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Bishop Charles E. Blake Wins Full Term as Presiding Bishop
Church Of God In Christ - Quadrennial Election Results

(Memphis, TENN- November 11, 2008) The 101st Holy Convocation of the Church Of God In Christ concludes today with the election of officers for the international denomination. Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake was elected to a full term as the leader of the Church. Blake was elected to serve the remainder of the late Bishop G.E. Patterson's term preceding his death. Blake has been elected to serve a full 4-year term as presiding bishop.

"This convocation has truly been blessed. We have had a wonderful turn out despite the many economic hardships that our members have encountered, and this time of planning and rejuvenation has yielded prosperous fruit in the form of very competent leadership ready to work for the denomination and glory of the Lord," said Bishop Blake of the newly elected and reelected officials.

Members of the general assembly have elected their new general board, general secretary, financial secretary, treasurer and trustee board. Over 3,800 delegates had an opportunity to vote in this election.

Two new members were elected to the general board today, and they are Bishop Frank O. White from New York and Bishop Sedgwick Daniels from Milwaukee, WI. Returning general board members include: Bishop Blake, Bishop Phillip A. Brooks, Bishop Jerry W. Macklin, Bishop George D. McKinney, Bishop Wilbur Hamilton, Bishop Roy Winbush, Bishop Chandler Owens, Bishop J. Neaul Haynes, Bishop Nathaniel Wells, Jr., and Bishop Samuel Green.

Bishop Joel Harley Lyles was re-elected as General Secretary, Bishop Samuel Lowe was re-elected Treasurer and Pastor Frank A. White was elected to be the new Financial Secretary for the Church Of God In Christ.

There were 15 people elected to the Trustee Board. They include: Sylvia Law, Charles Ford, Brandon Porter, Charles Patterson, Sr, Dickerson Wells, Mildred Linzy, Josephus Shepherd, Amos Smith, Dwight Green, Cari Barnes, William Caboon, Dwight Walls, Georgia Lowe, Joseph Chase and David A. Hall, Jr.

The Church Of God In Christ is the fourth-largest Protestant religious denomination in the United States with an estimated membership above 6.5 million members. COGIC headquarters are located at Mason Temple in Memphis, Tennessee.

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