles M. Hughes, and Charlotte Keels. Pastor Philemon Reed of Reed Temple COGIC met the representatives of Christ Community COGIC in Benton Harbor Michigan and took their trailer on to Flint. Without you, this contribution would not have been possible.





Admin. Assistant Michael Eaddy
GCPE Chairman

ONE POWERFUL VISION – MANY POSSIBLE DREAMS PREVAILING IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD

*Empowered by the Vision – Fulfilled by the Dream
Cooperate to Celebrate*

The fulfillment of our individual destinies are interlocked and contingent on our church body being in covenant with one another. Through collective participation in the God ordained arrangement, revealed through “THE VISION OF THE HOUSE”, we will activate the materialization of unprecedented and unforeseen benefits and favor being released on the body collectively and individually.

**WE WILL NOT EXPERIENCE THE FULLNESS OF OUR MANIFESTATIONS INDIVIDUALLY,
UNTIL WE FULFILL THREE THINGS COLLECTIVELY:**

1. **CONNECTEDNESS**
2. **CAPACITY**
3. **COMPLIANCE**

CONNECTEDNESS – The state of being linked together. United coherently, ideologically and philosophically. expressing connected ideas and ideals. Maintaining relationships, sticking together and staying united in action.

WE HAVE INTERLOCKING DESTINIES

CAPACITY represents that no individual personally, or a body collectively, will experience any manifestation, any sooner, than the body possesses the fitness or the ability mandated to receive or fulfill what we all believe to obtain or possess together. **CAPACITY** is established through Holy Ghost energized gifts, knowledge, faith, impartations, mentorships, training, attitude, divine purpose and the fulfillment of each one's individual assignments

COMPLIANCE is to act in conformity with an established rule or order, to agree or consent to without protest, showing a desire or endeavor to yield and cooperate, to act in accordance with a request, wish or demand for the broader, bigger outcomes

**COMPLIANCE REQUIRES AGREEMENT
COMPLIANCE REQUIRES MATURITY
COMPLIANCE REQUIRES HOLINESS
COMPLIANCE REQUIRES COOPERATION**

DREAMS DEFERRED – WILL BECOME – DREAMS FULFILLED & EMPOWERING VISIONS WILL SURFACE THAT EXCEED PRIOR LEVELS OF ACHIEVEMENT AND EXPERIENCE TO UNPRECEDENTED LEVELS: Joel 2:28

NEVADA FIRST ECCLESTICAL JURISDICTION COUNCIL OF PASTORS AND ELDERS CONFERENCE



Elected Officers of the Nevada Council
Top Left: Chairman, Lawrence H. Murray, Vice Chairman D. Harris
Bottom Left: Jesse Moore, Treasure, Vision Clary, Secretary

On January 16th the Nevada First Jurisdictional Council of Pastors and Elders met for their Second Annual Conference. The event began with registration and Continental breakfast.

There were dynamic presentations given by the instructors during our conference, and we were favored with the presence and participation of the Chief Judge of the General Council of Pastors and Elders, Superintendent Jerry E. Johnson who presented on the "Purpose and Function of the Council".

After Lunch was served Dr. Robert E. Fowler Pastor of Victory Missionary Baptist Church of Las Vegas, Nevada presented a wonderful and inspiring afternoon session on "Homiletics".

We were honored to have the Jurisdictional Prelate Bishop Leon Smith (pictured third from left, front row) to participate in the conference. There were a total of sixty two individuals in attendance.

