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# GENERAL PROTOCOLS WITHIN ECCLESIASTICAL SETTINGS



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# INTRODUCTION

The Bible teaches respect for Leadership

One of the ways your church can fulfill this Biblical mandate is through the servant's ministry

This information will assist those in these areas of assistance within the church.

Elder

Minister

Armor-bearer

Deacon, Deaconess

Missionary

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# WHAT IS PROTOCOL?

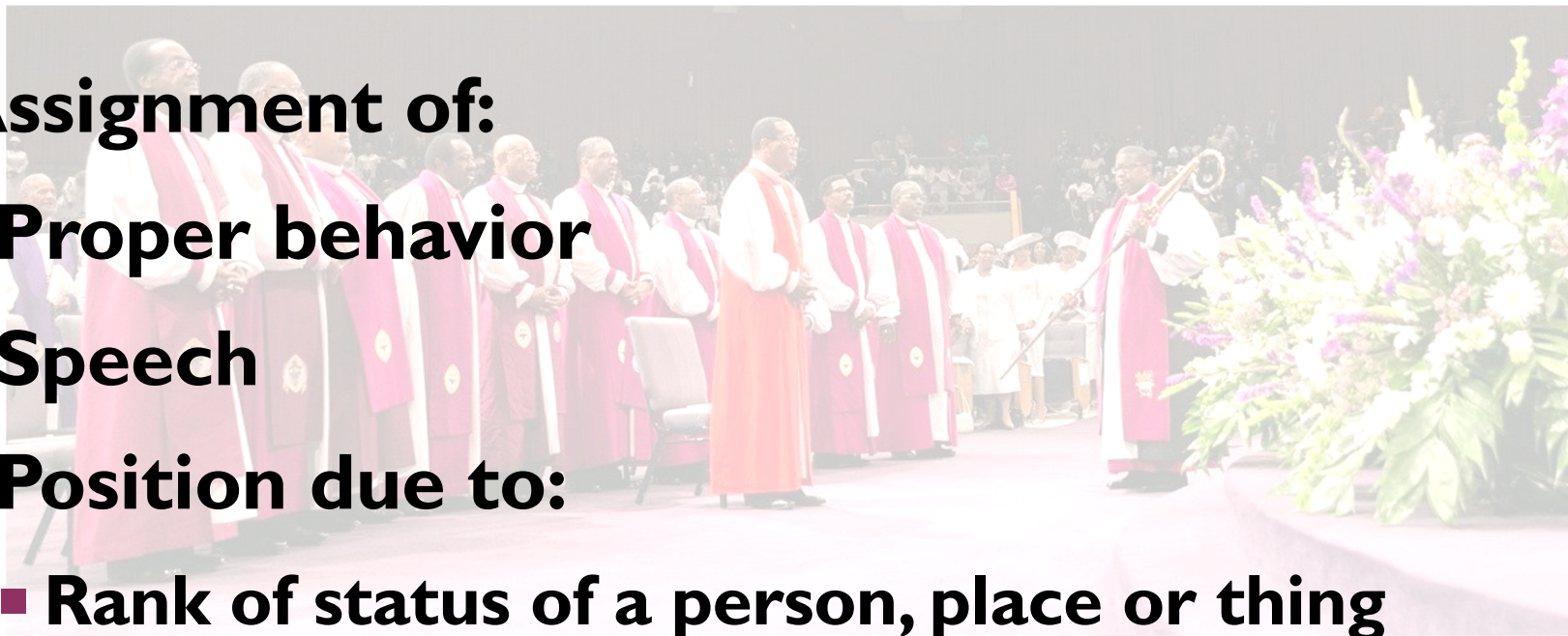
- An order **code of etiquette** that **applies to a given situation or occasion**
- It is that form of ceremony observed by:
  - Diplomats**
  - Heads of States**
  - Church Leaders**
- Protocol performs those acts of courtesy on behalf of leaders, such as:
  - Proper Manner of Addressing Leaders**
  - Proper Public Behavior Toward a Leader**



