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A Call to Renewal for a Sin-Sick Church
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Jurisdictional Bishop

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Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

On behalf of the Missouri Western Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, it is my distinct honor and privilege to welcome you to the **2026 MWJ2 Leadership Conference**, convening **January 16–17, 2026, at Providence House of Worship.**

We gather in 2026 under a **divine summons**, a call not merely to convene, but to **examine the spiritual health of the Church**, to confront our collective drift from holiness, and to rediscover the healing that flows from the **living Word of God**. In a time when the world medicates its pain with pleasure, the Church medicates its fatigue with busyness, and leaders often medicate their emptiness with performance, this conference calls us back to a sacred truth: **there is still a Balm in Gilead**. The **Great Physician** still makes house calls, and His prescription for renewal has not changed.

This conference is designed as a space of **honest reflection, spiritual diagnosis, and divine restoration**. Over these two days, we will engage in intentional leadership conversations, receive sound instruction, and seek the renewing power of the **Holy Ghost**. Our prayer is that every delegate will experience **repentance that realigns, restoration that heals, and renewal that empowers** us to lead God's people with clarity, compassion, and conviction.

This conference exists to strengthen us from the inside out, ensuring that our public leadership flows from private wholeness and spiritual health. I trust that the fellowship, impartation, and wisdom shared here will extend far beyond these sessions and bear fruit throughout our jurisdiction in the year ahead.

Thank you for answering the call to gather, to reflect, and to be renewed.

Yours in Christ,

Bishop John M. Johnson
Jurisdictional Prelate
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Blessings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Greetings and God’s choice blessings to you and yours! Delegates, we have made it another year and once again it brings me great pleasure to welcome you to this year’s 2026 Jurisdictional Leadership Conference. I praise God for the opportunity to serve you once again as the Chairman of the Missouri Western Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdictional Leadership Conference. Our theme for this year's conference is **“Diagnosis and Prescription: A Call to Renewal for a Sin-Sick Church”**.

We gather in 2026 under a divine summons — to examine the spiritual health of the church, to confront our collective drift from holiness, and to rediscover the healing that flows from the living Word of God. The world is medicating its pain with pleasure. The church is medicating its fatigue with busyness. Leaders are medicating their emptiness with performance. But there is still a Balm in Gilead. The Great Physician still makes house calls. And the prescription for renewal has not changed — it is still repentance, restoration, and the renewing power of the Holy Ghost.

I am optimistic that your visit to Kansas City will be both spiritually and educationally enriching. A gifted individual once stated that “Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other”. Let us, as leaders, come with a determination and enthusiasm to take this knowledge and excitement back to our homes, local churches, and communities to shine the light of Jesus in this dark world.

Finally, I would like to thank Bishop John Mark Johnson for this opportunity. I would also like to thank co-Leadership Coordinator Pastor Bobby Washington for standing by my side, as well as the numerous individuals who have contributed to the success of this conference.

Respectfully, Your Fellow-Laborer in Ministry,

Gregory T. Reeves

Elder Gregory T. Reeves,
2026 Leadership Conference Coordinator
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Bishop John M. Johnson, a native of Little Rock, Arkansas, is the youngest of fifteen children born to Nettie B. and George Washington Johnson. His spiritual journey began under the mentorship of the late Bishop L. T. Walker, Sr. He was licensed as a minister at 16 and ordained as an Elder by 18.

After marrying his childhood sweetheart, Charlotte, he served in the Army and was stationed in Geneva, New York, where he worked under Pastor Clarence Williams. In July 1980, he moved to Kansas City, Missouri, becoming co-pastor of Joy Deliverance Mission Ministries with his sister, Evangelist Georgia Mae Johnson. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and Religion from Philander Smith College and a Master of Divinity from St. Paul School of Theology.

A key milestone in his ministry occurred in September 1995 when Joy Deliverance moved to its new location, Mount Moriah Church of God in Christ, at 3544 Highland Avenue. Bishop Johnson also served as a Contracting Officer for the Small Business Administration, handling contracts up to \$100 million across several states.

