



A Joint Statement From



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Presiding Bishop & Chief Apostle

And



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Chairman, General Assembly

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" Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

*It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even
Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;*

*As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for
there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore." – Psalm 133:1-3*

The enormous organizational and logistical challenges presented by the Covid-19 pandemic have disrupted the normal calendar of events within our great church. We have not been able to meet in person as we historically have to conduct the critical business of the church.

Technology has allowed us to persevere but that has not been without challenges, as you know. The use of technology has required both of us to carefully consider our Constitutional duties and responsibilities regarding the Quadrennial Election within an unprecedented virtual context.

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Today, out of a mutually held love and concern for the Church of God in Christ and each other, we met in an effort to clarify steps that must be taken to ensure the unity of our denomination. We are pleased to announce the meeting was extraordinarily successful and we closed the meeting unified and uplifted, looking forward to the future.

The election scheduled for March 2, 2021 has been postponed.

We agreed to select a high integrity third party vendor, who will administer the Quadrennial Election under the supervision of the Election Commission. By Friday of this week, a joint committee of the General Assembly and the General Board, working together, will select a vendor from a list of extremely capable potential vendors that have already been identified.

Further, we agreed the Quadrennial Election will be held this month.

We are both satisfied that this agreement will result in a fair and honest election that represents the high standard of integrity that the Church of God in Christ must always operate within. More details will be conveyed to you as expeditiously as possible.

We want every delegate to stand with us and participate fully in the Quadrennial Election as we prayerfully select our new leaders.

Finally, before closing our meeting today in prayer for our church, we expressed brotherly love and mutual respect for each other. It is in that Spirit of Christ that we have collaborated on this communication with you, the Delegates.

God Bless each of you. We are one Church of God in Christ. We join together to say, "Church we see you in the future..."

Sincerely,

Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr.
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