# PROTOCOL INVOLVEMENT

**Assignment of:**

- **Proper behavior**
- **Speech**
- **Position due to:**
  - **Rank of status of a person, place or thing**



# ETIQUETTE

**Refers to Code of Ethics**

**Governs Correct Behavior**

**Govern speech performed properly**

**At the proper time**



# LOGISTICS IS ...

**An Additional Dimension of Protocol**

**Procuring**

**Maintaining**

**Transporting material, personnel, and facilities**



# LOGISTICS EXAMPLE

## Meeting scenario

- Copies of documents needed for meeting attendees
- Bishop may want the armor bearer to **anticipate** with certain accuracy
  - The number of attending members, of which rank, and
  - How many of such document will be needed



# LOGISTICS RESPONSIBILITY

## ■ *Logistics could also include:*

***Who has the roster of the Bishop's invited guests to know***

- Prepare for their time of arrival
- Transportation to and from a hotel
- Which hotel,
- What time of day
- Which day, etc.

***Who is responsible to know what to do if more guests arrive than were planned for?***

- Are there enough chairs, programs, food, transportation, hotel rooms for them as well?

# ORDER

- **Ensures** every occasion to **function in harmony** with that which is prescribed by codes of etiquette and protocol
- Example: **Procession scenario**
  - Setting up order for a procession:
  - Establish proper location for certain persons in a procession
  - Identifying the right program participants
  - Establishing the time of the ceremony
  - Making certain that the procedure is strictly followed



# PRESIDING

- To have charge or take oversight of
- Critical responsibilities of a Presider
  - Sets the tone and can determine the spirit of the flow of any program or service
  - Your voice and articulation should create an attitude of worship
- COGIC Presider
  - Navigates through a fervor unique to the Church Of God In Christ
  - Spiritual emphasis placed upon our services **mandates** sensitivity to the move of the Holy Spirit
- Within the scope of the term presiding there are several components *(depending upon the level of involvement i.e., District, State, or National)*



# RESPECT FOR THE WORD OF GOD

- **Never pass up** the aisle during prayer or scripture reading
- **Never walk** in church during:
  - The invitation to discipleship
  - The reading of the scripture
  - Prayers for any occasions / sorts
  - Baptism or the Lord's Supper
  - The message
- **Be on time** – we must respect timeliness
- **Never put on your coat or wrap** during the closing hymn





# GENERAL CHURCH DECORUM

- BE ON TIME – we must respect timeliness
- Be devout in every attitude
- Be thoughtful of the comfort of others
- If the sermon has begun, take a seat near the door
- There should be no loud talking or jesting after the service is concluded
- Let reverence be the key word
- During prayer, all heads should be bowed and all eyes closed
- Always dress modestly as becomes Christians

**Keep thy foot when  
thou goest to the  
house of God, and  
be more ready to  
hear, than to give  
the sacrifice of  
fools: for they  
consider not that  
they do evil.  
Ecclesiastes 5:1**

# MINISTERIAL MEMBERS DECORUM

- Properly address the pulpit and church body.
- Church Of God In Christ tradition is you are always at your “home” church on First Sundays
  - When planning a program, your Pastor should approve all outside speakers before the invitation is extended
- Testimonies given in an assembly should be brief
  - Do not try to cover your entire life
  - Reflective of the victory in one’s personal life

**Therefore,  
brethren, stand  
fast, and hold the  
traditions which  
ye have been  
taught, whether  
by word, or our  
epistle.  
2 Thessalonians  
2:15**

# CLOSING THOUGHTS

- Self-reflect on how you can be an example to others
- Become familiar with COGIC church etiquette
- Reinforce to your service ministry the etiquette as the Word of God goes forward in the church

**And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
2 Peter 1:5-8**

# QUESTIONS