In June 1999, he was appointed Pastor of the Historic Barker Temple Church of God in Christ. Under his leadership, the church grew significantly, prompting the acquisition of a seven-acre worship complex, Barker Memorial Cathedral of Praise, at 11401 E. 47th Street in Kansas City.

Bishop Johnson served as District Superintendent of the V.M. Barker Heritage District and as First Administrative Assistant to the late Bishop W. B. Henderson. Following Bishop Henderson's passing, he was consecrated as a Bishop on November 9, 2009. He later became Regional Bishop for Region 11 from 2014 to 2021. Bishop Johnson was then selected to serve as a General Board Member for the Church of God In Christ Inc.

In 2023, he was appointed Apostolic Aide to the General Board and in 2024, he was elevated to Senior Executive Assistant to the Presiding Bishop, Bishop J. Drew Sheard.

Bishop and Lady Charlotte Johnson are the proud parents of two daughters, Tracie Johnson and Tamara Hill, and one son-in-law, Lamar Hill. They have two granddaughters, Arielle Yvette Hill and Isabelle Elanah Hill, and are spiritual parents to many.

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Mother Mary K. Sims is a native of Kansas City, Kansas. She is the oldest daughter of the late Superintendent Moses Cofield and Missionary Hattie Cofield. She is a registered nurse with a Bachelor of Science in nursing. Mary served in ministry with her husband, Bishop Ervin Sims Jr., at the Mount Carmel Church Of God in Christ for 39 years. She presided as Director of Music, Media Department and Coordinator of the Membership Training Class. On December 29, 2019, they passed the mantle to their son, Pastor Jason and 1st Lady LaSandra Sims.

She is also a Lay Counselor and Supervisor of Women’s Ministries. Mother Sims is a licensed evangelist and touches the lives of many beyond the walls of Mt. Carmel. She has ministered in England, Wales, Ghana, Togo and throughout the United States. One of her greatest joys was saying yes to God and traveling to Africa each year with her husband on missions, trips and ministering to women there. 2020 was her 23rd and final trip to Africa. The congregation was blessed as she ministered in song, and word every fifth Sunday. Through her leadership, God has birthed the Mount Carmel Women's fellowship, “Women of Excellence”, which meets quarterly. as a result, there has been unity and spiritual growth among the women.

March 10th, 2001, Mother Sims launched an International Women’s ministry called “Sarah's Daughters.” This ministry trains, encourage, empowers, and equips women and girls from ministry. Sarah's daughters meet every three months and reaches out to women of all faiths, races, cultures, ages, and denomination. In 2003, two additional chapters were established in Ghana. In 2003, Sarah's Academy International was also on birth in Ghana, West Africa.

On November 11th, 2005, Mother Sims was officially installed as a Supervisor by Mother Willie Mae Rivers at the International Church of God in Christ Holy Convocation in Memphis, TN. She served in this capacity in the Kansas East jurisdiction from 2005 to 2012. In November 2010, she was appointed to the Department of Women's National Executive Board. In 2015, Mother Simms was recognized as one of COGIC's 150 influential women. On March 10th, 2017, she was appointed Supervisor to the Missouri Western Second Jurisdictional Department of Women by Bishop John M Johnson Jurisdictional Prelate at the 16th annual Ministers and Workers Conference. She was officially installed November 9th, 2017, at the 110th Annual Holy Convocation of the Church of God in Christ in St. Louis, MO, by the newly appointed General Supervisor, Mother Barbara McCoo Lewis. In 2017, she was appointed to the General Supervisors Administrative Facilitators, Benevolent Units/Empowerment Initiatives. In 2018, she was named president of the Department of Women's National Executive Board.

Mother was a devoted wife to Bishop Sims for 48 years. A loving mother to their three children Lisa Sims Smith (Keith). Ervin Jason Sims (LaSandra), and Angela Jenelle Sims. She also enjoys her role as grandmother to seven grandchildren: Kasey, Keith Donovan. Kristian, Taylor, Jaylen, Ethan, and Jayla. Mother Sims is highly anointed and a passionate woman of God. Her greatest goal is to do the will of the father and make a difference in the Kingdom of God.

