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Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr., Presiding Bishop

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To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr., personally, for over 20 years. We first became acquainted when I was a seminary student in Springfield, Missouri. He was a guest speaker at our school and I was granted the privilege to get to know him personally.

Bishop Blake has always shown himself to be a man of integrity, generosity and impeccable character. In my humble estimation, he is a man of God.

My heritage in the Church Of God In Christ goes back close to 100 years; through the ministry of my late, great, great uncle, Elder Oscar Timothy Tillman; who began ministering in our denomination in 1921. My late pastor, Bishop T. L. Westbrook; my late bishop, Bishop E. Harris Moore and my current bishop, Bishop R. J. Ward all have served in ministry in this church for over 50 years each.

I mention this longevity to state that the name "Bishop Charles Edward Blake," by the men that mentored me, has always been held in the highest esteem.

I stand with my leader and pray God's choice blessings upon his continued progress and success.

If you have any questions, I may be reached at 314-452-6899 or [ehankersoniii@cogic.org](mailto:ehankersoniii@cogic.org).

Every time I turn around,

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