

o mark the 118th year of The Whole Truth, the Church of God in Christ is saluting its members who unassumingly standout as "Voices of Inspiration" for all.

These voices are the ushers, deacons, choir members, secretaries, bishops, pastors and elders of the church; anyone that you feel is making a difference in their own church or community, and inspiring others to do the same. At The Whole Truth we want to know the "inspirers" of the church and introduce them to our readers.



# Our goal is to discover and select various "Voices of Inspiration" in the following categories:

## The UNSUNG HERO

Awarded to an individual who is a jack of all trades. This person can be found volunteering for the difficult, unpopular tasks that most are unwilling to do.

#### The GOOD SAMARITAN

Awarded to an individual who, whenever assigned a task, goes "above and beyond" the call of duty to get the job done well.

## The COGIC KID

Awarded to a youth between the ages of 12-16 who is making a difference in his/her local church, district or jurisdiction.

## The MOST INSPIRING SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER

Awarded in recognition of innovative teaching that inspires attendance, participation, and biblical growth in Sunday School.

#### The SEASONED SAINT

Awarded to a senior saint in the local, district or jurisdictional level who best exemplifies holiness and inspires younger saints to live a life of holiness and actively work in their church and community. Must be at least fifty years of age.

# The JEREMIAH AWARD

Awarded to a person who, in spite of individual crisis and hardship, has dedicated his/herself to the furtherance of the Gospel of Christ, laboring unselfishly and in obscurity within his/her church and community.

#### **MASTER OF MOTIVATION**

Awarded to an individual who possesses the ability to get any and all tasks done with ease, ensuring cooperation of those in their auxiliary or group at the local, district or jurisdictional level.

# **GRAND GUARDIAN**(S)

Awarded to the parent(s) who has made personal sacrifices in his/her own life to ensure the training and nurturing of their child or children.

## The GREAT COMMISSIONER

Award given for outstanding and noteworthy community outreach efforts by an individual serving as a representative of his/her local church.

## S.E. MITCHELL EVANGELISTIC AWARD

Awarded to an individual who preaches the unadulterated Gospel of Jesus Christ at every chance and opportunity.

## PRESIDING BISHOP C. E. BLAKE, SR. LEADERSHIP AWARD

The Presiding Bishop C. E. Blake, Sr. Leadership Award is presented annually by the Presiding Bishop, to a person or group of persons who:

- exemplify loyalty, dedication and commitment to God, His Church and their assignment in the Church Of God In Christ,
- consistently serve to ensure that the Presiding Bishop's Vision for COGIC is carried out in a most excellent way,
- regularly exhibit enthusiasm and grace to every assignment and interaction with people within and outside of COGIC, show an understanding of the Mission, Vision and Principles of COGIC.



**SUBMIT** 



**ELIGIBLITY**: Demonstrates a life that exemplifies the fruit of the spirit and a witness for Christ.

Has shown dedication to the auxiliary, office, position, and/or church group (e.g. choir, ushers, etc.) that he or she serves or participates in. Has outwardly demonstrated a genuine love for the Lord.

Loyal, dedicated, obedient and supportive member of their local Church of God in Christ (COGIC) congregation.

Adheres to the teaching of holiness, Open to members of COGIC churches worldwide.

**ENTRY DETAILS:** All entries must be received in the The Whole Truth mailbox at **thewholetruth@cogic.org** by 11:59 pm Eastern Time on Saturday, August 31, 2013. An entry must be a completely original work and not previously published or submitted in any other publication. By submitting an entry, entrant acknowledges that he/she has obtained the consent

of all third parties whose persons or property are identified in his/her story.

JUDGING DETAILS: A selection committee comprised of the writers, editors and staff of the COGIC Public Relations Department will select from the 500 word or less essays you present that describe why your nominee should be selected as a true voice of inspiration. Individual results will not be released. All decisions by the judges are final. In the July issue of The Whole Truth, we will devote the entire magazine to the inspirers of our church. We will honor these individuals by sharing their detailed profiles and introducing them to our readers as

COGIC's "Voices of Inspiration."