

From the Desk of
Superintendent Samuel L. Braxton, Jr.

To the Honorable and Most Distinguished and Esteemed Bishop Charles E. Blake:

“LET BROTHERLY LOVE CONTINUE.” Hebrews 13:1

Bishop Blake, I am the first one in my family that is a member of the Church of God In Christ. I have been a member from the age of 14 years old. I am the Father of four children and the grandfather of eight grandchildren. All of my six grandsons that are under the age of 18 were in attendance at the Holy Convocation in St. Louis, Mo last year. They were at the service that Saturday night. They heard the message and our hearts were saddened to hear the Preacher of the hour make public attacks based on rumors and his personal feelings against ANY Leader in the Church of God In Christ. Where is the Love?

If any of us have based our lives and livelihood on accusations, we would not be functioning today as active and respected leaders in the Church or in the Community. It is election time in our city and the campaign speeches are troubling and the speeches are based on rumors and unproven smear tactics that are shared with the public as truths. That is secular politics.

I am writing this letter in support of you as an illustrious Leader. Bishop Blake, I have witnessed your impeccable service to the Church of God In Christ for many years. In my visits to Los Angeles, Bishop Blake, you allowed me to preach at West Angeles COGIC at least twice. Even on one of the occasions, Bishop Blake, You gave me a ride back to the home where I was lodging.

Bishop Blake you have proven to be an effective and capable leader in the 40 years of my being acquainted with you. I have known you to be an outstanding, graceful and peaceful leader. I believe in your ability to lead our Church and I personally renounce any statements that would suggest that you have shown yourself to be anything other than a Godly Man!

I am confident in Bishop Blake’s ability to continue to lead the Church of God In Christ and I pray for his strength as he courageously ascends to higher heights. I have been a member of the Virginia Second Jurisdiction under the leadership of Bishop Samuel L. Green, Jr. until his was Emeritized. I followed his leadership faithfully. I always practiced sanctifying the Leader in the eyes of the people.

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