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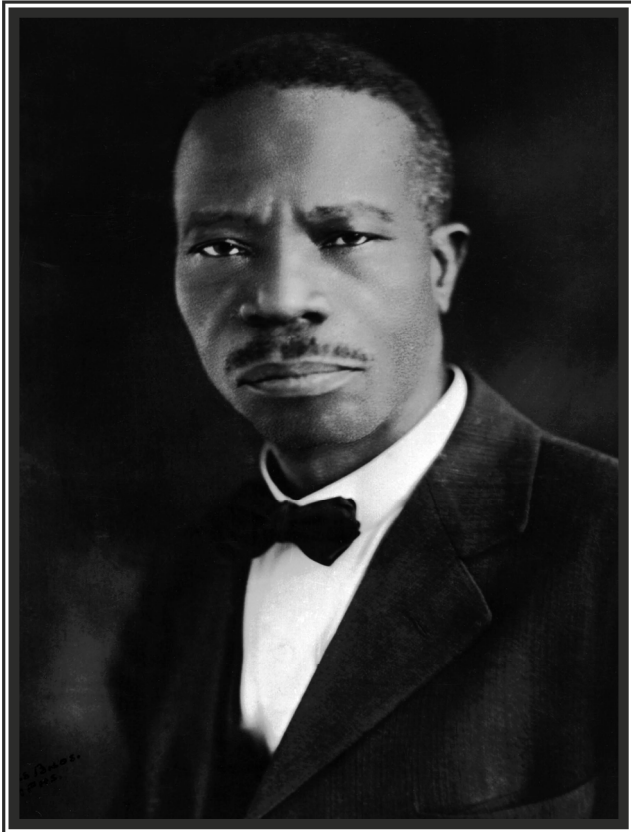
BISHOP J. DREW SHEARD | PRESIDING BISHOP & CHIEF APOSTLE



Church Of God In Christ
The Service of Episcopal Consecration
and Installation
for the
Jurisdictional and
Auxiliary Bishop Designates
to the
Sacred Office of Bishop in the Lord's Church

Monday, The Sixteenth Day of January
Two Thousand Twenty-Three
At Seven O'Clock In The Evening

HYATT REGENCY DALLAS
300 REUNION BOULEVARD | DALLAS, TX



Bishop Charles Harrison Mason

Founder, Senior Bishop and First Apostle

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 100 countries around the world.

Bishop J. Drew Sheard

Bishop John Drew Sheard was born on January 1, 1959, in Detroit, Michigan, to the late Bishop John Henry Sheard and Mother Willie Mae Sheard. He was saved at a young age under the pastorate of the late Bishop John Seth Bailey and later acknowledged his call to the Ministry.

He obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Education and a Master of Education in Mathematics from Wayne State University. In 1988 he began his pastoral Ministry at Greater Emmanuel Church. Shortly afterward, the church grew exponentially, and in May of 1992, the faithful purchased a beautiful edifice located at 16776 Southfield Road. Then, Pastor Sheard renamed the church, adding "institutional," signifying Greater Emmanuel's purpose of organizing and uniting for a particular purpose – to lead souls to Christ.

His innovative and non-traditional approaches to Ministry appeal to many and distinguish him as a ministry trailblazer. He instituted specialized ministry worship experiences such as "Holy Women in Red," "Sanctified Men in Black," and an annual leadership recognition luncheon, to name a few. His ideas propelled him to the forefront of the civic and religious community and gained him recognition as a "bridge builder" to other denominations. In 1996, Bishop Herbert J. Williams, Sr., Establishmentarian and Prelate of the Michigan North Central Jurisdiction, appointed him Superintendent of the Emmanuel District.

Bishop Sheard has worked diligently in several positions in the church, locally and nationally, and in various civic capacities, including International Youth Department President for the Church of God in Christ, Vice-Chairman of the Church of God in Christ, Inc.'s Auxiliaries In Ministries (AIM) convention, and Chairman of the Auxiliaries In Ministries (AIM) convention.

In March 1999, Bishop Sheard moved the congregation to temporary housing in Detroit until a larger edifice became available. And in March of 2002, Greater Emmanuel Institutional Church of God in Christ moved into its present facility at 19190 Schaefer Highway.

Bishop Sheard received an honorary Doctorate of Divinity degree in 2004 and, in 2007, was inducted into the prestigious Morehouse College Martin Luther King, Jr. Board of Preachers. Later, he and his wife, Lady Karen Clark-Sheard, founded Karew Records, a faith-based record label focusing on various forms of Gospel, Christian, and Inspirational music.

In January 2010, Bishop Herbert J. Williams, Sr., announced his plan to answer the call of God to "step aside and let the young man pass" after nearly 35 years as prelate. Based on Bishop Williams's recommendation and the support of a majority of the Pastors of the Jurisdiction, Bishop Sheard was elevated to the Office of Jurisdictional Bishop. Then, in 2012 he was elected to the Presidium, the General Board of the Church of God in Christ, Inc. In his November 2016 reelection bid to the General Board, he was re-elected as the second-highest vote-getter. In 2021, the delegates of the General Assembly re-elected Bishop Sheard as a member of the Presidium of the Church of God in Christ, Inc., and subsequently elected him to the Office of the Presiding Bishop as Chief Apostle, the leader of the worldwide organization.

He has been instrumental in guaranteeing humanitarian aid to Pastors affected by natural disasters, has donated thousands to recent relief efforts in Jackson, Mississippi. and led an ecumenical effort to raise over \$100,000 to support Pastors and ministry leaders during COVID-19.

