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Most Reverend Bishop J. Drew Sheard
Presiding Bishop and Chief Apostle
Church of God in Christ
Memphis, Tennessee

Grace, mercy, and peace be multiplied unto you, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I am deeply humbled and sincerely grateful as I express my heartfelt appreciation for the extraordinary honor you bestowed during our recent April Call Meeting in Memphis.

We stand on the shoulders of saintly and noble women of God who, as trailblazers, paved the way and established the foundation. We desire to create a lasting, tangible tribute to the countless women who, for 117 years, have faithfully labored and remained steadfast in their dedication to the cause of Christ through the Church of God in Christ.

Bishop, for you to personally initiate the naming of this project, the Barbara McCoo Lewis Senior Housing Complex, is an honor that transcends personal recognition and enters the realm of sacred legacy. We receive this distinction with profound humility and deep gratitude, recognizing it as a reflection of your visionary leadership and gracious spirit.

This moment stands as a lasting testament to your commitment to excellence, your reverence for legacy, and your unwavering dedication to God and His people. You are a godly man of prayer—astute, strategic, and forward-thinking. Through your leadership, our church continues to advance with clarity, strength, and purpose.

Thank you, Bishop Sheard, for an honor that will endure beyond this present moment and speak to generations yet to come. “One generation shall praise thy works to another and shall declare thy mighty acts.” — Psalm 145:4

With deepest gratitude and abiding honor,

Respectfully submitted,

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