Church of God in Christ, Inc. World Headquarters Memphis Tennessee USA Chambers of the General Board

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Dear Members of the General Board and Board of Bishops,

As First Assistant Presiding Bishop of the Church of God in Christ it is my pastoral responsibility to unmask false allegations against men in positions of God-given authority. I am personally acquainted with Elder Eugene F. Rivers; III who was intimately involved in Presiding Bishop Charles Blake's receiving the Harvard Humanitarian Award from the Harvard Foundation in 2003.

I present to the church his testimony of what actually transpired on that occasion. It is my considered opinion that the leaders of the church should repudiate the efforts of Earl W. Carter to dishonor and impugn the integrity of the occupant of the church's highest office, Bishop Blake.

The directive of the Word of God applies to Bishop Blake in this situation: "Give double honor to spiritual leaders who handle their duties well. This is especially true if they work hard at teaching God's word" (I Timothy 5:17).

Let us, as men of God, stand strong with our godly leader.

In His service,

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