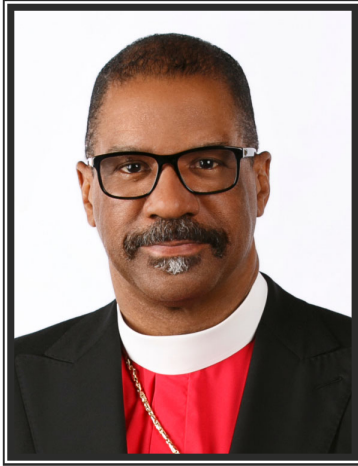
Currently, he is a Member of the Housing and Community Development Corporation in Wayne County, Michigan; The Detroit Medical Center Ministerial Advisory Council, the Executive Committee of the Urban Alliance of Michigan (UAM), and the Governor's Religious Advisory Board.

Bishop Sheard and Lady Karen Clark Sheard have two children, Kierra Sheard Kelly and John Drew Sheard, II; one son-in-love, Jordan Kelly; and two grandchildren, Jacob and Kali Drew.

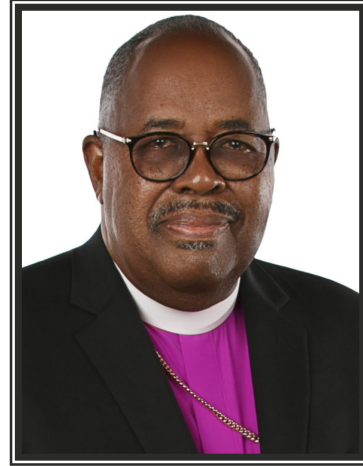
Bishop Sheard's accomplishments, coupled with his abundant love and unfeigned devotion to God and the church, instill within those who follow him the confidence that he is a leader capable of taking them to the next level of Ministry.



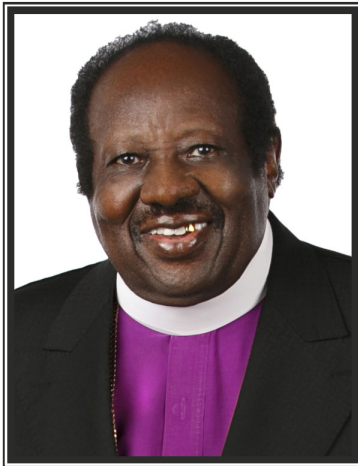
The Presidium



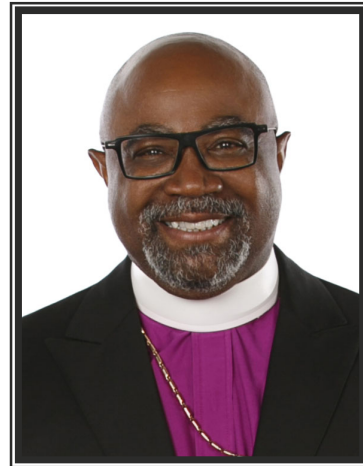
The Most Reverend
J. Drew Sheard
*Presiding Bishop & Chief Apostle
Eighth In Succession*



The Right Reverend
Jerry W. Macklin
*First Assistant Presiding Bishop
and First Vice President*



The Right Reverend
Lawrence Marcellus Wooten
*Second Assistant Presiding Bishop
and Second Vice President*



The Right Reverend
Brandon Burdett Porter
Secretary to the General Board

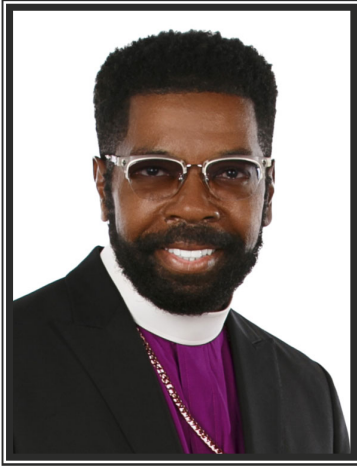


The Right Reverend
Michael Eugene Hill, Sr.
Assistant Secretary to the General Board



The Right Reverend
Sedgwick Charles Daniels

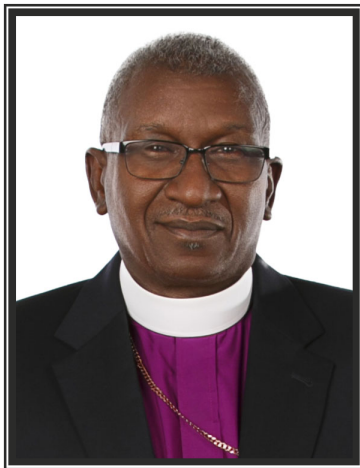
The Presidium



The Right Reverend
Darrell Lynn Hines, Sr.



The Right Reverend
Prince Earl William Bryant, Sr.



The Right Reverend
David Allen Hall, Sr.



