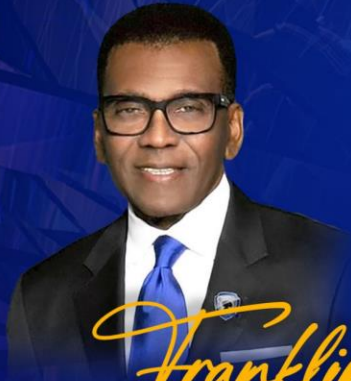


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## 2024 GCPE Institute Offering Descriptions

**Morning Manna:** Prepare to be nourished and inspired during these 45 minutes of spiritual enrichment. Join us each morning as our esteemed delegates gather to receive precious ministry nuggets to uplift your soul and empower your journey. You will receive profound insights and meaningful reflections that will leave you energized and ready to seize the day. Take advantage of this opportunity to start your mornings with a taste of divine wisdom and fellowship. Embrace the spiritual awakening at "Morning Manna" and let your spirit soar to new heights.

**Pinning Ceremony:** Celebrate our esteemed council members' dedication and unwavering commitment at the heartwarming "Pinning Ceremony" during the GCPE conference. This cherished tradition honors those who have tirelessly promoted the ministry of GCPE and served with unwavering faithfulness.

**Master Classes:** Dive deep into the wisdom of renowned pastoral leaders and elders through our captivating "Master Classes" at the GCPE conference. These expert-led sessions empower you with essential skills and insights for effective ministry in the 21st century. Embrace the opportunity to enhance your ministry prowess and personal growth through these transformative "Master Classes." Don't miss the chance to be mentored by esteemed pastors and elders who have dedicated their lives to shaping the church's future. Enroll now and expand your horizons as a leader in today's ever-evolving spiritual landscape.

**Plenary Sessions:** Discover the power of collective wisdom and engagement in our dynamic plenary session! Join us for a captivating experience where all conference attendees come together to delve into matters of common interest and relevance. Be inspired by high-level keynote speakers, thought-provoking discussions, and impactful presentations that shape the core themes of our event. Embrace the opportunity to voice your perspectives, exchange ideas, and contribute to the collective knowledge of the gathering. Take advantage of this enriching plenary session designed to foster collaboration and ignite the spirit of unity in pursuit of shared goals and objectives.

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**GCPE Academies:** Welcome to the esteemed GCPE Academies, "The Premier Theological Preparation & Ministry Development for Pastors & Elders" within The General Council of Pastors & Elders. Our Institute comprises three transformative "Academies" leading to official "Certification" for Pastors, Elders, and Regional & Jurisdictional Council Leadership in 21st-century ministry. Join us during the Holy Convocation, AIM, and GCPE Conference. Embrace this inspiring journey of theological enrichment and leadership excellence, shaping a brighter future for the Church's global impact.

**Choose Your Track:** Expand your horizons and deepen your knowledge with our diverse afternoon training tracks at the conference. Choose from engaging courses, including the empowering Women's Track, understanding C.E. Blake Ministries (formerly Urban Initiatives), and enriching marriages through our Couples Night Out. Master Classes include Discovering Your Purpose, Making Your Election Sure, and Conflict Management. Take advantage of these and many other exceptional opportunities to enhance your skills and make a lasting impact on your ministry journey.

**Candidates Forums:** Join us each afternoon for the Quadrennial Election Candidates Forums, where you can hear from those who aspire to lead our great church.

- Wednesday:** Meet incumbents and new candidates vying for National Board of Trustees positions.
- Thursday:** Hear from the incumbents and new candidates seeking to serve on the General Board.
- Friday:** Engage with the incumbents and candidates aiming to serve as General Secretary, Financial Secretary, and Treasurer.

This is your chance to get an up-close and personal look at the vision and leadership qualities of those who will shape our church's future. Don't miss this important opportunity to be informed and inspired.



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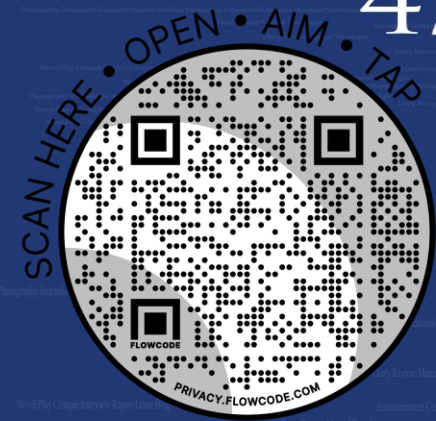
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## AGENDA 47

**AGENDA**  
WHAT TRUMP HAS PROMISED  
IF HE WINS IN 2024  
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**Trustee Board**  
**Candidates Forum**  
**1:30 PM – 3:30 PM**  
**One Broadway Ballroom**

# Wednesday's Schedule

**Bus Pick-up for Evening Worship**  
**@ Sheraton Hotel**  
**Time: 6:15 PM**  
**Malcolm W Coby Center**  
**6800 Bryant Avenue**  
**Oklahoma City, OK 73121**

