

Greetings & Welcome

To our honored and esteemed Presiding Bishop and Chief Apostle Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr., beloved First Lady Mae L. Blake with deference to every member of the Presidium. My respect to all of the great leaders of our church. Thank you for your confidence and for this glorious opportunity to serve God's people in the only church I have ever known as the seventh General Supervisor of women.

As we navigate through life the sovereignty of God remains a mystery. It is by an unchanging faith we take one step at a time towards His divine will. We shall ever revere the legacy of our founder Bishop Charles Harrison Mason who envisioned and activated a vehicle for Women's Ministry. I have vivid memories of the sainted women of God during my life time who gave direction for the women of the Church of God in Christ. It is difficult for me to affix my name to that distinguished group. Thank God for the Holy Scriptures which has given me an assurance--Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything of ourselves, our sufficiency is of God II Cor 3:5.

Special recognition and appreciation to Mother Willie Mae Rivers for her exceptional and noteworthy service. Praises to my God for the twenty plus years I was privileged to be a part of her team. The Lord positioned me close to observe her masterfully and prayerfully lead the Department of Women with vision and prowess. Congratulations Mother Rivers for 20 years as General Supervisor and Convention President.

It is with great anticipation that we gather once again from the four corners of this globe. This time for the women of the Church of God in Christ has been designated to educate, equip and empower as well as secure an imprint for our future as we validate and encourage our children and youth through Sunshine Band and Purity.

We will explore and embrace our General Theme-In this Changing World let us hold on to Our Unchanging Faith. The Convention Focus-Holy Women Anchored in an Unchanging Faith...Advancing in a Changing World will address the specific needs of women in this twenty-first century.

It is my prayer our presence will impact and influence the city of Orlando. We will provide holistic ministry and go fishing for a harvest of souls in the convention and beyond as the anointed outreach workers canvas the city. Women of God upon your return home I challenge you to daily rise up and build character, courage and collaborative efforts to soar in your homes, local churches, districts and jurisdictions. Let us continue to accomplish the goals set forth by our convention motto...World Evangelism - Better Homes - Better Schools - Better Communities for a Better World!

For the sake of the work and the people we serve - Follow peace with all men and Holiness without which no man shall see the Lord.

I am Serving to bring glory to my Father Love and Prayers,

Mother Barbara McCoo Lewis

President Women's International Convention/Crusade

The Affirmation of Our Faith

THE LEADER: We Affirm Our Faith in the Bible.

WE BELIEVE: The Bible to be the inspired and only infallible written Word of God.

THE LEADER: We Affirm our Faith in God.

**WE BELIEVE:** That there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost.

THE LEADER: We Affirm our Faith in the Blessed Hope.

**WE BELIEVE:** In the Blessed Hope, which is the rapture of the Church of God, which is in Christ at His return.

THE LEADER: We Affirm our Faith in Repentance and Salvation.

**WE BELIEVE:** That the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Jesus Christ. We believe that regeneration by the Holy Ghost is absolutely essential for personal salvation.

THE LEADER: We Affirm our Faith in Jesus Christ.

**WE BELIEVE:** That the redemptive work of Christ on the Cross provides healing for the human body in answer to believing prayer.

THE LEADER: We Affirm our Faith in the Holy Ghost.

**WE BELIEVE:** That the baptism of the Holy Ghost, according to Acts 2:4, is given to believers who ask for it.

THE LEADER: We Affirm our Faith in Sanctification.

**WE BELIEVE:** In the sanctifying power of the Holy Ghost, by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a Holy and separated life in this present world.

AMEN.







Women's International Convention/Crusade

Orlando, Florida

#### 2017 GENERAL CHURCH THEME

IN THIS CHANGING WORLD LET US HOLD ON TO OUR UNCHANGING FAITH Colossians 1:9-23; Jude 3-4; II Timothy 3:1-17; I Corinthians 15:58

### CONVENTION FOCUS

Holy Women Anchored In An Unchanging Faith, Advancing In A Changing World

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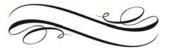
Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