The Right Reverend
Malcolm Winslow Coby



The Right Reverend
Charles Henry McClelland

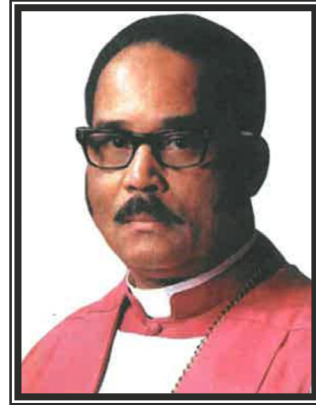


The Right Reverend
Elijah Hosea Hankerson, III

Our Former Leaders



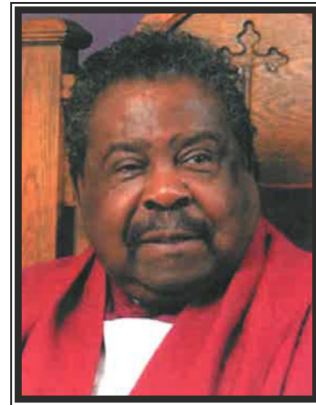
The Most Reverend
Ozro Thurston Jones, Sr.
(1891-1972)
Second Senior Bishop
Served From 1961 to 1968
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



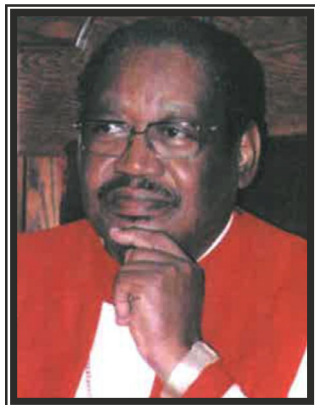
The Most Reverend
James Oglethorpe Patterson, Sr.
(1912-1989)
First Presiding Bishop
Served From 1968 to 1989
Memphis, Tennessee



The Most Reverend
Louis Henry Ford
(1914-1995)
Second Presiding Bishop
Served From 1989 to 1995
Chicago, Illinois



The Most Reverend
Chandler David Owens
(1931-2011)
Third Presiding Bishop
Served From 1995 to 2000
Atlanta, Georgia




The Most Reverend
Gilbert Earl Patterson
(1939-2007)
Fourth Presiding Bishop
Served From 2000 to 2007
Memphis, Tennessee





The Most Reverend
Charles Edward Blake, Sr.
Fifth Presiding Bishop
Served From 2007 to 2021
Los Angeles, California



Count on Me





1. The Lord has need of work-ers, to till His field to - day,
 2. I count on Thee, dear Mas - ter, for cleans-ing in Thy blood,
 3. Now gird me for the bat - tle when e - vil pow'rs op - pose,
 4. I'll bear an - oth - er's bur - den a - long a lone - ly way,


So kind - ly He has led me to walk in wis-dom's way;
 For con-stant streams of bless-ing, a nev - er - fail - ing flood;
 And give me faith and cour-age to con-quer o'er Thy foes;
 Or teach that bur - den-bear - er with con - fi - dence to pray;

I pray for grace to help me with all my heart to say,
 To ev - er - new fru - i - tion I see Thy mer-cies bud,
 I pledge Thee my al - le - giance, my soul no oth - er knows,
 In serv - ice ev - er loy - al, at home or far a - way,

O bless - ed Sav - ior, count on me.



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At seven o'clock in the Evening*

The Hyatt Regency
Dallas, Texas

The Order of Divine Worship

(+Where indicated, Please Stand)

Presiding

The Right Reverend Jerry W. Macklin
First Assistant Presiding Bishop
Prelate, California Nor-Cal Metropolitan Jurisdiction

Organ Prelude

The Apostolic Procession

Bishop Dickerson L.S. Wells
Adjutant General, Church Of God In Christ

The National Adjutancy

+The Presiding Bishop

+The First Assistant Presiding Bishop

+The Second Assistant Presiding Bishop

+The General Board

The Chairman of the General Assembly

The General Secretary

The General Treasurer

The Financial Secretary

The Vice Chairman of the General Assembly

The College of Bishops, Led by the Chairman

The Bishop Designates *(with Episcopal Escorts)*

Call to Worship

The Right Reverend Jerry W. Macklin
First Assistant Presiding Bishop
Prelate, California NorCal Metropolitan Jurisdiction

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.

Congregation: 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.

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.

Congregation: 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 fullness thereof: let the fields rejoice, and all that is therein.

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, I Chronicles 16:24 & 25, 28-31, 32-34 (KJV)

+The Invocation	The Right Reverend Prince E.W. Bryant, Sr. <i>General Board Member</i> <i>Prelate, Texas South Central Jurisdiction</i>
+Old Testament (Isaiah 40:27-31 KJV)	The Right Reverend David A. Hall, Sr. <i>General Board Member</i> <i>Prelate, Tennessee Headquarters Jurisdiction</i>
+New Testament (I Timothy 3:1-7 KJV)	The Right Reverend Charles H. McClelland <i>General Board Member</i> <i>Prelate, Wisconsin Northwest Jurisdiction</i>
+The Hymn “Count on Me”	The C. H. Mason Memorial Choir
+The Affirmation of Faith	The Right Reverend Malcolm W. Coby <i>General Board Member</i> <i>Prelate, Oklahoma Southeast Jurisdiction</i>
The Anthem	The C. H. Mason Memorial Choir
Sacred Ministry of Giving	The Right Reverend Michael E. Hill, Sr. <i>Assistant Secretary, General Board</i> <i>Prelate, Michigan Great Lakes First Jurisdiction</i>
The Presentation of the Presiding Bishop	The Right Reverend Lawrence M. Wooten, Sr. <i>Second Assistant Presiding Bishop</i> <i>Prelate, Missouri Eastern Illinois Western Second Jurisdiction</i>

The Voice of Our Leader
His Grace, The Most Reverend
John Drew Sheard
Presiding Bishop & Chief Apostle
Church Of God In Christ, Inc.

