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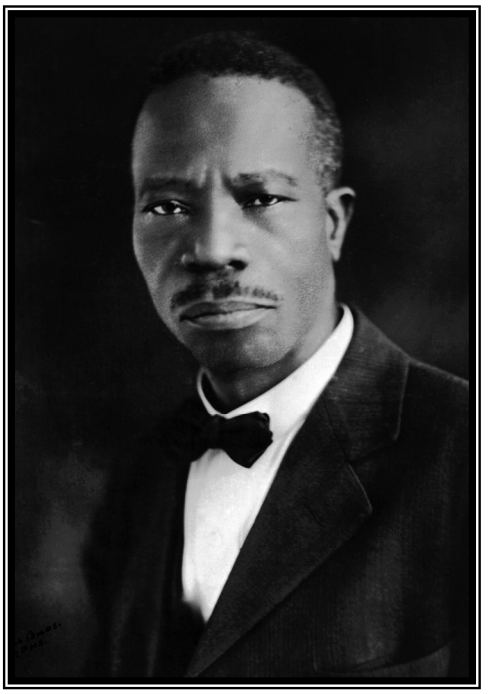
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Bishop Charles Harrison Mason



Bishop Charles Harrison Mason was the founder and first senior bishop of the Church of God in Christ (COGIC), presently the largest African-American Pentecostal church in the United States.

Born to former slaves Jerry and Eliza Mason in Shelby County, Tenn., on Sept. 8, 1864, Mason worked with his family as a sharecropper and did not receive a formal education as a child. But at an early age, he was influenced by his parents' religion.

Mason joined the African-American Missionary Baptist Church when he was an adolescent and later received his license to preach from the Mount Gale Missionary Baptist Church in Preston, Ark. In November 1893, Mason enrolled at the Arkansas Baptist College, but withdrew after three months to transfer to the Minister's Institute at the College; he graduated from the Institute in 1895.

In 1895, Mason met Charles Price Jones, a popular Baptist preacher from Mississippi. Mason and Jones soon began preaching the doctrine of holiness and sanctification in the local Baptist churches, which led to their expulsion from the Baptist Convention.

Mason and Jones decided to form a new fellowship of churches. Mason suggested the name Church of God in Christ, after what he described as a vision in Little Rock, Ark., to distinguish the church from a number of "Church of God" groups forming at that time.

Due to disagreements in the new Pentecostal teachings, the two men split their group in 1907. Mason won the legal rights to the Church of God in Christ name and charter, and established his work in Memphis.

After moving the COGIC headquarters to Memphis, Mason established additional departments and auxiliaries, created dioceses, and appointed overseers throughout the country.

In 1945, Mason dedicated Mason Temple in Memphis as the church's national meeting site and the international headquarters of the Church of God in Christ.

At the time of Mason's death on November 17, 1961, COGIC had a membership of more than 400,000 and more than 4,000 churches in the United States as well as congregations in Europe, South America, Africa, and Asia.

Today, it has an estimated 6.5 million members. The church can be found in every state in the United States and in more than 105 countries in the world.



"From The Desk Of"
Presiding Bishop J. Drew Sheard

Dear Brethren:

Abundant greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. God has been merciful and allowed us this opportunity to install the next group of spiritual Jurisdictional and Auxiliary Bishops. This year's virtual installation service includes the presence of many bishops on assignment in our foreign fields.

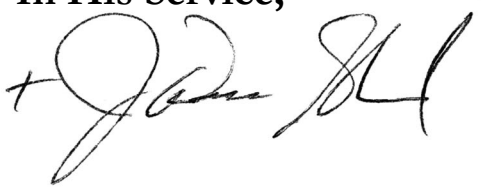
This service culminates a rigorous and challenging ministerial ascent for some of you based on service and commitment. You struggled and sacrificed in your dedication to the work of the ministry and God's people. Though noteworthy, your past actions alone do not automatically qualify you for this sacred office - it is more than a career achievement. Instead, it is an opportunity to serve the Church with sincerity in a leadership role evidenced by love for God and his statutes.

Brothers, I implore you to earnestly seek God as you solemnly submit your lives to this sacred office. The road ahead is fraught with great temptations that will subdue and overtake those not firmly anchored in the Word of God. Pray for strength and guidance to prevent any tinges of disgrace to be named among you.

The Bible instructs all believers to ***"Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled."*** In a country that has witnessed church membership fall to fewer than 50%, the lowest in 80-years, our task is evident. You, via your Bishopric assignments, must lead the charge. You are the "front-line" workers, Generals with the ultimate task of leading the battle cry against Satan as we win souls to Christ!

Gentlemen, your purpose is clear. I pray that God continues to strengthen you as you begin this next phase of ministry.

In His Service,



Bishop J. Drew Sheard
Presiding Bishop & Chief Apostle
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC.
The Eighth in Succession

The Presidium



The Most Reverend
J. Drew Sheard
Presiding Bishop & Chief Apostle



The Most Reverend
Bishop Jerry W. Macklin
1st Assistant Presiding Bishop



The Most Reverend
Bishop Lawrence M. Wooten
2nd Assistant Presiding Bishop



The Most Reverend
Bishop Brandon B. Porter
Secretary to the General Board



The Most Reverend
Bishop Michael E. Hill, Sr.
Assistant Secretary to the General Board

The Presidium



The Most Reverend
Bishop Sedgwick C. Daniels



The Most Reverend
Bishop Darrell L. Hines, Sr.



The Most Reverend
Bishop Prince E. Bryant, Sr.



The Most Reverend
Bishop David A. Hall, Sr.



The Most Reverend
Bishop Malcolm W. Coby



The Most Reverend
Bishop Charles H. McClelland

Affirmation Of Faith

We affirm our faith in the Bible.

Congregation: **We believe the Bible to be the inspired and only infallible written Word of God.**

We affirm our faith in God.

Congregation: **We believe that there is only One God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son and, God the Holy Spirit.**

We affirm our faith in the blessed hope.

Congregation: **We believe in the blessed Hope, which is the rapture of the Church of God, which is in Christ, at His return.**

We affirm our faith in repentance.

Congregation: **We believe that the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious Blood of Jesus Christ.**

We affirm our faith in salvation.

Congregation: **We believe that regeneration by the Holy Ghost is absolutely essential for personal salvation.**

We affirm our faith in Jesus Christ.

Congregation: **We believe that the redemptive work of Christ on the Cross provides healing for the human body in answer to believing prayer.**

We affirm our faith in the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: **We believe that the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4, is given to believers who ask for it.**

We affirm our faith in sanctification.

Congregation: **We believe in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy and separated life in the present world.**


THE SEAL OF THE BISHOP
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Sunday, the Fourth Day of December,
Two Thousand and Twenty-One Anno Domino
at Six-O'clock In The Evening

The Service of Episcopal Consecration and Installation

WORSHIP LEADER:
BISHOP LAWRENCE M. WOOTEN
Second Assistant Presiding Bishop
Prelate, Eastern Missouri Western Jurisdiction

THE ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP

The Organ Prelude

THE LEADER:	Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness. Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.
THE PEOPLE:	Declare His glory among the heathen; His marvelous works among all nations. For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised: He also is to be feared above all gods.
THE LEADER:	Give unto the Lord, ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord glory and strength. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
THE PEOPLE	Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice: and let men say among the nations, The Lord reigneth. Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof: let the fields rejoice, and all that is therein.
THE LEADER:	Then shall the trees of the wood sing out at the presence of the Lord, because he cometh to judge the earth.
ALL:	O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good; for his mercy endureth forever.