#### <u>COLOSSIANS 1:23 - KJV</u>

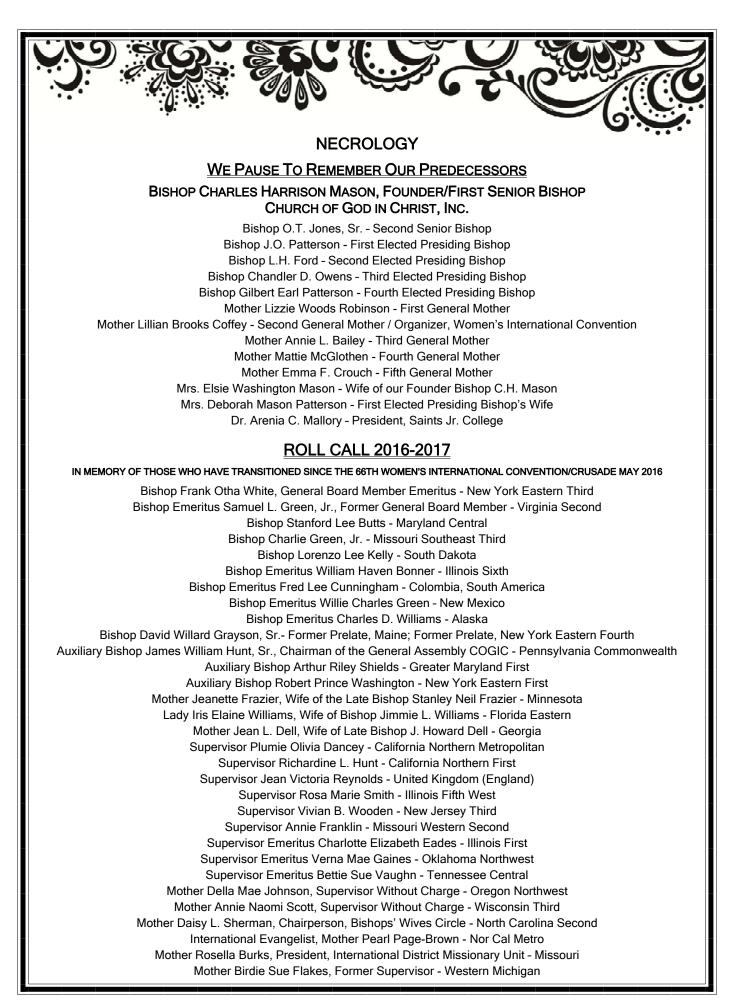
If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

#### <u>JOHN 9:4 - KJV</u>

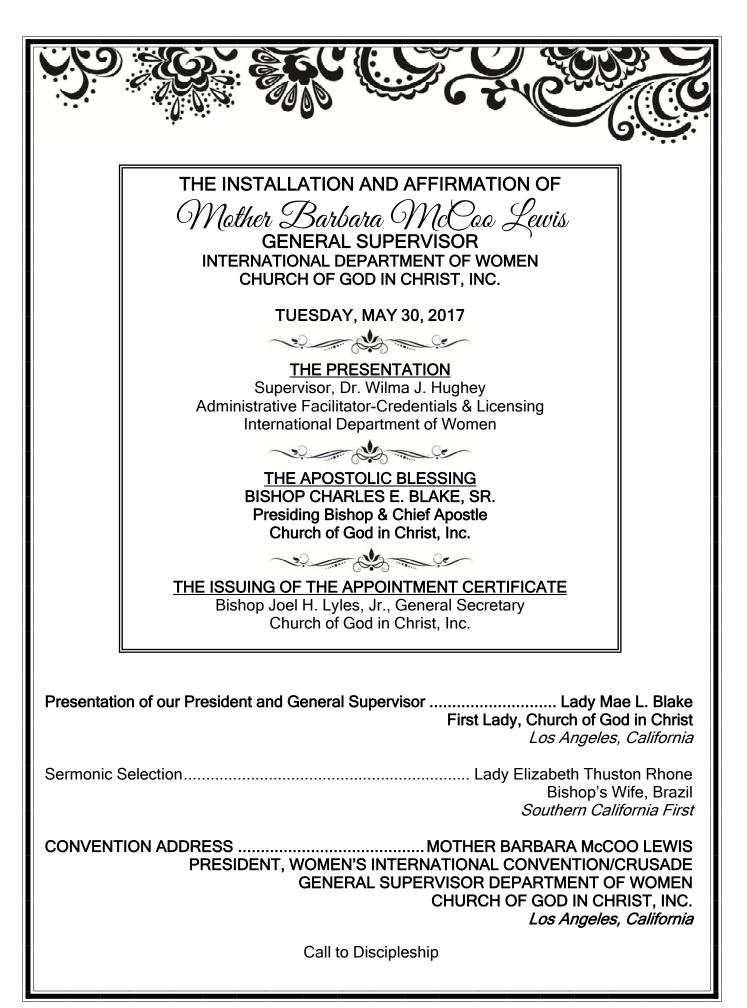
I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.



THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE 67TH
Women's International Convention / Orusade
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC.
TUESDAY EVENING ~ MAY 30, 2017 ~ 7:00 P.M. Evening Prayer - 6:30 P.M. Prayer Leaders - Evangelist Millie Coby, Coordinator
INTERNATIONAL MARSHALS
Dr. Juliet White Marshal & Wife of Former General Board Member Emeritus <i>New York Eastern Third Jurisdiction</i>
Evangelist Joyce L. Rodgers Marshal & Administrative Facilitator - Programming for Worship <i>Texas Northeast First Jurisdiction</i>
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Melody of Praise Convention Praise Team
*Invocation Supervisor Grace Davis Harris, PhD Administrative Facilitator-Educational Initiatives <i>Wisconsin Northwest</i>
Musical SelectionConvention Choir
*Old Testament
*New TestamentSupervisor Darlene Stone Administrative Facilitator-Auxiliaries, Bands & Units Indiana First
Necrology