Submitted by Administrative Assistant Lawrence H. Murray, Chairman
 Nevada First Jurisdictional Council of Pastors and Elders

***Church Of God In Christ, Inc.
General Council of Pastors and Elders
Proposed Election Protocol For
Jurisdictional Pastors and Elders Council Staff
Resolution #042016-3***

Whereas, the Jurisdictional Council of Pastors and Elders (JCPE) plays a significant role in the life of the Jurisdiction as part of the ecclesiastical structure and operates as a lower trial court

Whereas, in 1993, a resolution was issued in the General Assembly authorizing the creation of JCPE in every ecclesiastical jurisdiction

And whereas, in April 2013, an amended resolution was issued in the General Assembly requiring all jurisdictions to have in operations a JCPE, whereby the officers of the council are elected by the ordained elders in that jurisdiction

Whereas, many have implemented the JCPE as required, others have not and are requesting a standard process for instituting the JCPE and maintaining the integrity of the process

Whereas, the General Assembly adopted and approved the establishment of a JCPE in every jurisdiction

Whereas, the General Council of Pastors and Elders has documented the following process as the standard operating policy and procedures for establishing the Election Process for the Jurisdictional Council of Pastors and Elders which is outlined below:

Nomination/Election Committee

1. The Bishop selects an Election Commissioner who in turn selects the Nomination/Election Committee (3-5 committee members including the Commissioner) from men, whom are not running for any Jurisdictional Council of Pastors and Elders (JCPE) office,
2. The Election Commissioner presides over the Nomination and Election process.
3. Once the election is completed the Election Commissioner and Nomination/Election Committee roles cease.
4. The newly elected officers will conduct the business of the Jurisdictional Council of Pastors and Elders (JCPE) going forward.

Nominee Qualifications

- ❖ The candidate should be in good standings with the National Church and the Jurisdiction. Have a current valid credential holder card.
- ❖ Any candidate running for position in the Jurisdiction should also complete the sexual misconduct training and submit to a background check as prescribed by the National Church.
- ❖ Upon their election in the Jurisdiction and confirmation that they have met the national standards, the proper certificates will be released from the office of the General Secretary.

Call for Nominations

- ❖ Name of Nominee:
- ❖ Church:
- ❖ Email Address:
- ❖ Phone Number:

Nominee Questionnaires

Every nominee must submit the appropriate nominee questionnaire in order to run for a position. Each year the Jurisdictional Nomination/Election Committee shall compose a questionnaire for each position designed to elicit details of each nominee's relevant experience.

Candidate Questions

- 1) Name:
- 2) Email Address:
- 3) Phone Number:
- 4) Provide a brief biography of recent experience, associations, affiliations, technical and professional relevance to serving. (Please be as specific as possible.)
- 5) Are there any conflicts real or perceived that might arise should you be elected?
- 6) Describe any concerns or limitations on your ability to serve the entirety of a four year term.

Close of Nominations

The nomination period closes approximately five (5) calendar days prior to the election. If the close of nominations would occur on a weekend, the nomination period is extended until the first following business day.

Finalizing Candidates

- ❖ The Nomination/Election Committee reviews all completed nominations to verify that the above process was followed and reviews the nominee questionnaires to determine that all nominees meet the general criteria.
- ❖ The minimum number of qualified candidates must total the number of seats up for each election; otherwise the nominees whom are prepared will proceed with the election. The remaining seat, the nomination period will be reopened and another review held by the Nomination/Election Committee.

Pastors and Elders Notification of Final Slate of Candidates

- ❖ The Nomination/Election Committee will send the final slate of candidates along with their biological information, via email to all Pastors and Elders of said Jurisdiction.
- ❖ All candidates shall be given the opportunity to present themselves to the general membership in a brief speech on Election Day.

Quorum

A quorum is the total voters present and voting on Election Day.

Voting

In order to vote during the election, a Pastor's or Elder's credential must be in good standings.

Voting Counting and Results

The Nomination/Election Committee shall tally the votes to determine the winner. If requested by a candidate for election, they shall provide these individuals with poll watchers and an opportunity to view a copy of the voting log from the election.

Tiebreak

If the candidates have not received 50% +1 of votes for the available seat, the two candidates with the most votes, will be placed on a ballot for a run-off to select a winner. The Nomination/Election Committee will confirm the winner of the tiebreak election, who shall be declared to have won the election. In the event any tiebreaker which does not meet the 50% +1 must have a run-off to determine the final two candidates for election.

Term of Office

- ❖ The term of the office of the elected candidates will be four years
- ❖ The election will convene during the year of the National Quadrennial election of officers.