Psalm 48:1&2, 1 Chronicles 16:24&25, 28-31, 32-34 (KJV)

The Invocation

The Right Reverend Prince E. W. Bryant, Sr.
GENERAL BOARD MEMBER
Prelate, Texas South Central Jurisdiction

Scripture Reading

Bishop John Mark Johnson
Prelate, Missouri western Second Jurisdiction

Hymn	**"Leave It There"**	**Dr. Myron Williams** *International Minister of Music* *Texas Northeast Fourth Jurisdiction, Bishop Nathiel Wells, Prelate*
The Affirmation of Faith		**The Right Reverend Charles H. McClelland** GENERAL BOARD MEMBER *Prelate, Wisconsin Northwest*
The Anthem Choir		**The C. H. Mason Memorial Choir** *Dr. Myron Williams International Minister of Music* *Texas Northeast Fourth Jurisdiction, Bishop Nathiel Wells, Prelate*

THE SACRED MINISTRY OF GIVING

The Ministry of Music	**The C. H. Mason Memorial Choir** *Dr. Myron Williams International Minister of Music* *Texas Northeast Fourth Jurisdiction, Bishop Nathiel Wells, Prelate*

THE VOICE OF OUR LEADER
HIS EMINENCE, THE MOST REVEREND J. DREW SHEARD
Presiding Bishop and Chief Apostle
Church Of God In Christ, Inc., Eighth in Succession

☙ The Presentation of the Messenger ❧

The Sermonic Selection	**The C. H. Mason Memorial Choir** *Dr. Myron Williams International Minister of Music* *Texas Northeast Fourth Jurisdiction, Bishop Nathiel Wells, Prelate*
THE HOMILY	**BISHOP GUY GLIMP** *Jurisdictional Prelate* *Pennsylvania Commonwealth Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction*
The Invitation	
The Ministry of Music	**The C. H. Mason Memorial Choir** *Dr. Myron Williams International Minister of Music* *Texas Northeast Fourth Jurisdiction, Bishop Nathiel Wells, Prelate*

The Service of Episcopal

Consecration & Installation

His Grace, The Most Reverend J. Drew Sheard

Presiding Bishop,
Chief Consecrator and Celebrant

1 Timothy 3:1-7 *This is a true saying, if a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.* [2] *A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach;* [3] *Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;* [4] *One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;* [5] *(For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)* [6] *Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.* [7] *Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.*

Preface to the Ordinal

The Holy Scriptures and ancient Christian writers make it clear that from the apostles' time, there have been different ministries within the Church. In particular, since the time of the New Testament, three distinct orders of ordained ministers have been characteristic of Christ's holy *(universal)* Church. First, there is the order of bishops who carry on the apostolic work of leading, supervising, and uniting the Church. Secondly, associated with them are the presbyters, or ordained elders, in subsequent times generally known as priests. Together with the bishops, they take part in the governance of the Church, in the carrying out of its missionary and pastoral work, and in the preaching of the Word of God and administering His holy Sacraments. Thirdly, there are deacons who assist bishops and elders in all of this work. It is also a special responsibility of deacons to minister in Christ's Name to the poor, the sick, the suffering, and the helpless.

The persons who are chosen and recognized by the Church as being called by God to the ordained ministry are admitted to these sacred orders by solemn prayer and the laying on of Episcopal hands. It has been, and is, the intention and purpose of this Church to maintain and continue these three orders; and for this purpose these Services of Ordination and Consecration are appointed. No persons are allowed to exercise the offices of bishop, priest or elder, or deacon, or wear their insignia in this Church unless they are so ordained, or have already received such ordination with the laying on of hands by bishops who are themselves duly qualified to confer Holy Orders.

It is also recognized and affirmed that the threefold ministry is not the exclusive property of this portion of Christ's universal Church, but it is a gift from God for the nurture of His people and the proclamation of His Gospel everywhere. Accordingly, the manner of ordaining in this Church is to be such as has been, and is, most generally recognized by Christian people as suitable for conferring the sacred orders of Bishop, Elder, and Deacon.

The Service of Episcopal Consecration

THE PRESIDING BISHOP

CHIEF CONSECRATOR

(The Order of Worship completed and the Word of God having been preached, the Service of Consecration begins. The Presiding Bishop will summon the candidates to the main altar for consecration.)

The Presentation

(The Chairman of the Board of Bishops shall present the Candidates to the Presiding Bishop saying:)

"YOUR GRACE, BY THE WILL OF GOD WE PRESENT THESE CANDIDATES TO YOU FOR PUBLIC CONSECRATION TO THE SACRED OFFICE OF JURISDICTIONAL BISHOP AND AUXILIARY BISHOP IN THE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST."

(Having received the candidates, the Presiding Bishop begins the charge:)

The Charge

"The Church of God in Christ has expressed confidence in you, in your character, in your devotion to Christ and the Church, and in your ability to direct the affairs and promote the general interests of the entire Church in that she has signally honored you by selecting you to this high office."

"The Apostle Paul warns that a Bishop must then be blameless, the husband of one wife...vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach. Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil."

The General Assembly of the Church of God in Christ has assigned to you as Bishop, the following duties:

- To uphold, obey and defend the Word of God.
- To obey and defend the Constitution of the Church of God in Christ.
- To function as the Administrative Head of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction to which you are assigned.
- To seek out and discover, in cooperation with your District Superintendents and Congregations, a suitable Pastor for each Congregation under your care.
- To encourage Ministerial Improvements and Leadership Training by planning Pastors Study Groups, In-Service-Training, Ministerial Retreats and Supporting the Charles Harrison Mason System of Bible Colleges.
- To inspire the Pastors to spiritual growth and personal improvement for more effective witnessing for Christ and His Kingdom.
- To encourage visitation among the Pastors in the homes, hospitals and penal institutions.
- To stimulate, by your life example, as well as, by your preaching, the outlook and vision of your people and inspire them to holy living and more dedication to the total program of the Church.
- To submit yourself to your Superiors in the church with all prayerful humility and by your example, teaching those under your charge to do the same.
- To seek out communities in your Jurisdiction into which a Christian Witness might be effective.

The Inquiry

The Presiding Bishop:

"In as much as the Holy Scriptures enjoin that no man be placed hastily in supervision of the affairs of God's Holy Church and in order that those here may know your mind and purpose concerning this Sacred office will you, in the fear of God, answer the questions we ask you in the name of Christ and His Church?"

ANSWER: "I WILL"

"Will you endeavor to live soberly, righteously and godly as a Bishop in the Church so that you may be an example to all others in Christian living?"

ANSWER: "I WILL, BY THE HELP OF GOD."

"Will you instruct those who come under your charge, in the Word of God to the edification of the whole church?"

ANSWER: "I WILL DO SO, THE LORD BEING MY HELPER."

"Will you give diligence to faithfully perform all the duties assigned to you as Bishop of the Church of God in Christ as directed by your Superiors?"

ANSWER: "I WILL, BY THE HELP OF GOD."

"Will you ever seek, in true humility, to deal justly and kindly with your brethren in the ministry and with all others over which you shall be placed as Bishop?"

ANSWER: "I WILL DO SO BY THE HELP AND GRACE OF GOD, THE HOLY SPIRIT BEING MY STRENGTH."

The Acceptance

(The candidates will now turn and face the standing congregation)

The Presiding Bishop:

"Saints of Christ: Do you under God, accept these men into this office and will you give them your cooperation, support and prayers as they seek to carry out the responsibilities of this office?"

ANSWER: "WE WILL DO SO, GOD BEING OUR HELPER."

The Investiture

The Right Reverend Dickerson L. S. Wells
ADJUTANT GENERAL

The Ring: The Symbol of priestly authority.

The Cassock: The robe which is worn during the service, is the symbol of an Elder and Servant. The Bishop is first and foremost, a Servant and one among his brethren.

The Cincture: This Garment is a symbol of Christ. It speaks of the Bishop's willingness to "wash his brethren's feet" pursuant to the example of His Lord.

The Rochet: This white linen Garment is a symbol of the Priesthood. Aaron's Ephod is found in the book of Leviticus and is a reminder to the Bishop that his role as Celebrant and Worship Leader is prominent in the total Mandate of the Office.

The Chimere: This Garment is a symbol of a Prophet. The Bishop of the Church becomes the Chief Defender of the faith and the Preacher of the doctrines in his Jurisdiction. This is one symbol that sets him apart from Elders, for he alone wears this Mantle of Office.

The Tippet: The tippet is the symbol of a slave. It is the tippet that binds the Bishop to his Church. Inscribed on the tippet, is the seal of the Church of God in Christ, Inc., and the Seal of the Bishop. They are the symbols of Jurisdiction or Assignment. The tippet signifies that the Bishop is a man under authority.