DATE	TIME	COURSE NAME	ROOM NAME	PRESENTER(S)
8/21/24	8:00 am – 8:45 am	Morning Manna/Pinning Ceremony	Century Ballroom	GCPE Staff
	8:45 am – 9:00 am	Institute Observations	Century Ballroom	Dr. Kenneth Newman, Sr.
	9:00 am – 11:50 am	The Women's Academy The Pastors Wife	One Broadway Ballroom	Lady Christine Eaddy/ Supervisor Vanessa Winbush Gatlin
	9:00 am – 10:20 am	Plenary#1: Successful Succession: Navigating Into The Future	Century Ballroom	Supt. Jerome Christopher Barmore
	10:30 am – 11:50 am	❖ Master Class: Discovering Your Purpose	Great Plains	Elder Prince Reed (Elders Academy Certification)
		❖ Master Class: Make Your Election Sure	Plaza North	Pastor William Wilson GCPE (Regional & Jurisdictional "RJI")
	10:30 am – 11:50 am	❖ Master Class: Conflict Resolution in the Church	Plaza South	Dr. Kenneth Newman, Sr. (Pastors Academy)
		❖ Judiciary Board Ecclesiastical Trial Process	Kiamichi	Bishop Charles Connors
		The Adjutancy	Green County	Bishop Dickerson Wells
		The Role of the Chairman, Admin Assistant & Superintendent	Red Carpet	The Board of Bishops: Bishop Edward Cook
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LUNCH	12:00 pm – 1:15 pm	MUNCHPAC	CENTURY BALLROOM	Pastor Hopgood
	1:30 pm – 3:30 pm	National Board of Trustee/Elected Officials: Candidates Forum	One Broadway Ballroom	Superintendent John Perez

**General Board**  
**Candidates Forum**  
**1:30 PM – 3:30 PM**  
**One Broadway Ballroom**

# Thursday's Schedule

**Bus Pick-up for Evening Worship**  
**@ Sheraton Hotel**  
**Time: 6:15 PM**  
**Malcolm W Coby Center**  
**6800 Bryant Avenue**  
**Oklahoma City, OK 73121**

DATE	TIME	COURSE NAME	ROOM NAME	PRESENTER(S)
8/22/24	8:00 am – 8:45 am	Morning Manna/Pinning Ceremony	Century Ballroom	GCPE Staff
	8:45 am – 9:00 am	Institute Observations	Century Ballroom	Dr. Kenneth Newman, Sr.
	9:00 am – 11:50 am	The Women's Academy The Pastors Wife	One Broadway Ballroom	Lady Christine Eaddy/ Supervisor Vanessa Winbush Gatlin
	9:00 am – 10:20 am	Plenary #2: Leadershift: Creating a Five-Star Leadership Culture	Century Ballroom	Dr. Nicholas Pearce: The Kellogg's Center for Nonprofit Management
	10:30 am – 11:50 am	❖ Master Class: Discovering Your Purpose	Great Plains	Elder Prince Reed (Elders Academy Certification)
		❖ Master Class: Make Your Election Sure	Plaza North	Pastor William Wilson GCPE (Regional & Jurisdictional "RJL")
	10:30 am – 11:50 am	❖ Master Class: Conflict Resolution in the Church	Plaza South	Dr. Kenneth Newman, Sr. (Pastors Academy)
		❖ Judiciary Board Ecclesiastical Trial Process	Kiamichi	Bishop Charles Connors
		The Adjutancy	Green County	Bishop Dickerson Wells
LUNCH		The Role of the Chairman, Admin Assistant & Superintendent	Red Carpet	The Board of Bishops: Bishop Edward Cook
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	12:00 pm – 1:15 pm	DOUGLAS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE	CENTURY BALLROOM	Bishop Garland Hunt
	1:30 pm – 3:30 pm	General Board: Candidates Forum	One Broadway Ballroom	Superintendent John Perez

**Elected Officials: *General Secretary,  
Financial Secretary & Treasure***  
**Candidates Forum - 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM**  
**One Broadway Ballroom**

**Couples Night Out (*All White*)**  
**Bus Pick-up: 4:30 PM**  
**Sheraton Hotel**

# Friday's Schedule

**Bishop Nathaniel Wells Golf Classic**  
**Bus Pick-up: 6:30 AM**  
**Sheraton Hotel**

**Women's Delegate Breakfast**  
**Skirvin Hotel**  
**1 Park Avenue**  
**Bus Pick-up: 7:30 AM**

DATE	TIME	COURSE NAME	ROOM NAME	PRESENTER(S)
8/23/24	8:00 am – 8:45 am	Morning Manna/Pinning Ceremony	Century Ballroom	GCPE Staff
	8:45 am – 9:00 am	Institute Observations	Century Ballroom	Dr. Kenneth Newman, Sr.
	9:00 am – 11:50 am	The Women's Academy The Pastors Wife	One Broadway Ballroom	Lady Christine Eaddy/ Supervisor Vanessa Winbush Gatlin
	9:00 am – 10:20 am	Plenary #3: Stock Up With Larry: Media Kit & Content Creator	Century Ballroom	Larry Jones
	10:30 am – 11:50 am	❖ Master Class: Discovering Your Purpose  ❖ Master Class: Make Your Election Sure	Great Plains  Plaza North	Elder Prince Reed <i>(Elders Academy Certification)</i>  Pastor William Wilson <i>GCPE (Regional &amp; Jurisdictional "RJI")</i>
	10:30 am – 11:50 am	❖ Master Class: Conflict Resolution in the Church  ❖ Judiciary Board Ecclesiastical Trial Process	Plaza South  Kiamichi	Dr. Kenneth Newman, Sr. <i>(Pastors Academy)</i>  Bishop Charles Connors
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LUNCH		The Role of the Chairman, Admin Assistant & Superintendent	Red Carpet	The Board of Bishops: Bishop Edward Cook
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	12:00 pm – 1:15 pm		CENTURY BALLROOM	
	1:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Elected Officials: Candidates Forum Secretary, Financial Secretary & Treasure	One Broadway Ballroom	Superintendent John Perez