The Presentation of the Messenger

The Sermonic Selection	The C. H. Mason Memorial Choir
The Word of God	The Right Reverend Alphonso Denson, Sr. <i>Prelate, Louisiana Eastern First Jurisdiction</i>
The Invitation	The Right Reverend Elijah H. Hankerson, III <i>General Board Member</i> <i>Prelate, Missouri Midwest Jurisdiction</i>

The Service of Episcopal Consecration & Installation

His Grace, The Most Reverend J. Drew Sheard
Chief 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. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. 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 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 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 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

His Grace, The Most Reverend

John Drew Sheard

Chief Consecrator & Celebrant

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

The Presentation

(The Chairman of the College of Bishops shall present the designates to the Presiding Bishop saying:)

“Your Grace, by the will of God I present these designates 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 designates, 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?

The Bishop Designate: I will.

The Presiding Bishop: 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?"

The Bishop Designate: I will by the help of God.

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

The Bishop Designate: I will do so, the Lord being my helper.

The Presiding Bishop: 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?"

The Bishop Designate: I will, by the help of God.

The Presiding Bishop: 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?"

The Bishop Designate: I will do so by the help and grace of God the Holy Spirit being my strength.

The Acceptance

(The designates 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?"

The Congregation: We will do so, God being our helper.

The Investiture

- 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 Pectoral Cross:** This Cross of Gold is hung around the Bishop's neck as a symbol of his imprisonment for Christ.
- 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 Presiding Bishop now places Cross & Chain along with the Tippet about the neck of the newly appointed Bishop and makes the following declaration):

The Bishop is hereby officially inducted into the College of Bishops.

The Installation of the Bishop

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 Sedgwick C. Daniels

General Board Member

Prelate, Wisconsin First Jurisdiction

(The newly installed Bishops shall rise to receive the Lord's Supper)

The Holy Communion Celebration

“This do ye in remembrance of me”

The Scripture Reading (I Corinthians 11:23-32 KJV)

The Right Reverend Darrell L. Hines, Sr.
General Board Member
Prelate, Illinois Midwest Jurisdiction

The Blessing of the Elements
His Grace, The Most Reverend
John Drew Sheard
Chief Celebrant

The Purification

The Consecration and Distribution of the Hosts*

The Presiding Bishop shall serve the members of the General Board at the High Altar. The Apostles having been served, the National Adjutants will escort the newly consecrated Bishops to the Main Altar where they will receive Holy Sacrament from the Presiding Bishop.

The Issuance of Certificates of Episcopal Appointment

The Right Reverend Joel H. Lyles Jr.
General Secretary
Prelate, Maryland Greater First Jurisdiction

+The Prayer of Benediction

The Right Reverend Brandon B. Porter
Secretary, General Board
Prelate, Tennessee Central Jurisdiction

+The Recessional

In observance of the Recessional, please remain at your seat until the Presiding Bishop, the General Board and the College of Bishops have recessed.

“The blessing of the Lord be upon you; we bless you in the name of the Lord.”
Psalm 129:8 KJV



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

2023 Jurisdictional Bishop Designates

Bishop Designate George Leon Carter, Sr.
Prelate, Ohio Southern Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

***Bishop Designate Leonard Joshua Chapple, Sr.**
Prelate, Georgia Northern Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

***Bishop Designate Gilbert Isaiah Gillum, Jr.**
Prelate, Texas Covenant Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Ronald Cline Hill, Sr.
Prelate, Argentina Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Percy Joel Mullen, Sr.
Prelate, Oregon Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

2023 Auxiliary Bishop Designates

Bishop Designate Charles Gregory Glenn
Auxiliary Bishop, California Southern Fourth Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Darryl LeRoi Grant
Auxiliary Bishop, North Carolina Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Alvernis Lynell Johnson, Sr.
Auxiliary Bishop, Michigan Southwest Fifth Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Alfred Lee Nicholson
Auxiliary Bishop, Virginia Fourth Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

***Bishop Designate Anthony Jeremiah Richardson**
Auxiliary Bishop, California New Journey Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

***Bishop Designate Jonathan David Saffold, Sr.**
Auxiliary Bishop, Wisconsin Northwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Ethan Blake Sheard
Auxiliary Bishop, Michigan Southwest First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

2023 Episcopal Assignments

Bishop Robert Delonce Strong, Sr.
Prelate, Missouri Eastern Third Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

**The Bishop Designate has received an Apostolic given middle name by the Presiding Bishop.
The Apostolic name is given as a ceremonial tradition of brotherhood and purpose among the episcopates.*



Bishop Designate
George Leon Carter, Sr.
Prelate, Ohio Southern
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Elder George Carter Sr. was reared in Cleveland Ohio, along with his siblings Joe, Paula, and Gregory by their awesome mother, Missionary Dorethea Y. Carter (deceased). There in Cleveland, Ohio, the family worshipped at the East 105th St. Church Of God In Christ, under the leadership of the late Bishop F.E. Perry. After graduating from John Adams High School in 1978, George attended Ohio State University studying Business Administration. After college, he joined the U. S. Army. George met and married Benita Hookfin in 1984. From this union they were blessed with five children: Cimera, Leon, Shanice, Josh, and Danielle; they also have twelve grandchildren. Having resided in Springfield, Ohio for over twenty years under the leadership of the late Superintendent W.C.Hofkin, the family relocated to Dayton, Ohio where they currently

reside. George is employed at the Charles F. Kettering Foundation.

It was in Dayton, Ohio that the Lord began to speak to Brother Carter to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. In 2005, the Lord impressed upon him to found the Zion Temple Church Of God In Christ, where he currently pastors. Elder George Carter has served in various leadership roles within the jurisdiction such as District Superintendent, Jurisdictional Sunday School Superintendent, Assistant Chairman, and Chairman of the Jurisdictional Auxiliaries in Ministry Convention.