The Pectoral Cross: This Cross of Gold is hung around the Bishop's neck as a symbol of his imprisonment for Christ. The Bishop is hereby officially inducted into the College of Bishops.

The Installation of the Bishop

(The Presiding Bishop now places the Tippet about the neck of the newly appointed Bishop and makes the following declaration)

The Presiding Bishop:

"MY BROTHERS, IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE GREAT HEAD OF THE CHURCH AND BY THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHURCH I DO HEREBY INSTALL YOU AS A BISHOP OF THE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST."

(The newly installed Bishops now kneel at the main altar)

The Prayer of Consecration

The Right Reverend Michael E. Hill, Sr., General Board Member,
Assistant Secretary to the General Board, Prelate, Great Lakes First Jurisdiction

(The newly installed Bishops will rise.)

The Prayer of Benediction

The Right Reverend Lawrence M. Wooten
SECOND ASSISTANT PRESIDING BISHOP
Prelate, Eastern Missouri Western Illinois Jurisdiction

“These are the men whom the Lord delighteth to honor”



2021 Jurisdictional Bishop Designates

2021 Auxiliary Bishop Designates

2021 Episcopal Assignments

2021 Jurisdictional Bishop Designates

Bishop Designate Willie L. Bonner, Jr.
Prelate, Tennessee Eastern Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Lucky C. Donuwe
Prelate, Nigeria West Africa Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Muhangenu H. Ghilain
Prelate, Democratic Republic of Congo First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Nate' M. Jefferson
Prelate, Portugal Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Alvin C. Moore, Jr.
Prelate, Washington State Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Alan G. Porter
Prelate, St. Croix Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Kenneth E. Preston
Prelate, Mississippi Southern Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate William A. Prioleau
Prelate, South Carolina Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

2021 Auxiliary Bishop Candidates

Bishop Designate Edward A. Coles
Auxiliary Bishop, Washington D.C. Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Cornelius H. Evans
Auxiliary Bishop, New Jersey New Garden State Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Lester T. Evans
Auxiliary Bishop, Michigan Great Lakes First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Joseph Fisher
Auxiliary Bishop, Tennessee Central Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate J.C. Forrest
Auxiliary Bishop, New York Eastern Fifth Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Joseph Jackson
Auxiliary Bishop, Texas Northeast Metropolitan Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

2021 Auxiliary Bishop Candidates (continued)

Bishop Designate James I. Johnson, Jr.
Auxiliary Bishop, Virginia Third Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Mitchell L. Jones
Auxiliary Bishop, Ohio Northwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Christopher E. Martin, Sr.
Auxiliary Bishop, Michigan North Central Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate George A. Martin, Sr.
Auxiliary Bishop, California Southern Third Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Shadrach D. Martin
Auxiliary Bishop, Missouri Midwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Harold D. Reed, Sr.
Auxiliary Bishop, Arkansas Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Bernard Reese
Auxiliary Bishop, New Hampshire Greater Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Dennis Riley, Jr.
Auxiliary Bishop, Oklahoma Southeast Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate David A. Sanders
Auxiliary Bishop, Illinois First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Clarence L. Sellers, Jr.
Auxiliary Bishop, Virginia Fifth Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate David T. Whittley
Auxiliary Bishop, Illinois Midwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

2021 Episcopal Assignments

Bishop Charles Glenn Nauden
Prelate, California Southern Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Bishop Clarence Lewis Sexton, III
Prelate, New York Eastern Fourth Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

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2021 Jurisdictional Bishop Designates



Bishop Designate
Willie L. Bonner, Jr.
Prelate, Tennessee Eastern Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Willie Lee Bonner, Jr. is a native of Cowan, Tennessee and the son of the late Willie Lee Bonner, Sr. and Lille Ruth Bonner. During his tenure in the ministry, he has received additional training from Liberty Bible College and Seminary, Moody Bible College, and the University of the South, Sewanee, TN. Bishop Designate Bonner was saved and filled with the precious Holy Ghost in 1973; he was called to preach in 1976 and then ordained by the late Bishop Audley King in 1977. "Watchman on the Wall for Christ", in 1981, Bishop Designate Bonner founded and continues to Pastor the New Hope COGIC ministry located in Cowan, TN. To his credit, his accomplishments include the following: 45 years' Ordained Pastoral Elder; 40 years' Pastoral Leadership; 36 years' District Superintendent; 30 years' Bonner's Recycling and Trucking Company, Owner and Operator; 21 years' Financial Treasurer; Ten years' COGIC National Resolution Committee; Five years' Associate Pastor; Two years' Administrative Assistant to the Jurisdictional Bishop; Acquisition of numerous properties and facilities; and Outreach & Benevolent Mission Projects. As one of God's soldiers, a chosen vessel, Bishop Designate Bonner is determined to be ever faithful and always in prayer for the multitude. He is the Administrative Assistant for Tennessee Eastern Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, Church of God in Christ; Superintendent of the Audley King District, and member of Tennessee Eastern Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Executive Board. He also serves as the Vice Chair of the National Resolution Committee for the Church of God in Christ. In his capacity as Bishop Designate Bonner of New Hope COGIC, the ministry focus is the teaching and preaching of the gospel, while educating men, women, and our youth that God's desire is that they live a life of Holiness and Sanctification, living and maintaining a healthy and balanced lifestyle by following the direction found in God's word. Through his tireless efforts, souls are being saved and revived, hearts are inspired, and minds are being spiritually enlightened. A true believer, Bishop Designate Bonner, allows God to be the cornerstone in his life as he leads God's people spiritually through His word. Bishop Designate Bonner is married to Mother Verna M. Bonner (former Supervisor of the TN Eastern Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction), and in this union they were blessed with three children: Elder Leo (Trina) Bonner, Evangelist Tina D. Bonner, and Minister Ivan (Diane) Bonner; three grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Bishop Designate
Lucky Chukwunyenum Donuwe
Prelate, Nigeria West Africa (Miracle) Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Biographical Sketch Unavailable

Bishop Designate
Muhangenu H. Ghilain
Prelate, Democratic Republic of Congo First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction



Bishop Muhangenu Hichika Ghilain was born in Kolwezi District D.R. Congo an December 31,1966. He is one of twelve children of Bishop H. Mayuke and Mother Godelive Mayuke. He has been the blessed recipient of Holy instruction and guidance at the feet of his father Bishop Mayuke, who implanted the Church of God in Christ in D.R. Congo, Central Africa in 1975 . This Holly instruction and guidance led him to accept Christ at age 14. He was saved in 1985 under his father's ministry at Victory Temple COGIC Lubumbashi and filled with the Holy Ghost in the same year. He has licensed and ordained by the Pastor Missionary Emmanuel Lwaga in1990. He has been faithful to the charge given to him by the Church Board. He was Evangelist in charge of Youth. ministry where he worked hard, organizing conferences, bible studies, evangelical seminaries, He brought revival in COGIC D.R. Congo . Bishop Ghilain helped many people during his ministry, bringing many to Christ to serve God, to be saved organized the Church and the Church grew his faithful service caused his appointment as Jurisdiction Bishop of the First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of COGIC D.R. Congo in Lubumbashi. He was appointed as Pastor, District Superintendent, Assistant to Bishop Mayuke when this one had an accident during his Missionary trip inside of the country. He is Graduated at Baptist Theology university in Lubumbashi. He is married to Mrs. T. Nelly and has ten children.

Bishop Designate
Nate' M. Jefferson
Prelate, Portugal Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction



Bishop Designate Nate' M. Jefferson serves as the Senior Pastor and Founder of the All Nations C.O.G.I.C in Columbia South Carolina. Bishop Designate Jefferson was ordained in 1999 under the leadership of Bishop Leroy Jackson Woolard (Greater NC Jurisdiction COGIC).