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Superintendent Gregory Thomas Reeves

was born in Los Angeles, California and was raised in Palestine, Texas. He is the son of Miriam L. Reeves and Willis T. Reeves, Sr. He has two brothers (Lawrence and Willis, Jr.) and one sister (Deborah). Superintendent Reeves married Deborah G. Cummings in 1986. They are the proud parents of Joshua and Lauren (Nick) and granddaughter Aliyah Chanel and grandson Amari Thomas Delgado.

Both Gregory and Deborah were born and raised in the Church of God in Christ. Their parents were strong workers in the church. Gregory’s grandfather lived to be recognized as the oldest, faithful deacon in East Texas in the Church of God in Christ. He proved to be a strong influence on Gregory’s life. His name was Thomas “Jimmy” Reeves. He was married to Virgilene Reeves for over 70 years before they both went home to glory. Many of Deacon Jimmy Reeves Christian characteristics were passed on to Superintendent Gregory Reeves. Just to name a few: his faithfulness to God and to the work of God, his love for his family, his strong work ethic, his ability to manage finances wisely, and his ability to give sound advice based on the Word of God.

Superintendent Reeves graduated from Palestine High School in 1980. He continued his education at Anderson County Junior College in Athens, Texas. From there, he went on to graduate from the University of Texas at Arlington with a BBA in Information Systems in 1986. During his last two years at the university, he began a student co-op program with IBM which led him to full-time employment with the company in Jefferson City. In May 2020 he graduated from Moody’s Theological Seminary with a Master’s degree in Biblical Studies.

Superintendent Reeves has enjoyed various positions, promotions, and accomplishments while employed with IBM. Some of his awards are Systems Engineer Rookie of the year, IBM Top Contributor Award, and Global Golden Circle Award, only to name a few. He is currently retired from IBM after 33 years as the Site Manager and Client Executive for the State of Missouri, Oklahoma, and Kansas. However, for the past 18 years he has been the senior pastor of the Jefferson City Church of God in Christ. He was installed as the pastor in July of 2003 and as Superintendent of the Sedalia District in 2020. In 2017 God blessed the Jefferson City COGIC to move into its new facility at 616 Locust Street. God has blessed him with a wonderful vision for the church and he is working diligently to achieve it with the help of his family and faithful members. In 2019 Superintendent Reeves and the board of the Jefferson City COGIC worked to establish the Young Men of Valor program which is a part of our Life Changers Community Development Cooperation. The Young Men of Valor program is designed to help young boys in our community to become men. In 2024 he was elevated to Administrative Assistant by Bishop John Mark Johnson Missouri Western Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction.

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Elder B.G. Washington was born and raised in Topeka, Kansas to William and Vernell Washington. He graduated from Topeka High School. His basketball talents allowed him to continue his education and play for Ottawa University, where he received a degree in Physical Education and Health. Upon obtaining his degree, he worked for the Menninger’s Clinic and later moved to Fulton, MO. He became employed by the State of Missouri to teach at the Missouri School for the Deaf (MSD). While working at MSD, he received certification to teach Driver’s Education from Central Missouri State University.

Pastor Washington taught Physical Education, Health, and Driver’s Education, retiring after 32 years of service at MSD. While at MSD he helped bridge the gap between the deaf and hearing communities by establishing a work program for Deaf Students to work in various occupations, in community establishments, in Fulton, MO. He continues to be an active force in the community of Fulton, where he Umpired for Fulton Parks and Recreation for 30 years; served on the Fulton Housing Board for 27 years; and Prison Board Commissioner, 4 years. Currently, Pastor Washington is serving in his second term as Councilman for the City of Fulton.

He is the recipient several awards for his efforts in Education and Community service such as, Teacher of The Year-for the State of Missouri, and the Settlers’ award from the Kingdom of Callaway, which recognizes residents not born or raised in Callaway County, who by their contributions, help make Callaway County a great place to live. Some call him Mr. Washington, or Coach Washington, or Councilman Washington, but his most cherished title is Pastor Washington. 2023 will mark 20 years of pastoral service at the Fulton Church Of God In Christ in Fulton MO. He leads by precept and example, encouraging the members of Fulton COGIC and others to grow and develop into disciples for the Lord Jesus Christ. Pastor Washington, and the Fulton Church Of God In Christ, proudly serve in the Missouri Western Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction under the direction of the Honorable Bishop John Mark Johnson and the Sainly Supervisor of the DOW, Supervisor Mary K. Sims.