Bishop Designate
Leonard Joshua Chapple, Sr.
Prelate, Georgia Northern
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Leonard Chapple Sr. was born in Atlanta, GA, to the late Francis Chapple Dumas, On February the 16th, 1952. He has been married to Shelia A. Chapple for 46 years and is the proud father of six children, three girls, and three boys. He is a man of God full of wisdom, a visionary servant leader who exemplifies a Christ-like attitude as he believes in serving God by serving God's people. Bishop Designate Chapple has served the national church for over 17 years. He has served on the leadership team of the Church of God in Christ, an Urban Initiative under the leadership of Bishop Edwin Bass, the He served Church of God in Christ Leadership Conference under the supervision of Bishop Jerry W. Macklin. He presently serves as a Vice-President of Men Perfecting Men under the leadership of Bishop Michael Golden. His dedicated service and commitment in the Georgia Northern First Jurisdiction date to over 35 years of service in numerous capacities: Chairman of the Elder's Council, Superintendent of the Victory District, Urban Initiatives

Coordinator, and First Administrative Assistant. Bishop Designate Chapple is a strong advocate of education. He graduated from Beulah Heights Bible College and Beulah Heights University in Atlanta, GA, with a B. S. in Biblical Education/certified evangelical trainer/teacher/counselor and a Master of Arts in Leadership Studies. Bishop Designate Chapple has received training from leaders such as Dr. John Maxwell, President of the Maxwell company, and Pastor Jack Hanford Presiding Bishop of the Foursquare Church, as well as our own Bishop Jerry W. Macklin First Assistant Presiding Bishop of the Church of God in Christ.

Bishop Designate
Gilbert Isaiah Gillum, Jr.
Prelate, Texas Covenant
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Dr. Gilbert Gillum, Jr. is a man of utmost faith who stands on the Word of God by encouraging people to put God first while striving to become all that He has called them to be. Dr. Gillum's motto is Romans 4:20, "He staggered not at the promises of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God". Dr. Gillum was born in Kiln, Mississippi and is the fourth child of six. Dr. Gillum attended Valena C. Jones High School in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. He matriculated at Pearl River Junior College in Poplarville, Mississippi where he received an Associate in Arts degree in Technology. After receiving his Associates degree, Dr. Gillum enlisted in the United States Army. He served in the Army for twenty-six and a half years, while serving 14 of those years as an E-8 Master Sargent in the Individual Ready Reserve. After leaving the Army, Dr. Gillum continued his education at the University of Mary Hardin Baylor receiving a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Religion. He furthered his studies at Tyrannuis University College of Theology and Divinity, receiving a Master of Arts Degree; the Institute for Teaching God's Word Theological Seminary, receiving a Doctorate of Ministry degree; and the Minnesota Graduate School of Theology receiving a PhD in Clinical Pastoral Counseling.



Dr. Gillum received salvation at the age of 24. One year later, he accepted the call to preach. He was licensed to preach in 1976 and was assigned as Pastor of the Dunbar Street COGIC (now Living Word COGIC) in Waco, TX in 1984 by the late Bishop T.D. Iglehart and has remained the Pastor of Living Word COGIC for thirty-eight years. Having held numerous positions (District Superintendent, Assistant Jurisdictional Secretary, Jurisdictional Secretary and AIM Chairman), Dr. Gillum faithfully served in the Texas Southwest Jurisdiction under the late Bishop T.D. Iglehart and his successor, the late Bishop S.E. Iglehart for over forty years. During the 46 years in ministry, Dr. Gillum is known as a compassionate, loving and progressive leader in the Waco, TX area.

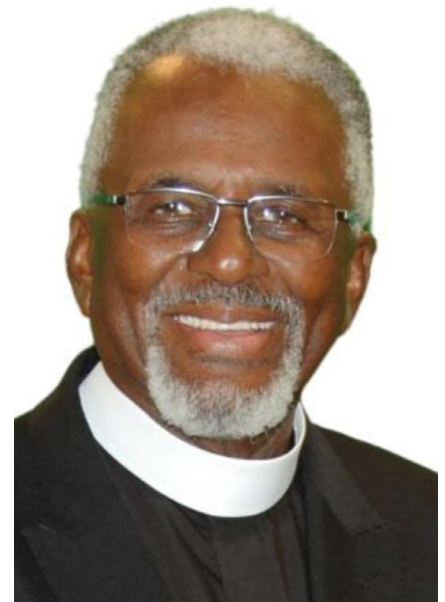
Bishop Designate
Ronald Cline Hill, Sr.
Prelate, Argentina
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Ronald C. Hill, Sr. is the visionary founder and Senior Pastor of the Love and Unity Christian Fellowship, established in November 1981. This fellowship of believers has impacted the Compton community and surrounding areas for Christ through personal evangelism, door to door witnessing, and evangelistic outreach events held throughout the year with the goal of spreading the Gospel and the love of Jesus Christ beyond the walls of the church. Bishop Designate Ronald C. Hill has been married and co-laboring together with his wife Lady Elder Osie L. Hill for 50 years. Together, they have been blessed to lead the congregation in weekly and monthly time of prayer and consecration in addition to leading by example in hosting weekly Pastor's prayer meetings and Pastor & Spouses Only Zoom prayer meetings.

The youngest of four children, Bishop Designate Hill was raised in the small town of Pittsburg, Texas. At the age of 8 years old, he accepted Jesus Christ into his life, but experienced little spiritual growth. After graduating from high school, he joined the United States Navy and completed two tours of duty in Vietnam. In 1967, he was honorably discharged and relocated to Los Angeles, California where he worked in the aircraft industry.