Therefore, be it resolved that the General Assembly adopts and approves the General Council of Pastors and Elders documented process as the Standard Operating Policy and Procedures for Establishing the Jurisdictional Council of Pastors and Elders Election Protocol.

This resolution was written by Superintendent Michael Eaddy, Chairman of the General Council of Pastors and Elders and presented by Vice-Chairman Destry Bell, Superintendent Jerry Johnson and Attorney Amos Smith.

Submitted this day _____ by the Resolution Committee members as follows: Dr. Diana Chandler Banks, Chairman, Elder Willie Bonner, Jr., Vice Chair, Elder Jerry Walker, Secretary and the committee members: Elder Clyde Brown, Supervisor Early, Elder Myrick Fondren, Elder Barry Fraser, Elder Gildbert Ginyard, Sr., Dr. Phillip Jackson, Elder Roland Joyner, Elder Kevin Knight, Sr., Elder Herman Platt, Dr. Hazel Shepherd, Elder Donnell Smith, Supervisor Romanetha Stallworth, Elder David Taylor, Elder Aaron Tolbert, Dr. Angela Wilson, and Evangelist Cleon Sykes.

GCPE Election Protocol Timeline

- **May 11**
Deadline for nominations/nomination period closes
- **June 11**
Completed applications including background checks due to the Screening Committee
- **June 21**
Deadline for notification of Screening Committee results to the nominees
- **July 4-8**
Screening of nominees at the AIM Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio
- **July 11**
Official announcement and listing of candidates for office
- **November 11**
The Election of Officers

Announcements

After Nine Years , Harvest Homes Breaks Ground

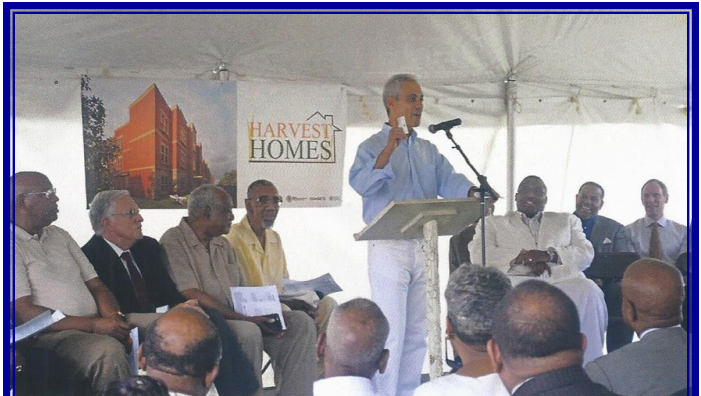


Rendering of Harvest Homes, a 36-unit affordable housing community in East Garfield Park, Chicago

In 2006 Reverend Michael Eaddy, the Executive Director of the People's Community Development Association of Chicago, Inc. (PCDAC), reached out to the Chicago Community Loan Fund (CCLF) for a loan. It was to be used for the pre-development of Harvest Homes, a 36-unit affordable housing project in East Garfield Park. After receiving approval, however, PCDAC encountered a series of road blocks that stalled the advancement of the project.

When logistical issues combined with the recession's harmful effects on the real estate market, the completion of Harvest homes was put in jeopardy. Fortunately CCLF (with help from the NHP Foundation) put its flexible financing and technical assistance into action.

Members of its staff worked hard to restructure the project's funding, help find consultants, and serve as a resource for PCDAC's needs. CCLF issued a loan of approximately \$356,000 for PCDAC for the 36-unit apartment community that will now offer affordable housing. Harvest Homes' Groundbreaking Ceremony in mid-July was a long awaited celebration of the development. Reverend Eaddy was joined by many of Chicago's leaders including Mayor Rahm Emanuel, Congressman Danny Davis, Congressman Bobby Rush, CCLF's President Calvin L. Holmes, and others. Since a typical pre-development period for a property like this is around 12



Mayor Rahm Emanuel speaks at the Groundbreaking Ceremony



HARVEST HOMES is under construction

months, Harvest Homes' story is certainly out of the ordinary. CCLF staff, however, have been committed to moving the project through and are very pleased to see it continue onto its next stage after nearly a decade. It is part of CCLF's mission to offer a comprehensive hands-on assistance to borrowers, especially when they are experiencing unusual delays in their projects. This patience sets CCLF apart from other lenders and makes us a great resource for smaller, emerging borrowers.