Elder Washington is married to First Lady Ella (Cole) Washington. They have been married 45 years and counting. They are blessed with four remarkable and gifted children; a daughter and a son-in-love, who are equally remarkable and gifted; and ten beautiful grandchildren.

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Elder Larry Thomas Vaughn Jr., the firstborn child of Larry Sr. and Carolyn Vaughn, serves as Assistant Pastor of the Fulton Church of God in Christ of Fulton, MO, where he serves under the leadership and tutelage of Pastor Bobby G. Washington. Vaughn is a proud native of Fulton, MO, and a son of The Calvary Missionary Baptist Church of Fulton, MO, where he professed his faith in Christ, was called into the Gospel ministry, and received his initial licensure and ordination. Over the course of time, Vaughn would serve in several ministries across the country due to company restructuring until that time when the Lord led Vaughn and his family back home by the leading of the Holy Spirit to a new assignment.

Vaughn earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of Missouri (2009), a Master of Ministry degree from Carolina University, Piedmont Divinity School in Winston-Salem, NC (2016), and a Master of Professional Studies in Human Resources & Employee Relations degree from The Pennsylvania State University in University Park, PA. Currently, Vaughn is pursuing a Doctor of Ministry (D.Min) in Christian Leadership & Renewal at Regent University, School of Divinity in Virginia Beach, Virginia, with a graduation date set for Fall 2025.

With 14 years of ministry experience, Vaughn has had diverse ministerial experiences, from Youth Pastor to Sunday School Superintendent, Associate Minister, and Men’s Ministry Leader. Vaughn faithfully served as Assistant to the Pastor of the Calvary Missionary Baptist Church for 3.5 years, as well as in other capacities. Additionally, during COVID, Vaughn was instrumental in designing processes and procedures that enabled the safe gathering for morning worship, as well as established the congregation's 1st parking lot praise services that led community members to Christ and enabled the church to expand its evangelism efforts and contributions to the community.

Professionally, Vaughn has 15 years of insurance industry experience, coupled with numerous awards and recognition for his performance. He has served in various leadership roles across several strategic business units: claims (i.e., property casualty/liability, bodily injury, auto physical damage), operations, and now supporting strategic partners. Today, Vaughn is a Director of Strategic Partnerships for Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, a Fortune 100 company. He manages nearly two dozen large, global, multinational insurance enterprises on behalf of the enterprise, building and maintaining strong strategic alliances to drive profitable growth.

Those closest to him know that, in addition to fulfilling his calling in the ministry, he values quality time with family and friends, traveling, and firing up the grill. He is a committed student of theology and homiletics and believes in the virtues of kindness and humility. In August 2013, Elder Vaughn married the love of his life and best friend, a woman full of grace, poise, and beauty: a woman of God, phenomenal wife and mother, and Southern belle, Dr. Shajauna Lynnette Vaughn. They live in Fulton, MO, with their children, Noah, Cameron, Isabelle Grace-Marie, and Eleanor Mae.

Elder Vaughn has witnessed the wonder-working healing power of the Lord, and the miraculous power of prayer when his wife gathered prayer warriors from the four corners of the Earth, across nearly every continent to storm Heaven for a miracle, having survived with a 5% chance of survival from severe COVID and ARDS while being on a ventilator for 14 days, he is a living testimony. In speaking with him, you will often hear him utter the words, “To God be the glory.”

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Bishop Ronzel Pretlow is a true gift to the world 🌐 A second generation minister and ascending musical savant Pretlow was born in 1977 and raised in rural Smithfield Virginia.