The following year, he accepted a job with the Southern California Transit District as a bus operator. In 1972, Pastor Hill rededicated his life to God. Shortly thereafter, the Lord instructed him to quit his job and go into ministry full-time. A year later, the Lord opened a door for Pastor Hill to become the first African-American minister to serve as full-time chaplain with the Union Rescue Mission in Los Angeles. From 1973 to 1980, Pastor Hill also served as an Evangelist and Chaplain with the Los Angeles County Probation Department.

Through hard work and faithfulness to God's calling upon his life, Pastor Hill has led the Love and Unity congregation into the importance of evangelism outside the four walls of the church. The Love and Unity Christian Fellowship has knocked on the door of every home in the city of Compton at least three times hoping to reach the community for Christ. Bishop Designate Hill operates in the characteristics of wisdom, inspiration, integrity, and faith. His messages are full of the GOSPEL with an undeniable sense of God's power being revealed to those who come to receive Christ.





*Bishop Designate
Percy Joel Mullen, Sr.
Prelate, Oregon Second
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction*

Pastor Percy Joel Mullen Sr. a native of Portland, Oregon is the 6th of 9 children born to the late Deacon Percy & Velma Mullen. He is third generation Church of God in Christ. He lost his parents and his oldest brother by the time he turned 13 years old. He loved attending church with his parents, he received the baptism of the Holy Ghost at the age of 10 and by the Grace of God he stayed with the Church. He and his 7 siblings refused to be separated after losing their parents so they stayed together in their family home and cared for each other. Graduating from Benson Polytechnical High School was an accomplishment under the circumstances, it prepared him for his secular occupation as a Quality Assurance Inspector and he is now retired.

Growing up at the Saint Paul COGIC under the Pastorship of Bishop J. C. Foster he learned to love God. The Saints of God became his parents he has never forgotten the love that was shown to him and because of their love he developed a very special love for the Saints. Under the tutelage of the Late Bishop J. C. Foster, he obtained his Elder's license, and was equipped for ministerial tasks. Which empowered him to work in several capacities of the church on the local, district and jurisdictional level. In 1995 by request and prayer he became the Associate Pastor to the late Pastor L. Franklin for 7 years at Power House COGIC, then in 2002 after the demise of Pastor Franklin he was appointed by God and installed Pastor of Power House COGIC by the Late Bishop H. B. Daniels Jr. He served as District Superintendent for Rose City District for 17 years and as Administrative Assistant for 16 years.

Pastor Percy Mullen is a man of integrity, and honor, a great man of God, described by others as a pillar of the community, he has been married to the love of his life Cynthia Marie Mullen for 44 years they have 4 children and 4 grandchildren.



Bishop Designate
Charles Gregory Glenn
*Auxiliary Bishop, California Southern Fourth
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction*

Dr. Charles G. Glenn, Pastor of King of Kings Temple Church of God in Christ (COGIC) received the Lord and also God called him into the ministry at the age of twenty. King of Kings Temple COGIC was formed and founded by Pastor Charles G. Glenn in 1984 with his late wife of 40 years, Janet (Jones) Glenn, their three sons, the Jones (his wife's family), and others joined the church. King of Kings Temple COGIC was certified and incorporated in 1985 with the State of California and the Federal government (Internal Revenue Service - IRS) as a 501 (c) 3, under Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws as a religious organization/corporation.

Dr. Glenn is the proud Pastor of King of Kings Temple Church of God in Christ, San Diego, California for over 36 years. Dr. Glenn received his Theological Education from Booker T. Crenshaw Seminary in San Diego, California, where he received his Doctorate Degree in Theology. He is an Administrative Assistant to Bishop Roy Dixon of the Southern California Fourth Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction. Dr. Charles G. Glenn, Pastor of King of Kings Temple COGIC is the author of four books and is currently on two television stations in the California area. Also, he is one of the founding members of the South East San Diego Coalition.

King of Kings Temple Church of God in Christ (COGIC) believe in God the Father, Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit) the Comforter that dwells with and within humankind to teach us all things concerning Heaven and Earth when we are baptized in the Holy Ghost/Spirit once we choose Jesus Christ as our Savior.



Bishop Designate
Darryl LeRoi Grant
*Auxiliary Bishop, North Carolina Second
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction*

Darryl L. Grant is the founding pastor of Kingdom Builders Church International, Church of God in Christ, in Charlotte, North Carolina. For twenty-one years, his commitment has been to equip people with a biblical foundation for personal living and world evangelism. Through his leadership, numerous discipleship opportunities are offered which foster spiritual growth and maturity for the believer's and new convert's walk of faith. Additionally, Kingdom Builders provides community based programs and resources that meet the needs of the vulnerable population in the Charlotte metropolitan area.

Darryl graduated from Oral Roberts University earning the Bachelor of Arts in Theology and History, the Master of Arts in Practical Theology and the Doctor of Ministry in Church Ministries and Leadership, degrees. He serves Bishop Stenneth E. Powell, Sr., Prelate of the North Carolina Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, as the First Administrative Assistant and the Superintendent of the Charlotte Metro District. His love for God is apparent in his teaching and preaching, but more importantly in his devotion to his wife, Lawanne' S. Grant, and care for his mother, Nancy J. Grant.