He served in the Jurisdiction of Brazil South America for 11 years under his spiritual father the late Bishop Samuel L. Moore. Bishop Designate Jefferson continued to serve the Brazil Jurisdiction under the leadership of Bishop Terence P. Rhone. Bishop Designate Jefferson served as the First Administrative Assistant in the Brazil Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction COGIC and District Superintendent of District 5 in Salvador Bahia Brazil where he has constructed and built the "New Jerusalem Men's Rehab Facility". Bishop Designate Jefferson serves stateside in the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of South Carolina, where he operates as the Overseer of Protocol under the leadership of Bishop Emeritus Johnnie Johnson and General Supervisor Emerita Mother Willie Mae Rivers. Bishop Designate also serves as the Vice president of COGIC World Missions, Executive Board Member for the International Prayer Ministry and establishmentarian of the Portugal Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction. Bishop Designate Nate' M. Jefferson has received numerous, notable accolades, past and present, to include but not limited to: Vice- Chairman of Executive Board International Evangelism Dept. COGIC; CEO, Food for Sole Foundation - Columbia, South Carolina; Executive Assistant to the Bishop, COGIC Brazil Jurisdiction; District Superintendent, Salvador Bahia Brazil COGIC; Jurisdictional Secretary, COGIC Brazil; Adjutant Overseer of Protocol, COGIC South Carolina Jurisdiction; Featured in Gospel Today Magazine as one of the "Most Loved Pastors in America"; Executive Director and Partner of C&J Healthcare, Gastonia NC. He has been married for 21 years to Evangelist Missionary Tarsha Jefferson. He is the father of three children: Talysha, Chase and Lauryn, who are also actively engaged in the work committed to the charge of Bishop Designate Jefferson.



Bishop Designate
Alvin C. Moore, Jr.
Prelate, Washington State Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Alvin C. Moore, Sr. was born and raised in Seattle, Washington and is third generation Church of God in Christ. At the age of 17 he had a personal encounter with the Lord and accepted Him as his personal savior under the leadership of the late Pastor Russell Byrd, Jr. and shortly after was filled with the Holy Ghost.

After graduating High School, he joined the U.S. Air Force and after 20 years of honorable service to his country God blessed him to retire! He is also a retired Public-School Teacher. He holds two Associate Degrees and a Bachelor Degree; this education/training coupled with prayer, fasting and the Godly training of his parents and grandparents (the late Deacon Alvin S. Moore, District Missionary Alice M. Moore, Pastor Russell Byrd Sr. and Mother Inez Byrd) has prepared him for such a time as this. He is the founder of the Jubilee Church of God in Christ (Everett, WA) and the Northern Fellowship District. He has been married to Dr./Evangelist Maria E. Moore for 31 years and together they have two adult children, (Alvin Moore Jr. and Alice Hicks (David) and one grandson (Silas). After accepting his call into the ministry, Bishop Designate Moore was Licensed in the Church of God in Christ as a Minister and an Evangelist by the late Bishop Archie Buchanan (Okinawa Japan) and Ordained an Elder by the late Bishop Carruth Hall (Las Vegas, NV). He has also served in numerous positions throughout the church and on various levels to include Assistant Jurisdictional Sunday School Superintendent / Jurisdictional Evangelism President / Jurisdictional Missions Department President, Regional Missions Department President. After serving for four years as an assistant to the late Jurisdictional Secretary, 1st Administrative Assistant Edgar Gray, Jr. he was promoted to be the next Jurisdictional Secretary and served with distinction in this position until being selected as the become next Prelate. He is the sixth in succession and is on a mission for God and has traveled worldwide doing the work of the Lord. He selflessly loves God, His people, and His word. He says that his calling has him on a mission to teach, preach, lead and "Proclaim Liberty Throughout The Land" to people of all ages, races, colors and creeds; assisting them with the implementation of God's Word as a way of life!



Bishop Designate
Alan G. Porter
Prelate, St. Croix Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Alan G. Porter was born and raised in Washington, D.C., where he received the Lord Jesus at an early age. He began ministering at thirteen years old. In 1981, made history as the youngest ordained elder in the Church of God in Christ, Washington, D.C. Jurisdiction, under the late Bishop Samuel Kelsey.

Alan G. Porter has served in various organizational positions and assignments, such as, Assistant Jurisdictional Secretary, State Program Chairman, Special Assistant to State Sunday School Superintendent and currently serves as Special Assistant to the General Secretary of the Church of God in Christ.

Alan G. Porter established the Abundant Life Worship Center Church of God in Christ in 1986 in Washington, DC. In 2002 he founded and established the Cathedral of Life in Temple Hills, MD (now The Connecting Place Metro), where he continues to serve as Senior Pastor. He was appointed as Executive Pastor of the Greater Salem Church (now The Connecting Place) in Charlotte, North Carolina in 2008 and installed as Senior Pastor in 2011. Alan G. Porter in 2019 became a part of the Greater Maryland First Jurisdiction Church of God in Christ, Bishop Joel H. Lyles Jr., Jurisdictional Bishop.

Alan G. Porter's educational accomplishments include graduating from Charles Harrison Mason Bible College in Washington, D.C., an undergraduate degree in business management and a Master of Divinity degree from Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University in Richmond, VA. Currently, he is a Ph.D. Candidate at Regent University in Virginia Beach, VA.

Alan G. Porter resides in Charlotte, NC with his wife Lady Annette R. Porter

Bishop Designate
Kenneth E. Preston
Prelate, Mississippi Southern Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction



But the Lord said unto him, go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me (Acts 9:15). For many are called; but few are chosen (Matthew 20:16). Pastor Kenneth Edward Preston was saved under the ministry of the Late Bishop J. D. Husband and his Pastor, the late Bishop J. E. Eaton. At the age of nineteen, he was ordained and sent to Pastor his first church in Edwards, Mississippi by the Late Bishop Theo Davis in August, 1976. He is currently the Pastor/Founder of the Miracle Temple Evangelistic Church of God in Christ, in Jackson, Mississippi, celebrating over thirty-four (34) years of Ministry.

Pastor Preston is a graduate of Jackson State University, receiving his BS Degree in Finance & Banking - 1977. He is a graduate of the C. H. Mason System of Bible Colleges -1977. He is, also a graduate of the American Institute of Banking (AIB). He was the Owner/Executive Director of the MTEC Child Care Services, Inc. in South Jackson for over 33 years. Bishop Designate Preston is co-owner of the Prestod Consultant Services, along with his wife, Assistant Supervisor Dorothy Preston.

Pastor Preston served as an Administrative Assistance to the late Bishop A. V. Jordan; as his Personal Secretary for over 15 years; and as Financial Secretary of the Mississippi Southern Second Jurisdiction. He previously served as Executive Secretary of the MSSCOGIC Jurisdiction under the Late Bishop Elson McDowell, in its infancy stage. He, also, worked in the National Secretary's Office during the tenure of Bishop German Ross. For many years, he worked with the late General Board Bishop J. D. Husband's National Evangelistic Team. Pastor Preston has a tremendous love for the church and has devoted his life to church ministries and the total work of God. His motto is I Cor. 11:1 – "Be ye followers of me as I, also, am of Christ."

Bishop Designate
William A. Prioleau
Prelate, South Carolina Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction



William A. Prioleau received Jesus Christ as his personal savior at an early age, and even then, he knew God was calling him to special service. He accepted his call to the Gospel ministry in 1966 and was ordained in 1973. While living in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, he became a student and graduate of the American Bible College Extension Program.

As a servant leader, ministering to pastors, congregations, and his jurisdictional leadership, Pastor Prioleau has served the South Carolina Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction in various capacities, which include the following: 1st Administrative Assistant (37 years); Chairman of Budget and Finance (9 years); Southeastern District Superintendent (26 years); Pastor of Evening of Prayer Church of God in Christ (46 years); and multiple interim appointments in the leadership positions of Superintendent and Pastor. Under his headship, Pastor Prioleau has led Evening of Prayer in becoming a ministry having multimillion-dollar assets and initiating numerous social and mission programs which assist the community.

Pastor Prioleau is a man of prayer and the Word, a man of vision and purpose. He loves God and His prized creation, mankind, serving as a mentor, spiritual father, and influencer to those within and outside the Body of Christ. He is well-respected in his community and known for his mission-minded outreach, locally and globally, having a genuine care for the souls and well-being of others. Truly anointed to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ and minister to the needs of people, his soul-enriching messages effectively deliver healing, strength, and comfort.

Pastor Prioleau is a family man, happily married for over 54 years to his lovely wife and best friend, Evangelist Ena M. Prioleau. Together they have four children and two grandchildren who have utilized their gifts and talents for the advancement of the Kingdom.