At the age of 22 Pretlow was chosen to lead his father’s Church. Dr. Harold Pretlow, who saw a need to push his children was chose Ronzel as Pastor. His musical gift made room for him in 2000 and the discovery of lifetime emerged through Bishop Carlton Pearson and the Azusa conference which premiered Pretlow to the world. The song called “It overflows” instantly became a favorite throughout America and over 20 years later it’s still a staple to many. Pretlow has Released his second album titled “I took the STAIRS”, a musical memoir journey of his life and an instant musical standard! An author, Pretlow wrote Emotional Health 101: “Deliver us from Crazy”, a mental health Journal on healing for the black community. He’s called upon to pray, counsel and serve the down as well as the up and out. Through his Conglomerate, Pretlow Global has a Counseling firm, evangel reach, prophetic context, and mental health felicitation for wounded persons of the African American persuasion. Now working on his second book titled “Emotional Eco Systems...staying in your spiritual lane”!

Formally educated, Pretlow holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from Acts of Grace Bible College and a Master of Divinity degree from Norfolk Theology Seminary. He serves along with his wife Telesha H. Pretlow as Bishop of Glory Carriers Fellowship of Churches. A passionate speaker, singer and voice, Pretlow regularly, sings and lifts many souls around the country each week on his steaming platforms. He is known as the male voice like no other!

Pretlow is very happily married to Telesha and together they share four beautiful children. He serves under the blessed of his own father Dr. Harold and Mother Florine Pretlow. His mantra in life is “live on purpose”!

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Superintendent Charles Stephenson is the Senior Pastor of Powerhouse Ministries Church of God In Christ (COGIC); where he has served since 2002. Powerhouse Ministries’ mission is to engage, educate, equipped, and empower individuals and families through the word of God. The vision is to see all people of God live in the abundance of God. Powerhouse operates over 30 ministries that serve as many as 600-700 individuals monthly. Not only does he proclaim the gospel, but he fulfills the great humanitarian mandate of God.

Superintendent Stephenson has served COGIC in many official capacities, such as: District Superintendent, State Jurisdictional Youth President, Jurisdictional AIM President, Regional Youth Coordinator, and National Strategist for the International Mission Department. Currently, he serves Missouri Western Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction as the State Urban Initiative Coordinator, Jurisdictional Men’s Department President, and Northern Missouri Area Coordinator; and he serves as the Dean of Education for the International Men’s Department COGIC. PCDC was founded November 26, 2008; Charles Stephenson is the CEO/founder of Powerhouse Community Development Corporation; and has served as the CEO since its inception PCDC mission is to empower and strengthen individuals and families through providing services that improve quality of lives.

Superintendent Stephenson has an Associate degree in Theology, and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology. He is a certified substance abuse treatment and marriage counselor.

Superintendent Stephenson is married to his beautiful wife LeDawn Denise Stephenson. They are the proud parents of nine children: Raven Stephenson, Tiffany Stephenson, NaTisha Stephenson, Brittany Barnes, Jasmine Pegues, Janzel Pegues, Christian Stephenson, Chayla Stephenson, and Chastity Stephenson. In 2024 he was elevated to Administrative Assistant by Bishop John Mark Johnson Missouri Western Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction.

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District Missionary LuVon Richardson

is the Founder and President of Format For Living Ministries, Inc. And Women of Purpose Ministries. Evangelist LuVon Richardson is a native of Evansville, Indiana. She presently resides in Lee’s Summit, MO. She has one daughter, Jaala Robinson, a son in love, Marcus Robinson and one grandson, Maxwell. District Missionary Richardson obtained a Bachelor Degree in Business and a Master’s Degree in Christian Counseling with an emphasis in Teaching.

She is a member of New Light COGIC where she serves under the leadership of Pastor Donald Franklin and Lady Kathy Franklin. The late Bishop W.B. Henderson of Western Missouri Second Jurisdiction, appointed District Missionary Richardson as the Purity Leader. For ten years, as State Purity Leader, she taught young ladies how to live a pure chaste Christian life for Christ. In 2010, she accepted the appointment to the office of District Missionary; she is the District Missionary of the Memorial District serving with Superintendent Jason Sims.

District Missionary Richardson accepted her ministry calling over 43 years ago. She has a “hunger and thirst after righteousness” that is filled by leaders in many cities, who have opened their doors to her powerful, uplifting and motivating ministry. District Missionary Richardson has been blessed to share her ministry with various ministries in Kansas City and across the United States. District Missionary Richardson’s ministry reaches other denominations while embracing all races. Jesus Christ receives all the glory for the many souls saved and delivered through her ministry.