Bishop Designate
Alvernis Lynell Johnson, Sr.
Auxiliary Bishop, Michigan Southwest Fifth
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Alvernis L. Johnson is the founder and senior pastor of Kingdom Life Ministries International Church of God In Christ located in Saginaw, Michigan. For past forty years Bishop Designate Johnson has traveled more than 1.2 million miles preaching the gospel throughout the United States and around the world. Bishop Designate Johnson is a third-generation member of The Church Of God In Christ. He began his ministerial journey in July of 1982 when he was licensed to preach by his grandfather the late Bishop Willie Leroy Harris of Michigan Southwest First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction COGIC. Pastor Johnson is active in his local community serving on several boards and community initiatives. He has been honored with the Key to the City of Saginaw, Certificate of Recognition by the Saginaw County Board Of Commissioners and is a

recipient of the 2016 President's Lifetime Achievement Award signed by President Barak Obama.

Bishop Designate Johnson is the president and CEO of The City of Light Community Development Center a nonprofit organization which provides multiple resources the entire Great Lakes Bay Region of Michigan.

Bishop Designate Johnson serves his Jurisdiction as the First Administrative Assistant to Bishop Don W. Shelby. He has been married to the love of his life, Lady Shantell Nicole Johnson for twenty-five years. The Johnsons reside in Saginaw, Michigan along with their seven beautiful children.



Bishop Designate
Alfred Lee Nicholson
Auxiliary Bishop, Virginia Fourth
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Alfred L. Nicholson was born January 8, 1949, to the late Deacon Richard and Mrs. Ethel Nicholson in Emporia, Virginia. He was saved and filled with the Holy Ghost at the age of 26 and answered the call to ministry under the leadership of the late Pastor Redell Langston, at Bethel Church of God in Christ (COGIC), Hackensack, New Jersey. In 1979 he was ordained an Elder in the Church of God in Christ under the auspices of the late Former Presiding Bishop Chandler D. Owens, during his tenure as Prelate of the Garden State Jurisdiction, New Jersey. Elder Nicholson served at Bethel COGIC with Pastor Langston until relocating with his family to Richmond, Virginia. He along with his wife Missionary Iris Meeks Nicholson, founded Gates of Faith Ministries, COGIC in 1985. Elder Nicholson served as the Pastor, and later as Founder and Superintendent of the Richmond South District in the 3rd Jurisdiction of VA, under the late Bishop L. E. Willis Sr. He currently serves as an Administrative Assistant to Bishop G. Wesley Hardy Sr., of the Virginia 4th Jurisdiction.

Bishop Designate Nicholson's overall ministry spans 39 years and has tremendously impacted the body of Christ. He earned a teacher certificate from the Charles Harrison Mason system of Bible colleges and a Master of Theology Degree from Fredericksburg Bible Institute. He served in the National Church Growth and Development under the Late Bishop Otis Lockett Sr., as well as Bishop Roderick L. Hennings. He is a pioneer in church health, and the author of the program entitled, "Around the Clock Church Health." He is founder and CEO of CHAMAL (Hebrew word for compassion) CDC, which serves the Richmond VA Community with food, clothing, job readiness, health and wellness, financial literacy, crime prevention, and other pertinent needs. His latest ministry initiative, "Sharpening the Shepherds," ministers to the Pastor's spiritual, physical, mental, and ecclesiastical health. He is a leader of leaders, mentor and father figure to many, and a respected voice of wisdom that operates in an Issachar anointing. By God's grace he does possess an understanding of the times and knowledge of what to do, all for the advancement of the Kingdom and the glory of God!

Bishop Designate
Anthony Jeremiah Richardson
Auxiliary Bishop, California New Journey
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Anthony Richardson was born and raised in the Church of God in Christ (COGIC) and is the third generation of pastors and superintendents. He is the son of the late Superintendent George and Elouise Richardson of Los Angeles, California and grandson to the late Superintendent Louis and Louise Elam of New Orleans, Louisiana. In 1986, Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr., Prelate, Southern California First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction installed him as Pastor of All Nations COGIC in Harbor City, California. All Nations COGIC, the church of 36 years, is now In His Presence Worship Center COGIC and located in Riverside, California.

Married for 45 years to Lady Veronica Lee Richardson. Their family consists of 8 children (one deceased), 18 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

Bishop Designate Richardson has served for countless years in the Southern California First Jurisdiction as Regional Sunday School Superintendent of South Los Angeles Region under Elder Henry Coles, State Sunday School Department. He served the Southern California Fourth Jurisdiction as Administrative Liaison to the Women's Department, Chairman of the Board of Superintendents, and Chairman of the Pastors and Elders Council. Pastor Richardson has served as Special Assistant to the Bishop of California New Journey Jurisdiction; provided leadership and organizational training for two ministries located in Rosemont and Palmdale California: six church plants located in Beaumont, Riverside, Moreno Valley, Harbor City, and Lancaster, California; received Accommodations from the Department of Mental Health for exemplary dedication to client care and family support; received Retirement accolades and a Certificate for duties performed with integrity and satisfaction; and collaborated with community leaders as an Associated-Member of the City of Riverside Clergy Alliance (2009-Current); Associated-Member of the Martin Luther King Jr., Annual Celebration (2009-Current); Associated-Member of Lomita Rotary International (1986-2005); and representative on the Beach Cities Commission (1986-2005).



Bishop Designate
Jonathan David Saffold, Sr.
Auxiliary Bishop, Wisconsin Northwest
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Bishop Designate Saffold was born in Lexington, MS, and called to ministry in 1969. After a one-year pastoral appointment in 1975, he organized and founded Ebenezer Church of God in Christ, Inc. in 1976, in Milwaukee, WI, where he has faithfully served as its Senior Pastor for 47 years. He has been married for 63 years. God has graced them with five (5) children and seven (7) grandchildren, who have a host of educational and professional accomplishments, as well as faithful service to the Lord and the work of the ministry.