TAPSOrganist
Congregational Singing Lady Michelle Rudolph Wife of Adjutant General <i>Arkansas Third</i>
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Ministry of GivingEvangelist Beverly Willis Finance Expeditor, Coordinator Southern California First
<u>Financial Officers</u> Supervisor Stella Watson, Financial Secretary Supervisor Mary Barnes, Finance Committee Chairperson
ObservationsSupervisor Harrizene Keyes Women's International Convention Program Chairperson <i>Greater North Carolina</i>
Acknowledgement of Guests Supervisor Wilma J. Hughey, PhD Administrative Facilitator-Credentials & Licensing New York Western Second
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Mother Willie Mae Rivers Scholarship Foundation Supervisor Mary Tucker Executive Board Member/Coordinator Scholarships <i>Greater North Central Georgia, Bermuda</i>
Musical SelectionConvention Choir





CLOSING REMARKS...... BISHOP CHARLES E. BLAKE, SR. PRESIDING BISHOP & CHIEF APOSTLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Los Angeles, California

Benedictory Prayer ......Bishop Matthew Williams **General Board Member** Florida Southwestern

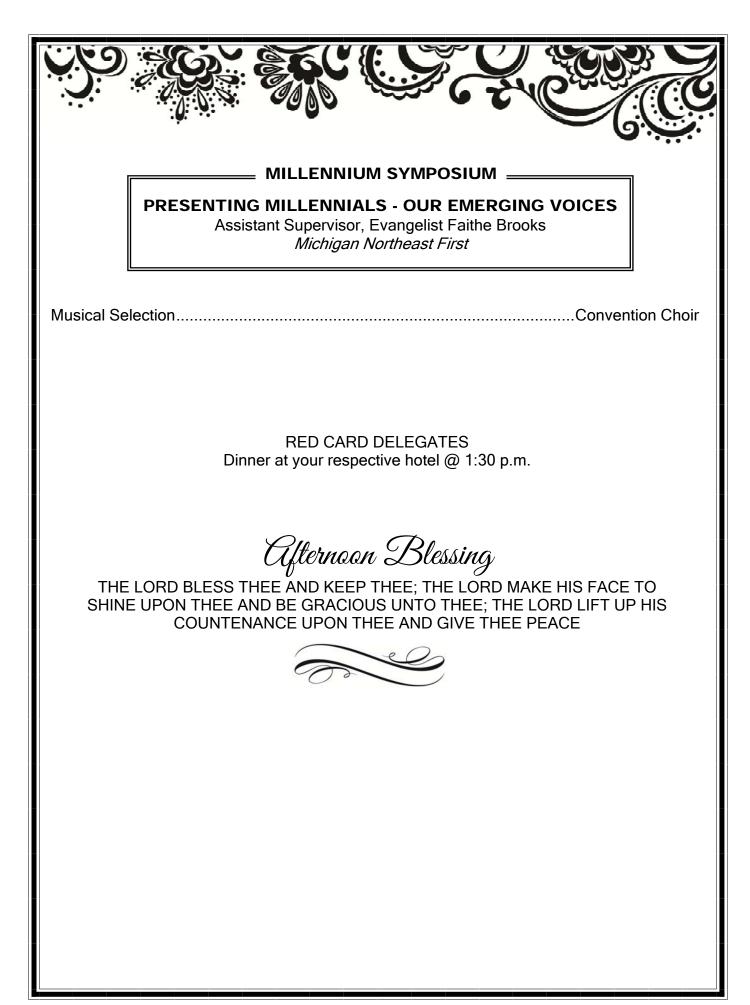
Evening Blessing

THE LORD BLESS THEE AND KEEP THEE; THE LORD MAKE HIS FACE TO SHINE UPON THEE AND BE GRACIOUS UNTO THEE: THE LORD LIFT UP HIS COUNTENANCE UPON THEE AND GIVE THEE PEACE



**MEN'S CLASS IN SESSION** Wednesday, May 31st | Thursday, June 1st | Friday, June 2nd 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon **ROSEN SHINGLE CREEK HOTEL** Room: St. John #22 **Bishop Roderick Hennings, Instructor** 