In 1994, God directed her to begin the “*Format for Living Ministries*”. Through this ministry God has used her to encourage, counsel and give spiritual guidance to those in need. In September 2007, God again directed her to begin another ministry, *Women of Purpose* (“WOP”). WOP is a ministry geared towards women who are fulfilling their purpose in ministry. WOP is a tool to help women develop, enhance, and promote their ministry.

District Missionary LuVon Richardson best describes her labor of love with the words of Paul, Philippians 1:6. “*Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.*”

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First Lady Deborah G. Reeves

loves the Lord and has a desire to see the Jefferson City Church of God in Christ positively impact the lives of many more people. She is the youngest child of eight children of the late Elder Daniel Cummings and Sister Dimple Cummings. She graduated from Palestine High School in Palestine, Texas in 1982. She earned a BBA in Accounting in 1986 from the University of Texas at Arlington. She also earned her CPA. After working an internship at Dallas Times Herald, she received a full-time position as a Staff Accountant.

In 1987 she moved to Jefferson City and accepted a position as an Auditor for the Missouri State Auditor's Office. She went on to accept an accounting position with Missouri Department of Mental Health, followed by an Accounting Supervisor position at the Missouri Farm Bureau Headquarters.

She is currently enjoying retirement from secular jobs with her husband and assists with many aspects of the operation of the church. On the local level she has been a Choir Member, Children's Sunday School Teacher, Adult Sunday School Teacher, Purity Class Teacher, and Church Administrator. Presently she is the Assistant Adult Sunday School Teacher, Bible Band Teacher, Founder and Presenter of “Let's Talk,” and the Executive Director/Trainer for the Young Women of Excellence Program. On the Jurisdictional level, she has been an assistant to Lady Charlotte Johnson for the Pastors and Ministers Wives' Circle and she is now the President of the Advisory Board. She has also been a mentor for the J.C. Public Schools and Big Brothers/Big Sisters for over 30 years. She has been the proud wife of Administrative Assistant Gregory T. Reeves for 38 years. She is also the proud mother of adult children, Joshua Thomas and Lauren LaTrece (Nicolas). She is elated to be the grandmother of Aliyah Chanel and Amari Thomas Delgado. First Lady has a passion for teaching the young women God's plan for living. She wants to be an encourager to everyone.

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Evangelist Lachala Kemp is a native of Buna, Texas and was raised by a dedicated mother and grandmother. Evangelist Kemp is a 5th generation member of the Church of God in Christ with her formative and most impactful years being guided under the leadership of her childhood pastor, the late Superintendent Curtis E. Jones at the Welcome Tabernacle COGIC. Even in childhood Evangelist Kemp was active and served diligently in the church, participating in the choir, sunshine band, Sunday school, and YPWW.

After graduating from Buna High School, Evangelist Kemp matriculated at Prairie View A&M University in Prairie View, Texas, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering, and became a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Evangelist Kemp is currently employed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), serving as the first African American Deputy Director of the Air and Radiation Division.

Upon moving to Kansas City in April 2000, and after a short search for a bible believing and Holy Ghost filled ministry, Evangelist Kemp joined the Fountain of Life Outreach Center (FOLOC) COGIC under the capable leadership of Senior Administrative Assistant Dr. Roy B. Marshall, Sr. As an active and loyal member of over 25 years at FOLOC, Evangelist Kemp faithfully serves in many capacities at her local assembly.

In January 2010, Evangelist Kemp was appointed by Bishop John Mark Johnson as the Sunday School Field Representative, and subsequently, in April 2014 was appointed as the Sunday School President for Missouri Western 2nd Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction. Evangelist Kemp is the first female to hold this position since the inception of the Jurisdiction. Evangelist Kemp has also served as chairperson of the Executive Board for the MWJ2 Department of Women (DOW), under the leadership of Supervisor Mary K. Sims. Despite the trailblazing appointments and historical accolades, Evangelist Kemp's sole desire is for God's perfect will to manifest in her life, and for her ministry to align with His purpose.

Missionary Kemp is married to her college sweetheart Anthony, and they are the proud parents of two beautiful daughters, Sydnee and Sylae.