"These are the men whom the Lord delighteth to honor"



2021 Auxiliary Bishop Designates



Bishop Designate
Edward A. Coles
Auxiliary Bishop, Washington D.C.
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

In God's prodigious plan, Bishop Designate Edward Arnel Coles is a fourth-generation pastor in the Church Of God In Christ (COGIC). At the age of six, he had his initial experience of being saved and anointed by the Holy Spirit. Edward Coles' family moved to Washington, DC in 1957 from Roanoke, VA. In 1966, he accompanied his father, the late Dr. Lloyd C. Coles, Jr., and his mother, the late Evangelist Wilma Coles, to conduct a revival at Saints Junior College at the invitation of the late Dr. Arenia C. Mallory, President and Dean of Saints Academy in Lexington, MS. Edward Coles attended the DC Public Schools, and furthered his education at the University of the District of Columbia, Washington, DC.; the Alexandria Theological Seminary, VA; and Logos Christian College, FL. He has a B.A. in Pastoral Ministry and has been certified as an Evangelical Training Association (ETA) Instructor.

Bishop Designate Edward Coles has worked faithfully in several positions in COGIC and served 10 Bishops which includes; the late Presiding Bishop G. E. Patterson; the late General Board Bishops J. Neaul Haynes and Ted Thomas, Sr.; General Board Bishop Emeritus Roy Winbush; Bishop Joel Lyles, General Secretary; and Bishop Neavelle Coles, Prelate of Washington, DC Jurisdiction. Bishop Designate Edward Coles has been married to the lovely Zephra Shazier from Detroit, MI for 40 years. From this union, was born two sons, Brian (Claudia) and Christopher. He has a two grandchildren; Mariah and Alexander. Bishop Designate Edward Coles is a dynamic and unique loving minister of God's Word and His People.



Bishop Designate
Cornelius H. Evans
Auxiliary Bishop, New Jersey New Garden State
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Dr. Cornelius Howard Evans was educated in the Newark Public school system, previously attending middle school at Charlton Street School and Newark Vocational and Technological High School. Advancing his academic strides Cornelius attended Northeastern Bible College and received a BABL Literal arts degree in Biblical / Education. Later he attended Kean University where he obtained Masters Credits in Education. He also completed a Masters in Psychology from South Bible College and Theological Seminary. He began his teaching career in 1980 as a substitute at Avon Avenue School. After becoming a certified teacher Dr. Evans spent the next seven years teaching the 4th, 7th and 8th grades. He then transferred to South 17th Street School for 13 years. In 2000 he received a position as a Middle School coordinator under, "No Child Left Behind," In 2004 Dr. Evans served as a Suspension on Site teacher (SOS) for Mount Vernon Elementary School and retired after thirty years in education.

In 1986 Dr. Evans was elected Senior Pastor of Smith Memorial Church of God In Christ, in Newark, NJ and he continues to serve in that capacity. He was the first African American to attend Seminary of the East - Conservative Baptist Seminary and received a Masters of Divinity degree and eventually obtained a Doctorate in Philosophy of Religion after six years from Trinity College and Theological Seminary. He completed certification in psychoanalysis at Academy of Clinical and Applied Psychoanalysis in Livingston, NJ.

In 2002 Dr. Evans established the Jacqueline Spencer Memorial Counseling Center, Inc a non-profit organization in the city of Newark. The counseling center serves the community in a variety of ways such as; Anger management, grief counseling, Drug Abuse interventions and prevention, and youth programs namely "Operation Lockout Initiative."

Bishop Designate
Lester T. Evans
Auxiliary Bishop, Michigan Great Lakes First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction



Elder Lester Timothy Evans was appointed as the fifth in succession as Pastor of the Historic Indiana Avenue Church of God In Christ on May 2nd, 2004. Pastor Evans succeeded his father, the Late Bishop Ozie Alexander Evans, who himself was appointed Pastor by the Late Founder of The Church of God In Christ, Bishop Charles Harrison Mason. Pastor Evans grew up in a home with five brothers and two sisters. They were all brought up in the nurture and admonition of God. Lester gave his life and heart to Lord in October of 1972. In February of 1973, he began a career working for Chrysler Corporation, and was soon promoted to Supervisor within the material department. In August of 1976, he married Carolyn Boyer. To this union were born one son, JoVaughn, and one daughter Jenisha. Encouraged by his brother, Bishop Lewis E. Evans, Lester enrolled at William Tyndale College to further his education in religious studies. In March of 1986, he began working for The United States Postal Service as Supervisor of Customer Service, while continuing his Bachelor Degree requirements in Religious Education. Upon graduation, he continued to work in various capacities within the church, such as Vice-president of the Jurisdictional Youth Department, Chairman of the Jurisdictional Ordination Committee, as well as other areas of service. In November of 2010, Pastor Evans retired from the Postal Service, after 25 years of faithful service as Manager of Customer Service. Superintendent Lester Timothy Evans continues to serve as Senior Pastor of Indiana Avenue Church of God In Christ, and oversees a multitude of auxiliary ministries. Superintendent Evans has travelled extensively throughout Jamaica as well as other Islands within the Caribbean. He maintains a heart for the less fortunate, and presently serves as Commander of the Highland Park Police Department Chaplain Corp. Superintendent Evans also serves as Superintendent of the New Headquarters District in Great Lakes First Jurisdiction, and Administrative Assistant to Bishop Michael Eugene Hill, General Board Member.

Bishop Designate
Joseph E. Fisher
Auxiliary Bishop, Tennessee Central Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction



Joseph Edwin Fisher is the son of the late J.B. Fisher, Jr and Dessie Murphy Fisher of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He was born in Parsons, Tennessee into the Temple Church of God in Christ under the tutelage and pastor Elder S.B. Grimes. He is third generation Church of God in Christ. Dr. Fisher is a graduate of Riverside High School. He received his Baccalaureate Degree from Tennessee State University, and his Master's Degree from the University of Tennessee at Martin. He received his Doctorate from Mid-West College of Theology. He currently serves as Adjunct Professor at the University of Tennessee at Martin (Parsons Campus), city council, Vice-Mayor of the city of Parsons, and 6th District Representative of the Decatur County School Board of Education. Dr. Fisher accepted his call to the ministry in 1986. He was ordained as an elder in the Church of God in Christ in August, 1987 by the late Bishop W.L. Porter of Tennessee Central Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction. He was appointed pastor of Temple Church of God in Christ in 1989, and Superintendent of the Parsons District since January, 1991. Dr. Fisher has served several other local, jurisdictional, and national capacities with the Church of God in Christ. Some of them are: Executive Board of Tennessee Central Jurisdiction, Interim Superintendent of the Jackson District, Chairman of the Ordination Board, Dean of the W.L. Porter Institute, Interim Jurisdictional Secretary, and recently appointed Administrative Assistant to General Board Member and Jurisdictional Prelate, Bishop Brandon B. Porter of Tennessee Central. He also currently serves nationally as the President of All Saints Bible College for the Church of God in Christ in Memphis, Tennessee. One of his further accomplishments is being one of the founders of Adullam Bible College. He is married to Calla B. Fisher of Monticello, Arkansas, the first lady of Temple and district missionary of the Parsons District. They are devoted and loving parents to Juan (Beaujean) Fisher, Carissa (Larry) Crismon, and Cami Fisher and have 10 grandchildren.