Bishop Designate Saffold loves God's people and serves actively in the church. In his local Jurisdictions (Northern Mississippi, Southeast Wisconsin & Wisconsin Northwest), he has served as District Superintendent for 37 years, Dean of the Bishop Adolphus Allan School of Ministry for 12 years, and the Ordination Board for Elders for over 32 years. In my ministry to the national church, and has been privileged to serve many years in various capacities.



Bishop Designate Saffold's life has been one wholly dedicated to the biblical principles of holiness, hospitality and restoration. Our ministry serves thousands of individuals in our community, through our unique diabetes friendly food pantry, medical clinic, 22-year Blanket of Love program which provides guidance and assistance to pregnant teenage girls to fight infant mortality, and a host of other programs engineered to address challenges in our community. We have made a difference in the lives of many. He welcomes this elevation and embrace this opportunity to serve God's people with the same level of dedication, commitment, and entrepreneurship in a profoundly new way.



***Bishop Designate
Ethan Blake Sheard
Auxiliary Bishop, Michigan Southwest First
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction***

Bishop Designate Ethan B. Sheard, affectionately known as “Pastor E,” is the youngest son of the late Bishop John H. Sheard and First Lady Willie Mae Sheard. Under the nurturing guidance of his father, Bishop Designate Ethan answered the call to ministry and served the flock of God as a Deacon, Youth President, Church Administrator, Chief of Staff and as Assistant Pastor. Having succeeded his father, Bishop Designate Sheard now serves as Senior Pastor of Greater Mitchell Temple Church Of God In Christ, Detroit, Michigan. He has diligently committed himself to serving the Lord, pastoring, and building bridges to connect generations, cultures and communities to the God of GREATER!

Bishop Designate Sheard is an inspirational leader, innovator and influencer. He has served in many positions of servant leadership within Michigan Southwest First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction. Additionally, Bishop Designate Sheard has worked ardently supporting his late father in his role as Chairman, Board of Bishops for four consecutive terms (16 years) In his role of administrative support, he served quietly and submissively, fulfilling tasks and assignments to ensure that his father was prepared, poised and present, as he executed his responsibilities within the Board of Bishops. Bishop Designate Sheard has been equally committed to serving the National Church, most notably in the International Youth Department (Regional Chairman), as well as in other areas of leadership.

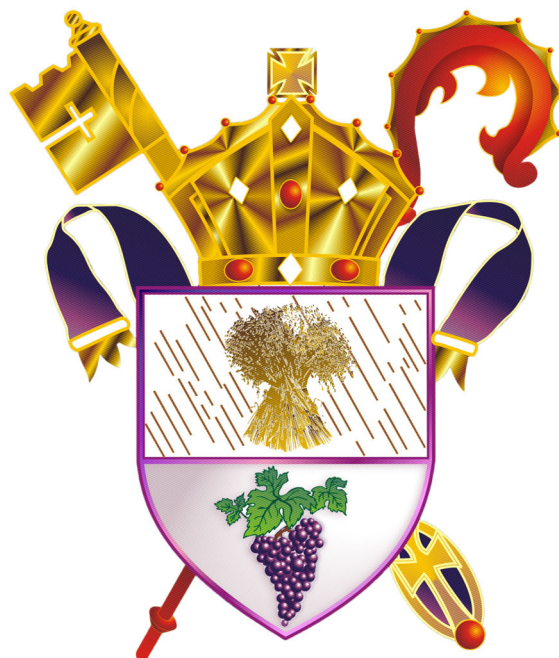
During the November, 2022 General Assembly session, Elder Ethan B. Sheard was duly received and ratified to continue his service to the National Church as an Auxiliary Bishop (With special designation to the Office of the Presiding Bishop).



***Episcopal Assignment
Bishop Robert Delonce Strong, Sr.
Prelate, Missouri Eastern Third
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction***

I have faithfully served this congregation since 1977. I was saved in 1971, and have dedicated my life fully to the work of the Lord. I have been married to Evangelist Jaynes Strong since 1965. She works untiringly alongside of me in the ministry. We have seven unique children. I am the author of 3 books, 12 Biblical Booklets, and a tract. Under my pastorate, three new edifices were constructed. The vision of a new edifice was given from the Lord, based on Haggai 1:8. The vision became a reality on April 17, 1983, and the new edifice at 3801 Clarence was dedicated. The second 950-seat edifice opened July 18, 2004. A 38-unit senior’s citizen complex named “Latter Glory Manor” was also built in 2004. The “Kononia House” that serves as Kossuth’s Food Pantry, was purchased in 2004. In 2005, a multipurpose complex was renovated from the last sanctuary, providing to the church a new chapel, offices and children facilities. On Sunday, April 28, 2013, a “Street Dedication Service” was held in dedication of the street named “Eld. Robert Strong, Sr. Way.”

I have served as Eastern Missouri First Jurisdiction State Sunday School Superintendent from 1990-2011 and have served as the Midwest Regional Sunday School Superintendent since 1998. In May, 2008, I was appointed 3rd Administrative Assistant to the Eastern Missouri First Jurisdiction Bishop. In 2013, I was installed to Auxiliary Bishop of Church of God in Christ by Bishop Charles E. Blake, who was Presiding Bishop and Chief Apostle. I have traveled the country preaching and teaching the gospel and was appointed National AIM’s facilitator where I taught annually in the Auxiliaries in Ministry International Conventions for 20 years. I have sponsored trips to Israel, Jordan, Egypt, and a Mediterranean Tour to Rome, Italy, where there was a visit to the Vatican and France, all to help heighten the Saints faith in the Lord.



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