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Pastor Tim Fugate serves as the Pastor of Timmons Temple COGIC in Huntsville Mo. 2025 marked his 10th year of service in that corner of the vineyard. Prior to his service at Timmons Temple, Pastor Fugate served at Powerhouse Ministries under Supt Stephenson. He is a former member of Second Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of the Late J.T Moore and Rev Howard Glasgow. During that time, he served as Deacon, North Mo District Laymen President and Assistant to the State President of the Laymen Association. Pastor Fugate attended the Moberly Public School system and is a

graduate of:

- ☐ Mansfield Business, Charleston S.C.
- ☐ Moberly Area Community College (Psychology)
- ☐ Bachelor of Arts Degree in Substance Abuse Counseling from Ohio Christian University
- ☐ Master's degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from Walden University
- ☐ I am currently a PhD student in Walden University's Counseling and Supervision program.

Pastor Fugate (Tim) is currently employed by PCDC as Site Manager for an outpatient substance treatment program in Moberly Mo. Previous assignments would include;

- ☐ Compass Health Network - Outpatient Therapist.
- ☐ Randolph County Caring Community-Bridges Program
- ☐ Randolph County Children's Division- Investigator
- ☐ Burrell Behavioral Health- Case Manager
- ☐ Pastor Fugate has been involved in the field of substance abuse and counseling for 18 years.

Pastor Fugate and his family own and operate Fugate Concessions, a mobile food service business, specializing in all things BBQ. Pastor Fugate is married to Kim Fugate, they have been married for 43 years, they are the parents of 4 Children and 21 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Pastor Fugate is the currently the I-70 north coordinator for Missouri Western Second Jurisdiction under the leadership of its Jurisdictional prelate Bishop John Mark Johnson. All said Pastor Fugate has a heart for the people and is willing to be a blessing to those that God has entrusted him to serve.

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Jeremiah 8:22, KJV

“Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?”

Purpose:

The 2026 MWJ2 Leadership Conference “**Diagnosis and Prescription: A Call to Renewal for a Sin-Sick Church**” is our theme for this year’s conference. We gather in 2026 under a divine summons — to examine the spiritual health of the church, to confront our collective drift from holiness, and to rediscover the healing that flows from the living Word of God. The world is medicating its pain with pleasure. The church is medicating its fatigue with busyness. Leaders are medicating their emptiness with performance. But there is still a Balm in Gilead. The Great Physician still makes house calls. And the prescription for renewal has not changed — it is still repentance, restoration, and the renewing power of the Holy Ghost.

Conference Objectives:

1. Foster unity among the brethren
2. **Impart the Bishop’s Vision**
 - a. **100% Worship**
 - b. **100% Giving**
 - c. **100% Working**
3. To Develop and train the Jurisdictional Leaders: Pastors, Elders, Ministers, Missionaries, Teachers, and Laity
4. Lay out the Bishop's vision for the future.

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Leadership Conference Developmental Series

General Sessions:

Instructor:

Friday, January 16th

**The Great Physician’s Report:
A Church in Critical Condition**

D.M. LuVon Richardson

**The Prescription of the Word:
Healing Through Truth**

First Lady Deborah Reeves

**The Recovery Room:
The Work of the Holy Ghost in Renewal**

Evg. Missionary Lachala Kemp

**Discharged to Serve:
Leading as Healed Healers**

Pastor Tim Fugate

Executive Board Meeting

Executive Board

Saturday, January 17th

Men Perfecting Men

Admin. Assist. Charles Stephenson

Women Leadership Session

Supervisor Mary K. Sims

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Registration Packet Pick-up	9:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Opening Session & General Assembly Pastor Washington Prayer Praise and Worship	10:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.
General Session A Church in Critical Condition	10:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.
Lunch	11:45 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
Executive Board Meeting	11:45 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
General Session Healing Through Truth	1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.
Break	2:00 P.M. – 2:10 P.M.
General Session The Work of the Holy Ghost in Renewal	2:10 P.M. – 3:10 P.M.
Break	3:10 P.M – 3:15 P.M.
General Session Leading as Healed Healers	3:15 P.M. – 4:15 P.M.
Evening Concert - Bishop Johnson	7:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.