.Bishop Designate
J. C. Forrest
Auxiliary Bishop, New York Eastern Fifth Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

J. C. Forrest was born on December 22, 1935 in Johnston South Carolina to George and Laura Forrest. He attended Johnston School in South Carolina and has two brothers and one sister. He also graduated from OM Kelly Training Institute. At the age of twenty he relocated to Washington D.C. where he attended a revival at Friendship Church of God in Christ, and received salvation and the baptism of the holy ghost. When Superintendent Willis went on to be with the Lord, JC Forrest experienced the call of God on his life to become a Pastor. Bishop Samuel Calsey, blessed him and then ordained him as Pastor with the name of the church God gave Pastor JC Forrest which was Solid Rock Church of God in Christ. After serving five years as Pastor, in Washington DC, the Lord spoke to him and gave him instructions to relocate to New York. He obeyed the Lord and joined Pastor Cruz at Cruz Temple Church of God in Christ in Amityville, New York. It was there that Superintendent Eddie Burn asked Pastor JC Forrest to be his Assistant Pastor. He then met his deceased wife and they were married thirty-seven years while serving as Senior Pastor of Solid Rock, Church of God in Christ for thirty-five years and yet continues to serve. Pastor JC Forrest as also served as First Marshall and Security in New York and Aide to Bishop FD Washington, Adjutant to Bishop Thiel Clemmons until his demise and then Bishop James Gaylord became his Bishop. Bishop James Gaylord appointed him Chief Adjutant. In obedience to the voice of the Lord Pastor JC Forrest then joined Bishop Harrison Hale, Superintendent of the New York Progressive Fifth District. It was there he met and married his wife, Evangelist Dora Hargrove-Forrest. Currently he is honored to serve as First Administrative Assistant to Bishop Harrison Hale, Jurisdictional Prelate with the New York Eastern Fifth Jurisdiction, Church of God in Christ.



Bishop Designate
Joseph Jackson
Auxiliary Bishop, Texas Northeast Metropolitan Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Supt. Joseph Jackson is a native of Dallas, born to the late Supt. R.M. & Ella Jackson. Supt. Jackson accepted the Lord as his personal Savior and was baptized in 1965, that same year, the Lord called him into the ministry under the leadership of his father. He currently serves as the Senior Pastor of the Historical First Pentecostal Church of God In Christ, Dallas, Texas; formerly known as Pages' Temple.

Supt. Jackson is the proud and devoted husband to Willie Burnett Jackson. They were blessed to have two children, Adair Jackson (deceased), J. Jevon Jackson (LaSunda) and three grandchildren, Davian (Alexis), DeZhane, and DeAriel.

Supt. Jackson was elevated to the position of First Administrative Assistant in 2015 for Texas Metropolitan Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction. This executive promotion was prompted by his diligent and dedicated work in the Local, State and National church. Supt. Jackson has served in the Capacity of District Superintendent, Asst. Jurisdictional Secretary, Jurisdictional Y. P. W.W. President, Executive Secretary of Jurisdictional USAC, Bishop's Advisory Council, Jurisdictional Trustee Board, Asst. Regional Coordinator for the I.Y.D. and various other positions.

God has blessed Supt. Jackson to take his ministry and love for people outside the four walls of the church. He has severed as a Chaplain for Charlton Methodist Hospital in the Pastoral Care Department for the past 10 years. His mentoring ministry has also afforded him the opportunity to be the Speaker for the Upward Bound Program at Texas A & M University, Commerce and the Baccalaureate speaker at South Oak Cliff High School. During his Ministry, he also had the honor to dine with President Nelson Mandela, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Minister Louis Farrakhan and Chicago former Mayor, Richard M. Daley for a Humanitarian Event. He was also honored as the 2010 "Unsung Hero" by ETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INC. Epsilon Chapter.

Bishop Designate
James I. Johnson, Jr.
Auxiliary Bishop, Virginia Third Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction



A "touchable Pastor and empowered leader", Administrative Assistant James I. "Jack" Johnson Jr. inspires the distressed and elite of humanity with a message of reconciliation and power. His calling of "family reconciliation" started prior to his birth in Norfolk, VA. A church mother at C.H. Mason Memorial C.O.G.I.C under the late Bishop D. Lawrence, stepped in to raise his mother, Evangelist Pearl Johnson as a baby. As a result of the church's love to his mother, the church has always represented "family."

In 1970, a Booker T. Washington H.S. graduate, he met and quickly married Mary E. Wilson. Their union has flourished into 5 decades, 5 children, and 7 grandchildren. His birth history of church relationships and biological relationships being interwoven into one family, makes no mystery his church's name, Crusade For Christ Family Worship Church, incorporates the word "family."

A love for singing and serving, Bishop Levi E. Willis Sr. established him as a premiere songster for his TV broadcast. He served under his father, Elder James I Johnson Sr. and later under the pastorate of his childhood friend, Elder Levi E. Willis, II, where he accepted the call to preach at 26. In 1981, Bishop Willis Sr. asked him to assist with a church planting in Richmond, VA. Although less than a year of purchasing his first home, he, wife, and 2 kids left everything behind to steward this great work.

Bishop Designate
Mitchell L. Jones
Auxiliary Bishop, Ohio Northwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction



Mitchell Lee Jones was born the youngest of 14 children to the late Willie & Lucille Jones on January 12, 1963. In 1988, he became a member of Miracle Temple, COGIC, under the leadership of Pastor Herman Fleming. He has served in various local & district capacities to include Chairman of the Board of Deacons, District YPWW President & Chairman of Finance. Jurisdictionally, he has worked as the State Treasurer – YPWW and a facilitator for the State Women's Convention. In 2005, he was ordained as an Elder & in August 2012, was installed by Bishop Clifford L. Kimbrough, Jr. as Pastor of Miracle Temple, COGIC and also appointed as Superintendent of the Robert L. Chapman Memorial District. He is currently the President of the State AIM Convention. The COGIC has afforded him the opportunity to serve on the National Finance Board for the Youth Department & he is the Co-Chairman of Vendors/Exhibits for the National AIM Convention.

Professionally, Supt. Jones attended Lakeland College which led to his current occupation as a Vice President/Branch manager of First Commonwealth Bank where he has been employed over 40 years. Personally, he is married to 1st Lady Nancy and they have two sons (Michael & Nathan) & have also raised their niece and nephew. They are most recently the proud grandparents of two. He is a family man, fiscally secure and eager to demonstrate his leadership in this new position.

Civic Affiliations: Ashtabula Housing Board | Ashtabula Kiwanis Club | Saybrook Zoning Board of Appeals | Joint Vocational School Advisory Board.



Bishop Designate
Christopher E. Martin, Sr.
Auxiliary Bishop, Michigan North Central Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Pastor Christopher Martin Sr. was born in Chicago, Illinois to Mother Lee E. Martin. He was saved at an early age. In 1996, under the leadership of Pastor Nathaniel Lewis of Bethlehem Church of God in Christ, he accepted his call to ministry and started preaching the gospel. Pastor Martin loved the Lord and worked diligently in the church, serving in various capacities. He had a love & passion for young people in which that led him to run and be elected in 1997 to the Flint School Board, serving as the youngest African-American ever.

Pastor Christopher Martin Sr. attended the University of Michigan-Flint; it is there where he met his best friend, Felicia. They are both graduates of UM-Flint. In 1999, he not only graduated from the University, but married the love of his life. After being led of the Lord, in the year of 2000, Pastor Martin is led to become a member of Bountiful Love Ministries Church of God in Christ. It is there where he becomes licensed as an ordained Elder. After serving on Flint School Board for several years, he became elected as the President of the Flint Board of Education, serving for 2 years in this capacity. Pastor's Martin love and vision for young people transcended beyond his community. In 2005, Bishop P.A. Brooks of the Northeast Michigan Jurisdiction, appointed him as State Youth President. On January 13, 2008, Pastor Martin opens the Cathedral of Faith Ministries Church of God in Christ. In 2009, Bishop Marvin C. Pryor of the Southwest 3 Jurisdiction, appointed him as District Superintendent of the Faith District. In 2009, Cathedral of Faith moves into their current facility, an 80,000 square ft. edifice, which houses a gymnasium, offices, 7-10 acres of land, and 350 seat sanctuary. In 2013, Pastor Martin was appointed Chairman of the Board of Superintendents under the leadership of Bishop J. Drew Sheard of the North Central Michigan Jurisdiction. In 2014, Bishop Sheard appointed him to Administrative Assistant. The Lord has His hand on this man of God.

Pastor Martin has 3 children, Elder Cameron (Breanna) Martin, Chris Martin Jr. (C.J.), and Lauren Martin and 2 grandchildren, Seven & Sovereign. Cathedral of Faith Ministries Church continues to grow and serve the community. Our motto is "Building a powerful ministry on a holy foundation by evangelizing the world in a spirit of excellence."