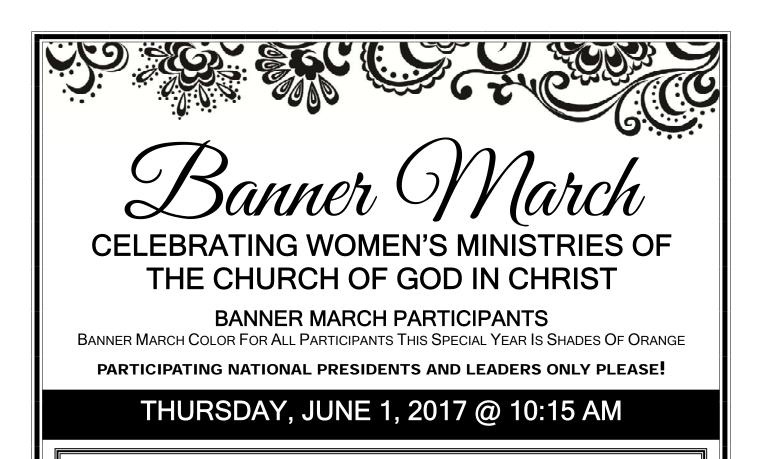
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MORNING GLORY 9:30 A.M. ~ 10:15 A.M. Mother Frances Kelley / Mother Annie R. Canty National Prayer Leaders & Prayer Warriors
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*InvocationSupervisor Trina Green Oregon First
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	Bishop's Wife <i>Texas Northeast First</i>
	MOTHER BARBARA McCOO LEWIS
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	Assistant Supervisor
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Supervisor Artaska King Chairperson, National Advisory Board <i>Wisconsin Third</i>
Supervisor Emma Wren Person Co-Chairperson, National Advisory Board <i>California Greater Northern Second</i>
Mother Willie Mae Sheard Chairperson, Bishops' Wives Circle <i>Michigan Southwest</i>
Dr. Norma Roberson Chairperson, District Missionaries <i>New York Western Second</i>
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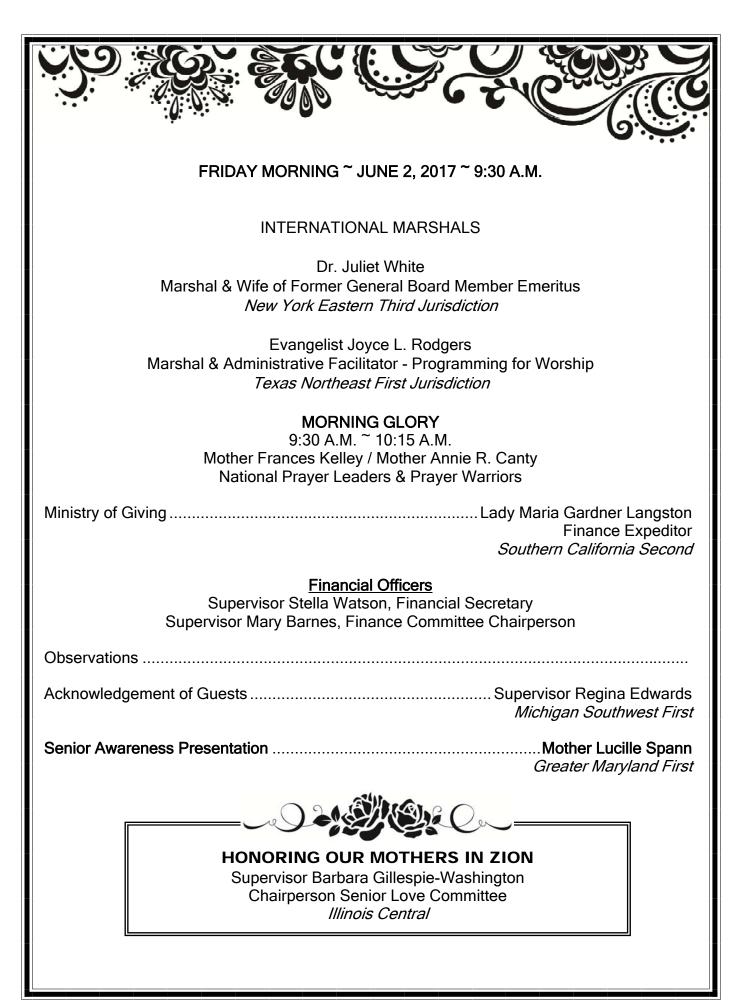
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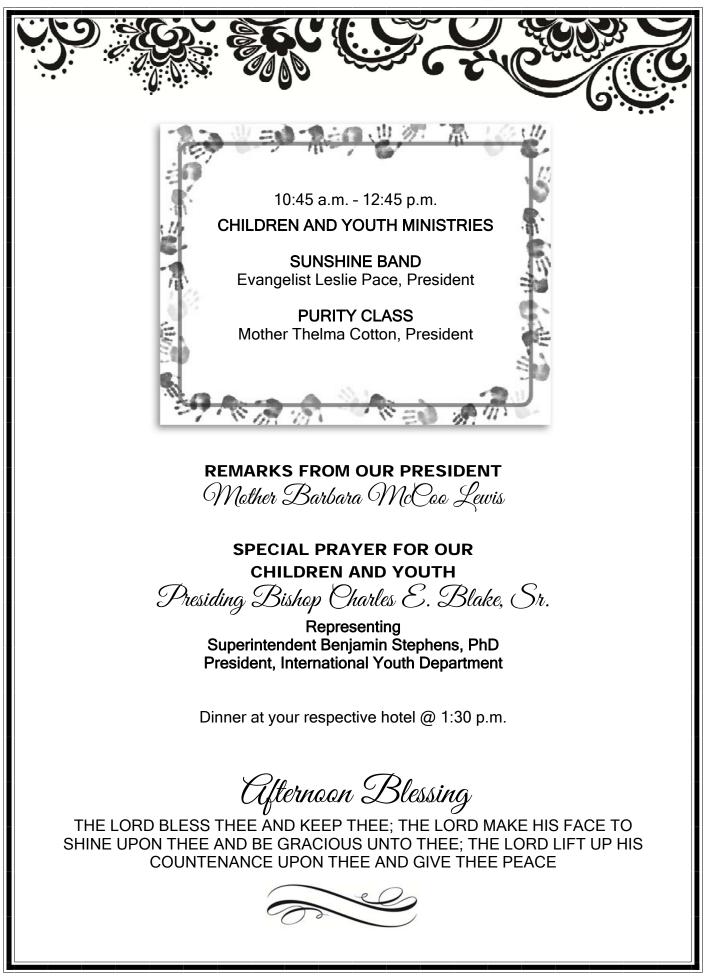