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The Worship Concert

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2026 | 7:00 P.M.
WORSHIP LEADER: Pastor Bobby Washington

Intercessory PrayerAdministrative Assistant Charles Stephenson
Reading of the Old TestamentElder Stanford Fassett
Reading of the New Testament Missionary Ann Maben
Occasion Evangelist Vicki Chiney-Smith

Worship Experience Part 1

1. *I'm Just Waiting On Jesus*
2. *I Appreciate*
3. *I love The Lord*
4. *Wait Til The Morning Come featuring Cheryl Newton*

Greetings Mother Mary K. Sims, Supervisor of Women
Selection - On The Right Road Now..... Gertrude Price & Crew
Ministry of Giving Administrative Assistant Johnny Moore

Worship Experience Part 2

5. *Jesus Christ Is The Way*
6. *What Is This*
7. *Perfect Peace – featuring Bishop Ronzel Pretlow*

Tribute to Bishop John Mark Johnson Dr. Tamara Hill

Worship Experience Part 3

8. *We Are Soldiers*
9. *I Do Worship*
10. *Work It Out*

Introduction of Bishop John Mark and Lady Charlotte Johnson...Administrative Assistant Roy B Marshall
Benediction Chairman Gregory T. Reeves

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Saturday, January 17, 2026

Registration	8:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.
Opening Session & General Assembly Worship Leader - Pastor B. G. Washington Prayer Praise and Worship	8:30 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.
Break Out Session Men Perfecting Men Administrative Assistant Charles Stephenson	9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.
Break Out Session Department of Women Supervisor Mother Mary K. Sims	9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.
Break	11:15 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.
Service of Ordination	11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
Keynote Speaker	Bishop Ronzel Pretlow
Closing General Session & Remarks	1:00 P.M. - 1:15 P.M.
Benediction	

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The Service Of Ordination
The DOW Licensing Training Academy
Certification Ceremony
The Service of Holy Communion



SATURDAY JANUARY 17, 2026

PROVIDENCE HOUSE OF WORSHIP
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

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The Service Of Ordination

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Jurisdictional Prelate, Presiding

ORDER OF SERVICE

Worship Leader.....	Pastor Bobby Washington <i>Conference Vice Chairman</i>
The Processional.....	The Clergy <i>The Ordination Candidates</i>
The Invocation.....	Elder Daryl Long
Old Testament	Pastor Darwin Neal
New Testament.....	District Missionary Letha Jenkins
Selection.....	Leadership Conference Choir
The Occasion.....	Administrative Assistant Gregory Reeves <i>Juris. Board of Ordination</i>
Introduction of Jurisdictional Bishop.....	Administrative Assistant Charles Stephenson <i>Jehovah Jireh District Superintendent</i>
The Ministry of Giving & Introduction of Speaker.....	Bishop John M. Johnson <i>Jurisdictional Prelate</i>
Selection.....	Leadership Conference Choir
The Messenger.....	Bishop Ronzel Pretlow <i>Glory Carriers Fellowship of Churches</i>

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The DOW Licensing Training Academy Certification Ceremony

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Mother Mary K. Sims, Supervisor of Women

Introduction of Candidates Evangelist Renee Warren
Executive Secretary
Presentation of Certificates First Lady Alfreda Douglas
Executive Board President

The Candidates

Evangelist Missionary

NeeChaundra Frederick
Pamela Pearson

True Vine Fellowship
Providence House of Worship

Pastor Javion Jones
Pastor A.A. Johnny Moore

Deaconess Missionary

Rebecca Bradley
Ladrena Davis
LaTrischa Miles
Dianne Williams
JoyceAnne Wilson

Providence House of Worship
Providence House of Worship
Mt. Carmel
Providence House of Worship
Providence House of Worship

Pastor A.A. Johnny Moore
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Pastor Supt. Jason Sims
Pastor A.A. Johnny Moore
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District Missionary

District Missionary Laresa Jackson Designate
Moberly District
Superintendent Administrative Assistant Charles Stephenson

District Missionary Patsy Moore Designate
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