Bishop Designate
George A. Martin, Sr.
Auxiliary Bishop, California Southern Third Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Biographical Sketch Unavailable

Bishop Designate
Shadrach D. Martin
Auxiliary Bishop, Missouri Midwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction



Pastor Shadrach Martin was born on January 4, 1979 to the union of the (Late) Elder Larry and Anita Martin. At the age of twelve, he accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior. Pastor Martin is a fourth-generation preacher who grew up at his family's church, Martin Temple Church of God In Christ, under the leadership of his Grandfather Joseph Martin who presides as Pastor since 1981.

During his teenage years Pastor Martin began to use his gift as a musician. As time went on, he was offered many different Minister of Music positions throughout the St. Louis area. When Pastor Martin was finishing high school in 1997, he moved his membership to West End Mt. Carmel Full Gospel Baptist Church under the Leadership of Bishop George White, Jr., TH.D. There he answered the call to the Preaching of the Gospel in October of 1997 and received his Ministerial License to Preach. After graduating High School, he attended SLCC Florissant Valley in effort to obtain a degree in Music Composition and Computer Technology.

August of 2011 Pastor Martin was called to be Senior Pastor/ and Founder of the LIVE Church formally LIVE Kingdom Citizens. In 2012 Pastor Shadrach heard from God clearly to come back home to his Church of God in Christ roots. So, with much prayer he contacted Bishop Elijah Hankerson III, who at that time was an Administrative Assistant to the Late Bishop R. J. Ward. In November 2014, he was appointed as the Pastor of Martin Temple COGIC. February 24 2016, Bishop Elijah Hankerson installed Pastor Shadrach Martin as Administrative Assistant of the Missouri Midwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Superintendent of the Charles Harrison Mason District of the Church Of God In Christ Inc. Pastor Shadrach was the First Pastor in the Missouri Midwest Jurisdiction. He shares his endeavors and life accomplishments with his lovely wife, Lady Tiffani Martin and their nine beautiful children: Kyren (daughter in Love Trenice), Kenyon, Shadrach Jr., Mariah, Kyrah, Keshaun, Joshua, Princess Jurnee, Jace the Baby and one granddaughter Daisey. Pastor Martin has been instructed by God to Preach the Word, Serve God's people and to Win Souls by any means necessary. His son, Pastor Kyren Martin helps with this mission as he serves in ministry at Live Church as On–Line Pastor. The LIVE On-line Community has completely transformed the outreach ministry with live streaming and a progressive social media presence that has sparked growth in the ministry even during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Bishop Designate
Harold D. Reed, Sr.
Auxiliary Bishop, Arkansas Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction



Harold was born in St Louis, MO and educated in the St. Louis School System excelling in all areas of study.

Harold pastors The Historic Revelation Church of God in Christ in Carlisle AR and serves as an Administrative Assistant in Arkansas Second Jurisdiction, where Bishop F J Anderson is Prelate; he is also a past Deputy Adjutant General for Memorials for the National Church.

He holds a Bachelor in Education from Harris-Stowe State University and completed the Executive Leadership Program at the University of Houston as well as American Management Association courses in finance and accounting.

Harold has been married to Beverly Cole-Reed for thirty-four years. They have two Children, a son Elder Harold Jr, daughter Chelsea, daughter in law Missionary Ashley Reed and Grandchildren, Jalen and Zoie.

Harold is a retired regional food processing manager and a licensed professional funeral director. He owns Colonial Southern Services, a full service death care provider.



Bishop Designate
Bernard Reese
Auxiliary Bishop, New Hampshire Greater Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Dr. Bernard Reese, Pastor of Framingham Church of God in Christ in Framingham, Massachusetts, is a dynamic and gifted orator and educator both in the religious and secular community. A native of Queens, New York, Dr. Reese received the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance at the age of 18. Dr. Reese is active in the Church of God in Christ locally serving as Jurisdictional Secretary of the Greater New Hampshire Jurisdiction, Superintendent of the Headquarters District, Jurisdictional Dean of Education, and C.E. Blake Ministry Initiatives Jurisdiction Coordinator (formerly Urban Initiatives) under the leadership of Bishop Robert L. Webbs Sr. Regionally he serves as the Coordinator for Jurisdictional Secretaries in New England and is the Regional Director of the C. H. Mason Jurisdictional Institute in New England and the State of New York.

Dr. Reese is a retired public-school administrator and former mathematics teacher in the Worcester Public School System (Worcester, MA). He currently serves as an adjunct professor at Worcester State University (Worcester, MA), where he teaches courses in education and mathematics. A champion for equity and social justice, a professional motivational and inspirational speaker and consultant for diversity and inclusion and social justice, and serves on several community advisory boards.

Dr. Reese is married to Mrs. Sandra D. Reese, and they are very proud parents of five children, nine grandchildren, and one great-grandson.



Bishop Designate
Dennis Riley, Jr.
Auxiliary Bishop, Oklahoma Southeast Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Dennis Riley, Jr. was born on February 13, 1943 to Dennis Riley, Sr. and Effie Lee Riley in Marion, La.He graduated from East Side High School in Farmerville, La. In 1962, where he grew up under the Pasturage of the late Elder L. H. White at the Litroe C.O.G.I.C. After graduating he moved to Oakland, Ca. and joined the Mt. Sinai C.O.G.I.C. under the late Bishop G. R. Ross. He served as Jr. deacon, choir President & choir director, he also volunteered for the draft for the U.S. Armed forces and was stationed in Fort Ord, Ca. , and after basic training he was sent to St. Louis, Mo. to train for a Medical Equipment Repairman. After training he was stationed in South Carolina to work on the Medical Equipment. Later he was sent back to Fort Ord, Ca. and given an Honorable Discharge from Active Duty in 1965.

Upon returning to Oakland, Ca. went to work for General Motors Assembly Plant in Fremont, Ca. where he met and married Camille Booker and had three lovely children Steven, Angela and Juanita. He then joined the Community C.O.G.I.C. under the pasturage of the late Dr. A. J. Pugh, Sr. of the Community C.O.G.I.C., where he served as assistant pastor and Sunday School Superintendent. He also received his ministerial license under the late Dr. A. J. Pugh, Sr. 1973, in 1975 Ordained Elder under the late Bishop G. R. Ross 1975 in Oakland, Ca.

10 years later he transferred to Oklahoma City, Ok. in 1983 to General Motors Assembly Plant where he would later retire in 1993. His family I joined the Sixth and Jordan C.O.G.I.C. under the late Bishop W. E. Jefferies. He was a part of the Evangelist Dept., Trustee Board, and assisted Bishop Jefferies whenever he could. Dr. M. Coby was elected pastor after the passing of Bishop Jefferies in 1988. Dr. Supt. Dennis Riley served as Administrative Assistant, Evangelist President, and was chairman of the Trustee Board. He was appointed to Greater Coates Temple C.O.G.I.C. in Spencer, Ok. In 1994, and later appointed District Supt. of the Byrd Memorial District in 2003 by the late Bishop F. D. Lawson, Jr. Dr. Supt. Dennis Riley received an Honorary Doctor of Divinity of Degree in 2009 in the Humane Letters Fellowship Bible Institute Tulsa, Ok.

He is presently the pastor of Greater Coates Temple C.O.G.I.C. where he has pastored for 27 years, District Supt., Chairman of the Ordination Board, and the 1st Administrative Assistant of the Oklahoma Southeast Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction.

Bishop Designate
David A. Sanders
Auxiliary Bishop, Illinois First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction



Bishop Designate David A. Sanders serves as the Assistant Financial Secretary of the Church of God in Christ, Inc. under the leadership of the International Financial Secretary, Bishop Frank A. White. He has faithfully served in the Office of the Financial Secretary for over 26 years. He also serves the President of Malcolm X College, one of the seven City Colleges of Chicago. Previously, he served under Bishop Darrell Hines as the Chief of Finance for the Int'l Men's Conference – COGIC, Inc., and as the State Financial Secretary, Assistant General Secretary and Special Assistant to the Bishop for the 6th Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Illinois under the leadership of the late Bishop William H. Bonner. Finally, he serves as the CEO & President of Sanders Consulting, Inc., a privately held financial services firm.