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Finance Expeditor, California West Coast
Financial Officers Supervisor Stella Watson, Financial Secretary
Supervisor Mary Barnes, Finance Committee Chairperson
Observations
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LOVE SHOWERS
Love Showers Celebrating twenty years OF EXCELLENCE
Mather Willie Mae Rivers General Supervisor Emeritus
Remarks from Honoree Mother Willie Mae Rivers
CLOSING REMARKS FROM OUR PRESIDENT MOTHER BARBARA McCOO LEWIS
Dismissal
Dinner at your respective hotel @ 1:30 p.m.
Afternoon Blessing
THE LORD BLESS THEE AND KEEP THEE; THE LORD MAKE HIS FACE TO SHINE UPON THEE AND BE GRACIOUS UNTO THEE; THE LORD LIFT UP HIS COUNTENANCE UPON THEE AND GIVE THEE PEACE

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*Invocation	Supervisor Billie Jo Thomas Wisconsin Southeast First
*Old Testament Scripture	Lady Jessie Bass Wife of Chief Operating Officer <i>Eastern Missouri First</i>
*New Testament Scripture	Supervisor Lucy Sanders <i>Georgia Southern</i>
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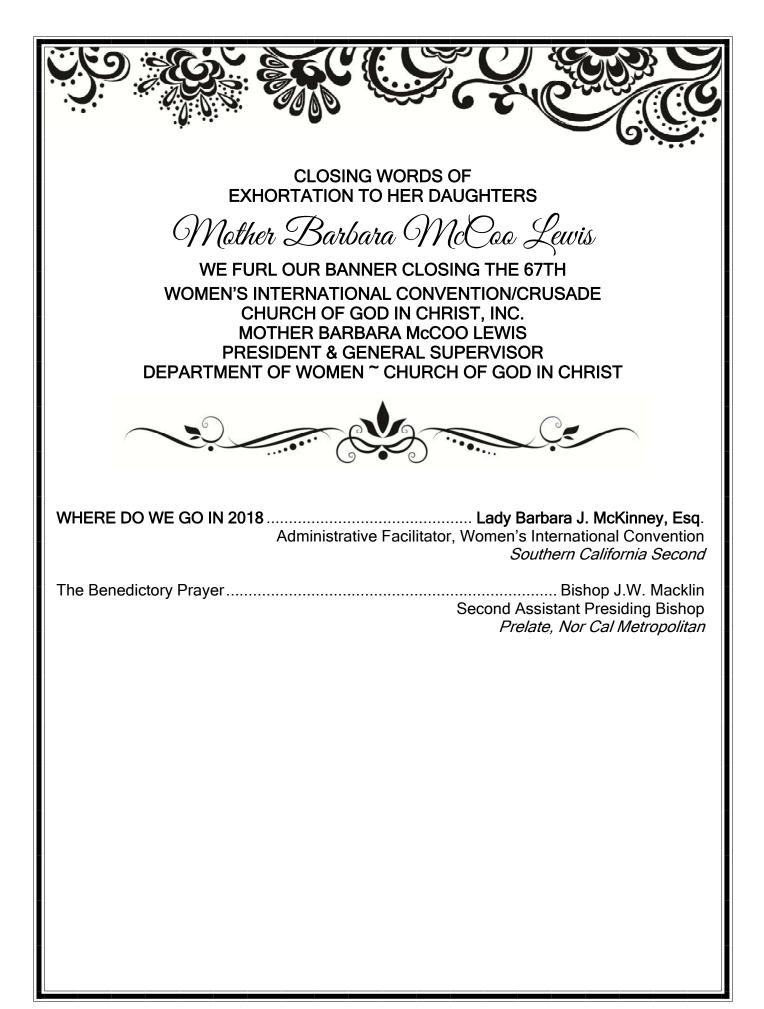
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THE WORD OF GOD	SUPERVISOR THELMA BUTTS Ohio North
Call to Dis	scipleship
Benedictory Prayer	Bishop Charles H. Mason Patterson General Treasurer <i>Tennessee Headquarters</i>
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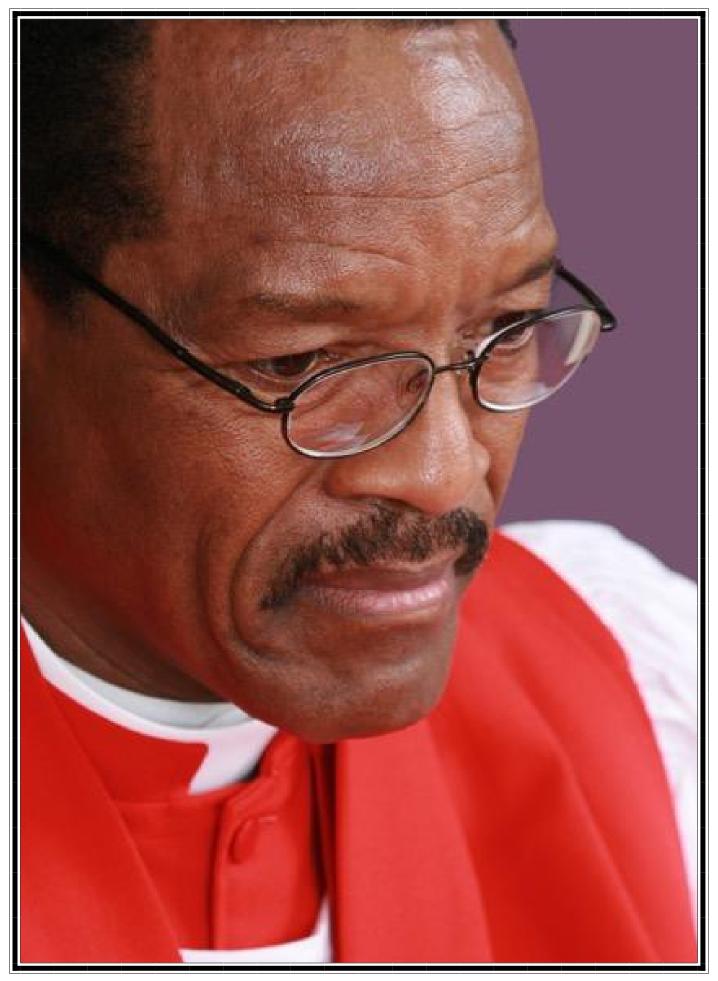