Introducing



This handbook will be a quick reference guide to assist leaders at all levels in handling disputes. Additionally, it prescribes best practices for the use of mediation for the purpose of avoiding litigation.

It will offer:

- Conflict Management Model—ADR
- Biblically Guided Mediation Process
- Mediation—What is it?
- What Does it Accomplish?
- When does one Mediate?

Available for purchase at the Shepherd's Conference. Don't hesitate to get yours!



GCPE Introduces "Council Wear"

The GCPE introduces its very own Custom 100% Silk Neck Tie Line. There are currently four styles available: Black, Blue, Metal Grey, and Black w/ Blue knot. Each tie displays the GCPE insignia, as shown below. These custom silk ties will be available at the Shepherds' Conference in Atlanta. If you would like to have one sooner, send \$25.00 for the two-tone custom silk tie or \$20.00 for the solid custom silk tie + \$5.95 for shipping and handling to:

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150th Commemorative Prayer Shawl

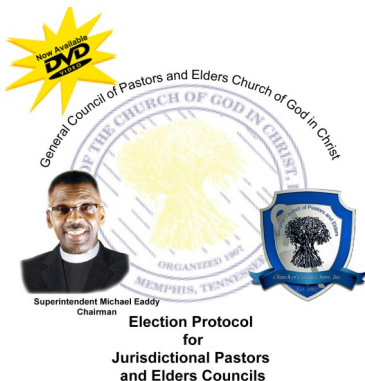


The 150th Commemorative Prayer Shawl is still available. Each prayer shawl was designed with the understanding that you and God would begin a special relationship. The closeting of oneself in the covering of the prayer shawl was a symbolic separation from the world around the Jewish man. Now you can have your very own prayer Closet or little tent) where you can set yourself apart and focus on developing your intimate time with God.



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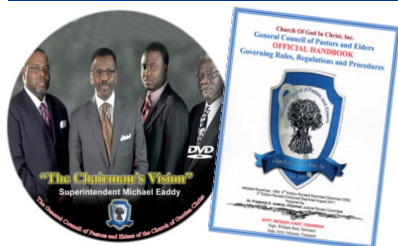


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What To Do When UNHAPPY

(Norman Vincent Peale- How to Handle Life's
Difficulties)

An amazing number of people are vaguely un-
happy. But this shouldn't be! You should awaken
every morning with a thrill in your heart, looking
forward to the day. These three verses will help
you cast off unhappiness and show you how to
live joyfully.

*Psalms 118:24 This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and
be glad in it.*

Every morning as soon as you awake say these dynamic words aloud. God has
given you a new day crammed with opportunity to build a better life, to learn
something new, to spend time with those you love, to do something worth-
while for the world. As you begin your daily business, repeat this verse. And,
if you begin to run down in spirit during the day, say it again. No method is
more effective in driving off unhappiness than to saturate your mind and soul
with this great passage.

Philippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.

We make ourselves unhappy by habitually thinking unhappy thoughts. The
simple cure: Start thinking joyfully. Think of every wonderful thing the Lord
has done for you. Celebrate the fact that He is always with you. When you
consider the implications of that fact, there is every reason to rejoice and be
happy, for it means that nothing can ever defeat you.

*Psalms 89:15 Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall
walk, O LORD, in the light of thy countenance. In thy name shall they rejoice
all the day: and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted.*

Real dedicated Christians are happy people. That does not mean that they are
unaware of the pain and suffering all around them. Indeed, they are not true
Christians unless they are deeply concerned and are doing something about it.
But Christians are filled with rejoicing because they have entered into a per-
sonal relationship with Christ-and that relationship gives them victory over all
misery. To be happy, be truly Christian in experience, faith and service.

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