Bishop Designate Sanders holds a Bachelor's degree in Finance from DePaul University, Chicago, IL, a Master's Degree in of Educational Leadership from Concordia University, and is a doctoral candidate at Concordia University - Chicago.

Married to the former Felicia R. Hooker, Elder Sanders is a dedicated father of three and grandfather of five. He and his wife reside in Chicago, IL.

Bishop Designate
Clarence L. Sellers, Jr.
Auxiliary Bishop, Virginia Fifth Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction



Auxiliary Bishop Designate Clarence L. Sellers, Jr. was born July 11, 1976, to Chief Apostle Clarence L. Sellers Sr. & the late Apostle Norvice G. Sellers. As a young child, Bishop Designate Sellers embraced his parents' teachings of holiness as a way of life and developed a love for reading and studying God's Word. At the young age of 16, Bishop Designate Sellers began serving with his father in ministry and preached his initial sermon from the book of Revelations. His love for the Word of God led him to attend the Billy Graham School of Evangelism, Norfolk Seminary College, where he earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Biblical Studies, and he is currently attending CH Mason Theological Seminary at ITC in Atlanta Georgia to earn a Master of Divinity degree. On November 29, 2018, Bishop Designate Sellers also married his beautiful bride Lori Sellers, and they have a blended family of five children and three grandchildren together.

Although Bishop Designate Sellers has been in ministry for 29 years, he began his journey as a Pastor and founded the Dominion COGIC in Chesapeake, Virginia in July 2007. Several years later, as his father transitioned to Florida, he assumed the office of Pastor of the Mt Tabor COGIC, in Smithfield, Virginia. This fall, he will be opening the Dominion NOVA Church in Alexandria Virginia. Bishop Designate Sellers loves the Church of God in Christ and has faithfully served in all levels. In January 2010, Bishop Designate Sellers was appointed Superintendent of the New Covenant District in Virginia. He also currently serves as the Administrative Assistant to Bishop Dwight L. Green, Sr., Jurisdictional Prelate of Virginia 5th Jurisdiction; the Vice President of the International Evangelism Department of the COGIC; and, was recently appointed as the Senior Executive Assistant to the Presiding Bishop. Bishop Designate Sellers was formerly the Director of Positive Direction for Youth at Evangel Fellowship COGIC, under the tutelage of the late Bishop Otis Lockett Sr.; National Adjutant in the Church of God in Christ; Youth Church President of International COGIC AIM Convention, and was a member of the Rules Committee General Assembly of the COGIC.



Bishop Designate
David T. Whittley
Auxiliary Bishop, Illinois Midwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Superintendent David Todd Whittley is married to First Lady Dr. Chandra Whittley, who serves steadfastly as a ministry partner in the church, community, and home. They are the proud parents of David Jonathan and Sydney Nicole. He is the youngest son of Elder Robert Whittley Sr. and Supervisor Mother Dr. LuVonia Whittley. Pastor Whittley is the Senior Pastor of the historic Corinthian Temple Church of God in Christ (Chicago, IL) founded by the late Auxiliary Bishop Bennie L. Allison. Under his dynamic leadership of 17 years, the church has experienced phenomenal growth in ministry and membership, as it continues to positively impact the community.

Pastor Whittley is a dedicated servant leader. Jurisdictionally, he serves as the First Administrative Assistant, Program Chairman, and District Superintendent for the Bishop Bennie Allison Faith District under the leadership of General Board Member Bishop Darrell L. Hines. He served in numerous capacities nationally, most notably as National Director of Scholastic Motivation Ministries (SMM) for over 10 years.

In the realm of community service, Pastor Whittley ardently serves as President of United for Better Living and as Visionary of The C.A.R.E. Project: a multi–dimensional, $18 million dollar campus that includes a 43–unit Affordable Housing Development, Social Service Center, an Educational/Recreational Facility, and Apartment Complex.

As a Civic servant, Pastor Whitley serves the City of Chicago as a mayoral–appointed Commissioner for the Chicago Public Building Commission, Chair of the 11th District Police Department Faith-Based Committee, Advisory Board member for RUSH Hospital Alive Church Network, and Board member, Westside Community Development Corporation.

"These are the men whom the Lord delighteth to honor"



2021 Episcopal Assignments



Bishop
Charles Glenn Nauden
Prelate, California Southern Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Bishop Charles Glenn Nauden was born July 5, 1946 in Wynne, Arkansas. He has been married to Cecilia A. Nauden for 42 years and is a father and grandfather. Bishop Charles Nauden, called to preach the gospel in 1969 and ordained as an Elder by Bishop Samuel M. Crouch. He attended

Life Bible College, in Glendale, California and received a Doctorate of Theology from North Carolina College of Theology. Bishop Nauden is the Founder and Pastor of Holyway Church of God in Christ, in the City of Los Angeles, California. He has served in Southern California Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction under the leadership of the beloved Bishop George Dallas McKinney. He served as First Administrative Assistant and was consecrated Auxiliary Bishop in 2011 by the Honorable Bishop Charles E. Blake.



Bishop
Clarence Lewis Sexton, Jr.
Prelate, New York Eastern Fourth Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Bishop Clarence L. Sexton, Jr. is the son of the late Bishop Clarence L. Sexton, Sr. He was born and raised in Brooklyn New York in the Brownsville and Bedford-Stuyvesant areas.

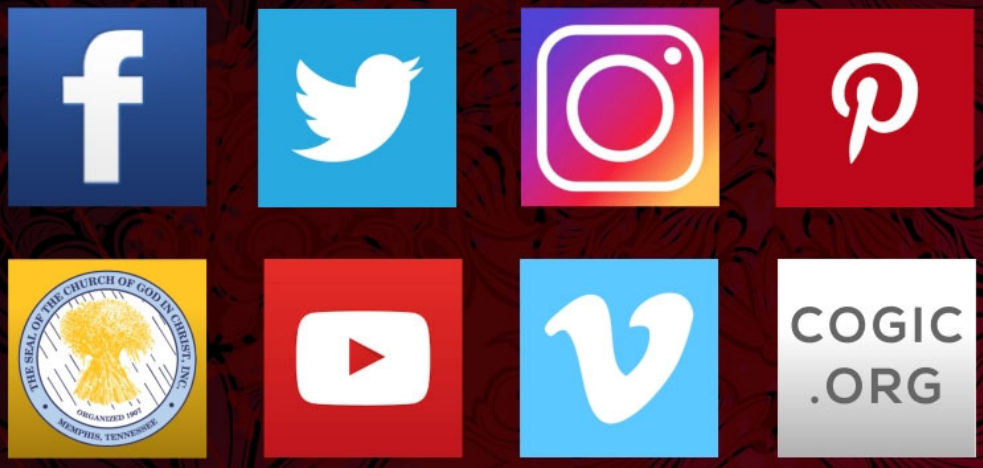
The greatest thing that ever happened in his life was receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as savior at the tender age of 15. He served in many areas of the church under the tutelage of his father as part of his development for the season he is now experiencing.

He accepted his call to ministry in 1976 and was ordained as an Elder in 1985. He was assigned his first pastorage in 1987 at the Faith Temple, C.O.G.I.C. in Brooklyn, NY. In 1991, his assignment entailed merging New Mount Carmel C.O.G.I.C. with Faith Temple in 1991. He was appointed as Superintendent of the Brooklyn West District of Eastern New York, C.O.G.I.C.

He worked closely with his father until the Lord called him to rest in 2000. He was then appointed as the Pastor of Mt Sinai Cathedral to continue his father's ministry. In 2013, a group of churches both COGIC and non COGIC approached me and beseeched me to oversee them and after much prayer and leading of God, I formed the Mountain Fellowship and it thrived until it was dissolved to accept a greater God ordained assignment.

In the secular world he spent 32 years in the banking industry. As his assignment grew in ministry he walked away for the banking industry to dedicate his energies to the God ordered assignment. He has been married for 40 years to Valerie Woolard and from this union there are two children, Clarence L. Sexton, III and Cherie Miranda Dulin. He has 5 grand-children. He continues to pastor at Mount Sinai Cathedral also known as "The Mountain" with the fervent passion of a God ordained assignment preparing the ministry for the return of the Lord.

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