FRIDAY EVENING ~ JUNE 2, 2017 ~ 7:00 P.M. Evening Prayer - 6:30 P.M. Prayer Leaders - Evangelist Millie Coby, Coordinator
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*Old Testament Scripture Lady Pamela Hines Wife of General Board Member <i>Illinois Midwest</i>
*New Testament ScriptureLady Melody Porter Wife of General Board Member <i>Tennessee Central</i>
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Presentation of Our First LadyWife of First Assistant Presiding Bishop Wife of First Assistant Presiding Bishop Michigan Northeast

greetings from our first lady Lady Mae Lawrence Blake
PRESIDING BISHOP'S WIFE Church of God in Christ, Inc. Los Angeles, California
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Remarks & Presentation of Our Presiding BishopBishop P.A. Brooks First Assistant Presiding Bishop Prelate, Michigan Northeast
THE WORD OF GODBISHOP CHARLES E. BLAKE, SR. Seventh in Succession PRESIDING BISHOP & CHIEF APOSTLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC. <i>Los Angeles, California</i>
Call to Discipleship





# Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr.

Charles E. Blake, Sr., was elected the seventh in succession Presiding Bishop by the General Assembly of the Church of God in Christ, Incorporated, on November 12, 2007. At the 101st Holy Convocation, during the quadrennial election in 2007 Bishop Blake was re-elected as Presiding Bishop, as well as again re-elected in 2012 and recently in 2016 for another four-year term.

Bishop Blake is the pastor of West Angeles Church of God in Christ, one of the largest churches in the Western United States, with a membership of over 25,000. He is recognized as one of the great preachers of this generation with a message that ministers to the whole person and brings together people of various racial and ethnic backgrounds.

On April 6, 2009, in Washington, D.C., President Barack Obama sought Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake to serve on his 25-person White House Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships. This one-year appointment is a testament to his passion for the community and his desire to unite all people for the common good. He was also chosen as one of four individuals to speak at the Democratic National Convention's first Ecumenical Service, where he pronounced his status as pro-life Democrat and challenged both Democrats and Republicans to protect the rights of the unborn and born alike.

The heart of Bishop Blake is seen quite clearly in the love that he has for the children in Africa who have become orphans because of the HIV/AIDS pandemic plaguing the continent. In response to the HIV/AIDS crisis in Africa, Bishop Blake founded, and served as president of the Pan African Children's Fund (PACF). Save Africa's Children, a program of PACF, has provided support to over 420 orphan care programs, 200,000 children and 24 nations throughout sub-Saharan Africa.

In 2016, Bishop Blake was elected to serve as the Co-Chairperson for the Executive Committee of the Pentecostal Charismatic Churches of North America (PCCNA). He has also formerly served as an Advisory Committee Member of the Pentecostal World Conference, and as the founder and Co-chair of the Los Angeles Ecumenical Congress (LAEC), an interdenominational coalition of religious leaders and pastors. He was the founding Chair of the Board of Directors for the C.H. Mason Theological Seminary, and has served as a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, and as a Board Member of the Board of Directors for the Interdenominational Theological Seminary. Bishop Blake has served as Chair of the Executive Committee, member of the Board of Directors of Oral Roberts University, and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Board of Directors of Oral Roberts University, and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Board of Directors of Oral Roberts University, and as a member of the Board of Directors of Directors of Directors.

Bishop Blake's awards and accolades are numerous. A few include the Distinguished Leadership Award presented by the African Presidential Archives and Research Center at Boston University (2007), the Trumpet Award (2006), the Salvation Army's William Booth Award, the Greenlining Institute's Big Heart Award, and was the designated recipient of the Los Angeles Urban League's Whitney M. Young Award (2000). In 2003, Bishop Blake was awarded the Harvard Foundation Humanitarian Medal for his work with Save Africa's Children and its mission to support orphanages throughout the continent of Africa. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors designated February 5, 2004 as Bishop Charles E. Blake Day.

