



FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDING BISHOP

*I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,
always in every prayer of mine making request
for you all with joy, Philippians 1:3-4*

August 27, 2021

Dear Saints:

Greetings in the matchless name of the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I pray that this communication finds you and your family enjoying the abundant blessings of our gracious and merciful God.

On behalf of the General Board, Officers, and Leaders of our great Church, I want to thank you for the tremendous support shown during this challenging season. Despite the considerable losses that many of our members, churches, and communities have endured, your steadfast and loyal support to the Church is appreciated.

After canceling all in person Church Of God In Christ events last year, except the Leadership Conference, this year's events, except the Holy Convocation, were virtual. However, after much prayer and contemplation, coupled with the recommendation of our Global Health & Wellness committee – an advisory council charged with monitoring the course of the Covid-19 pandemic and its possible impact on in-person gatherings – this year's Convocation has been changed from an in-person to a virtual event. Therefore, no onsite services, meetings, or events will be held, and travel to Memphis during the week of the Holy Convocation is discouraged.

There is nothing better than fellowship with the Saints, and I anticipated a great time of sharing in Memphis. However, your safety is of paramount importance, and we must continue to operate with care and wisdom amid this pandemic.

The Office of Conferences, Events, and Travel (OCET) has prepared a document for every registrant with details regarding how your registration and hotel deposits will be refunded.

Please join me in praying that God continues to sustain us during this trying time

In His Service,

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