Second only to his call as a minister of the Gospel, Bishop Blake says his most treasured accomplishments are those of a devoted husband to Lady Mae Lawrence Blake, and a loving father and grandfather to their three children and eight grandchildren.

## Mother, Dr. Barbara McCoo Lewis

General Supervisor International Department of Women (2017) Jurisdictional Supervisor Southern California First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction 1988 - Present



Mother Lewis is a native of Los Angeles. She received salvation and was baptized in the Holy Ghost at the age of nine. She is a third generation member of the Church of God in Christ and a life-time member of her jurisdiction. Mother Lewis has been married to Bishop James A. Lewis Sr since June 1962. They co-founded the New Antioch Church February 1970 in their living room with five other adults. They are the proud parents of Elder James A. Lewis Jr., and Administrative Assistant/Superintendent Jeffrey M. Lewis (wife Floetta) who was appointed senior pastor of New Antioch by the Jurisdictional Prelate now Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake at the pastoral retirement of Bishop Lewis in 2006. Her pride and joy are her adult grandchildren Shannon and Jeffrey Jr.

She has served in multiple administrative, leadership, teaching and training roles from the inception of the New Antioch ministry and is presently the president of the Mother's Board. Mother Lewis rendered distinguished service on the District and Jurisdictional levels under Jurisdictional Supervisors Mother L O Hale and Mother Lillian A. Morris. She was selected in May 1988 by Bishop Blake to serve as the Jurisdictional Supervisor and received her appointment at the National Holy Convocation in November from the General Supervisor Dr. Mattie McGlothen. Bishop Joe L. Ealy is currently the Jurisdictional Prelate.

Her community efforts in Los Angeles earned her formal recognition by the Mayor for her extensive outreach work in Juvenile Halls, Door-to-Door Street Ministry and Drug Rehabilitation Centers. Local Los Angeles newspapers honored her as "Woman of the Year" and the "First Ladies" Community Impact award.

Many new programs and ministries have been implemented in the Jurisdictional Department of Women since the beginning of her tenure in 1988. A servant-leader Mother Lewis has implemented monthly Urban Initiative workshops, annual gatherings for spiritual and intellectual empowerment along with six weekly prayer lines sensitive to the diverse needs of the women. Not only a renowned prayer warrior she is also an anointed writer and authored "The Christian Woman's Guide to Church Protocol and Saintly Decorum" which appears on the best seller list of the COGIC Bookstore in Memphis, Tennessee. Mother Lewis was also the managing editor of the Curriculum Guide for the Jurisdictional School of Licensing for Missionaries as well as the individual Handbooks for Regional & District Missionaries; Aspiring, Deaconess and Evangelist Missionaries; Clergy Wives and most recently Auxiliary & Unit Leaders. She is currently working on a Handbook for Assistant Supervisors.

Her most significant accomplishment was the completion in March 2002 of the 41-unit *Hale Morris Lewis Senior Complex* (named after the three jurisdictional supervisors). The \$4.7 million development is operated by the 501C3 Southern California COGIC Economic

Development Corporation where Mother Lewis is President and CEO. This housing site is the focal point of an annual community distribution in December to hundreds of community residents of food, clothing, toys, and health/hygiene products sponsored by the Jurisdictional Department of Women. With a full-time staff, Program Coordinator, weekly bible studies, computer classes, quarterly health-screening and senior awareness workshops are all part of life-enhancing services offered to the residents, seniors of the community and the Jurisdiction.

She is also President of the 501C3 Barbara McCoo Ministry Inc., which partners with social and economic entities that focuses on improving the quality of life for men, women and children in urban America.

Her educational achievements include an Associate of Arts degree from West Los Angeles Community College and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism from California State University at Los Angeles. She studied at Fuller Theological Seminary. She holds both a Master of Arts degree in Theology and an honorary Litterum Doctorate degree from the Southern California School of Ministry.

Mother Lewis' service on the national level is extensive and began almost immediately after her appointment as a Jurisdictional Supervisor in 1988. She served as a Commissioner of the International Constitution Convention in 2003. She is a former member of the Department of Women Advisory Board and subsequently Executive Board, she was the Assistant International Marshal (4 years) and International Marshal (20 years), a member of the Steering Committee Women's International Convention, General Supervisor's Regional Representative (West Coast Region of the United States), member of the Program Committee then Chairperson (17 years), Chairperson Special Convention Assistance Committee (24 years), workshop presenter and facilitator for both the National Leadership Conference and Women's Convention Leadership Conference. Mother Lewis was the recipient of the Outstanding Supervisor of the Year award by both the National Business and Professional Women Federation (2012) and the National Education Department of the Church of God in Christ (2013). She was appointed by Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr., as Assistant General Supervisor and Chairperson Executive Business Affairs under the leadership of General Supervisor Mother Willie Mae Rivers in 2013. She was appointed by the Presiding Bishop, and sanctioned by the General Board, as the General Supervisor of the Department of Women in April 2017.

Mother Lewis served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the C.H. Mason Theological Seminary in Atlanta, Georgia for 25 years.

The theme of her life is, "I Can Do All Things through Christ Which Strengthens Me."

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# Evangelist Argatha Gilmore



Evangelist Argatha Gilmore was raised in Wabasso, Florida. She is happily married to her loving husband Brother Thomas Franklin Gilmore.

She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminology from Florida State University and a Master's in Public Administration from Florida A&M University. She is a graduate of Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government State & Local Executive Program and she was also selected to attend the FBI National Academy, where she graduated in the 214th Session. Evangelist Gilmore is currently pursuing her doctorate at Regent University. She will receive a Doctorate in Strategic Leadership Foresight in May 2018.

Evangelist Gilmore was employed with the Tallahassee Police Department where she was promoted as the first African-American female Captain in 1999. She retired after 25 years of service.

God continued to show her favor. In September 2009, she became the first female and first African-American Chief of Police of Lake City. Evangelist Gilmore successfully led her Police Department to achieve the professional status of an accredited law enforcement agency. She is the President of the Third Circuit Police Chief Association and a District Director of the Florida Police Chief Association (FPCA). Additionally, Evangelist Gilmore is a former member of the Executive Committee of the International Association Chief of Police (IACP). She also serves on various civic boards and organizations at the international and local levels.

Evangelist Gilmore is a dedicated and faithful member of Watson Temple Institutional Church of God In Christ (COGIC). She served for several years as the President of the Watson Temple Missionary Board. Evangelist Gilmore organized and initiated the "Power for Living" Television program for her church. She has coordinated many successful Evangelistic Outreach ministries at her local church, jurisdictional and international levels to bring souls to the body of Christ.

The outreach ministries included street ministry, prison ministry, open air services, nursing homes, tent services and door-to-door witnessing. Evangelist Gilmore also spearheaded a project with the "Feed The Children" ministry, Front Porch Florida and her local church to feed thousands of residents within the city of Tallahassee communities.

Evangelist Gilmore serves as the State Elect Lady of the Evangelism Department for Western Florida Jurisdiction, Chief of Operations Officers. Additionally, she serves as Assistant Jurisdictional Supervisor of Women, State Coordinator of Women Evangelists and as the head of the Western Florida S.M.A.R.T.E Team (Sisters Mobilized and Ready to Evangelize). Evangelist Gilmore has impacted lives during ministry trips to Canada, Brazil and Johannesburg Africa. Above all, she is a faith-filled woman who has dedicated her life to serving her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

## Mother Thelma Butts

Mother Thelma Butts is a "Teacher by Gift" and demonstrates God's anointing as she:



• Serves as a Keynote Speaker, Seminar Instructor and Motivational Catalyst at Women's Retreats, Workshops and Women's Days at numerous churches and various denominations.

• Is a certified trainer in Leadership Dynamics International Training Program as an associate Staff Trainer in Marital Team Building, and has co-facilitated numerous Marriage Retreats in Ohio, New York and New Jersey.

• Conducts training classes on "Professionalism in the Workplace" to prepare young women as they enter the Corporate Society.

Staying "Committed to Serve" allowed Mother Butts to volunteer for the American Cancer Society, American Diabetes Association and the Summit County Mental Health Association as an Instructor for 3rd and 4th graders to enhance their self-esteem. She served as a member of the Board of Directors for the Ohio Christian Education Association for one year and as an Instructor for the Children and Adults Tracks. Mother Butts received an award as "Woman Mentor of the Year" by the District Y.P.W.W., and a Certificate of Recognition as a nominee of the "YWCA Women of Excellence" award. She was also nominated "Mother of the Year" by Jack and Jill, Inc.

She is a member of The Rock Church of God in Christ, where Elder Adam F. Giles is Pastor. She serves as Church Mother and in other capacities of the local church. In the past, Mother served on the Advisory Board of the Akron District Department of Women and was the Akron District Workshop Coordinator. She was a member/chairman of the Program Committee for the Jurisdictional Department of Women, Certified Trainer for E.T.A. Courses, Ohio North Jurisdictional Sunday School Field Representative, Jurisdictional Sunday School Superintendent and International Sunday School Children's Ministry Director.

In May of 2005, Mother Butts was selected Jurisdictional Supervisor of the Department of Women of the Ohio North First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction by Bishop Walter E. Jordan, and is presently serving in this position with Bishop Edward T. Cook. On May 26, 2013, Mother Thelma Giles-Butts was awarded an Honorary Doctorate Degree in Religious Education from the Northeast Ohio School of Ministry.

Mother Butts was appointed as a member of the Executive Board for the Department of Women under the leadership of the General Supervisor, Mother Willie Mae Rivers, in 2014. Personally, Mother Butts, retired as Assistant Manager from the Bell Telephone Company after 32 years of service. She was the wife of the late Cornelius Butts and has one daughter, Debra; one son in love Kevin; two grandsons, Kevin II and Kyle (Karen) Boone and 4 great grandchildren, Deziree, Kamaryn, Liam, and Kaidan. Mother Butts loves to travel and has included the "Holy Land" and the "World Pentecostal Conference" in her itinerary. "Praise God for every step in her life's journey!

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