

Bishop James W. Gaiters, Sr., Diocesan

April, 2025

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



“Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!” (Psalm 107:31 KJV)

To the Honorable Diocesan, Bishop James W. Gaiters, Sr.; Council Chairman, Bishop Dr. Darrell W. Cummings; Vice Chairman and ODCCEA Liaison, Sfg. Bishop Harold E. Rayford; General Officers; Board of Directors; ODC Auxiliary Leaders; Members, Saints, and Friends, it is my pleasure to serve as the ODCCEA Superintendent. I am also humbled to represent Ohio as the ICEA Region 5 Interim Assistant Regional Director of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc.

Ladies and Gentlemen, as the 3rd Episcopal District of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc., we have the honor and privilege to host the **2025 International Christian Education Auxiliary Region V Annual Conference**, April 24-26 in Columbus, Ohio at the historic Church of Christ of the Apostolic Faith. I am excited about what is going to be a “God-Amazing and Groundbreaking” Conference. I have spoken with other state leaders, who are excited about coming to the “Buckeye” state for a time of fellowship, refreshing, and yes, shopping. I personally believe that this ICEA Region V Conference is going to be a defining moment and a watershed time in Columbus, as we anticipate the goodness of the LORD.

This “life-changing” Conference will be a convergence of Pentecostals, Pastors, Christian Educators, Sunday School workers, Students, and Guests coming together in unity from the great states of Kentucky, Tennessee, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, and Ohio. Since August 2024, a host of volunteers from the Ohio District Council have been working diligently to serve on thirty Committees in preparing to make sure that the ICEA Region V delegates have a great experience in Ohio. You don’t want to miss two full days of informative workshops and teaching sessions that will equip and empower a generation of Apostolic transformational leaders as we continue to engage in the ministry of Evangelism. Come and get the tools necessary to be the **CHURCH AT WORK!**

As the ICEA Region V Interim Assistant Regional Director, it is my privilege and honor to announce that our Honorable Diocesan, Bishop James W. Gaiters, Sr. is the guest speaker for the Friday Evening Worship Service, April 25. Our Council Chairman, Bishop Dr. Darrell W. Cummings is the Facilitator for the ICEA Region V Pastor’s Track, April 25. And our own, the Diocesan of the Costa Rica Atlantic Zone, Bishop Craig S. High is the guest presenter for the General Sessions, April 25-26.

Saints of the Most High God, it is not a coincidence that we have the awesome privilege to serve the ICEA Region V delegates during our 100th year of the Ohio District Council. In the midst of uncertainty and turbulent times, don’t forget to praise the LORD for His goodness and for His wonderful works to the children of men.

Grace and peace,

Evangelist Brigette M. Nunn
ODCCEA Superintendent
ICEA Region 5 Interim Assistant Regional Director



Bishop Darrell W. Cummings
Council Chairman

From the Desk of the ODC Chairman:

April 2025

"Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; And his greatness is unsearchable." Psalms 145:3

Greetings & Praise the Lord to our Honorable Diocesan, Bishop James W. Gaiters, Officers, Board of Directors, Members & Saints of the great Ohio District Council!

Have you ever heard of Leah Chase? She was considered one of the most pre-eminent Creole chefs in the United States. She served customers from the 1940's to 2019 at her family's upscale restaurant in New Orleans, Louisiana, called Dookey Chase's. People like Sarah Vaughn, Nat King Cole, Thurgood Marshall, Count Basie, Lena Horne, Duke Ellington, James Baldwin, Ray Charles, President George W. Bush, President Barack Obama, and many many more have eaten there. Other customers were Dr. Martin L. King, Jr and a lot of the Freedom Fighters of that day. People not only went for her gumbo, stuffed crab, crap soup, shrimp Clemenceau but also at the time it was the only place in town, (other than church), that blacks and whites could eat together. She once said, "In my dining room, we changed the course of America over a bowl of gumbo and some fried chicken." She lived to be 96 years old, born on Jan. 6, 1923, 2nd oldest of 13 children, believing that feeding people was the greatest calling on a person's life. She wrote many cookbooks, was featured in newspapers, social media articles, and TV interviews. There is even a movie that is based on her life, where Princess Tiana, the waitress wanted to own her own restaurant in the animated Disney feature, "The Princess and the Frog." This makes her the first African-American princess in a Disney movie. It is my hope when we go to New Orleans this summer for our Pentecostal Assemblies of the World Convention that I get to go add my name to the list of visitors.

That is why I am excited to continue our 100th year of the Ohio District Council celebration that kicked off in Dayton, Ohio. Now, we move to the actual anniversary from April 1925, Cleveland, Ohio to our next council, at Zion Pentecostal Church of Christ, Cleveland, Ohio, with Bishop C. Wayne Brantley & Lady Darlene Brantley, host pastors. We are looking to do some special works of evangelism in the community to strengthen all our churches in the area. Our goal is to have 100 pastors, ministers, and evangelists to be in attendance on our Official Night, Thursday. Let us do something special this Council for the 100-year celebration. Lastly – There is going to be a great reunion in the sky, but let's start the reunion at the ODC Council.

Let's have a reunion in-person and virtually. Our goal is to take the best of both worlds, and blend them together. Not only should God be at work, we have a work to do also! Join me as we build the walls of anointing, love, and grace together!

Yours In the King's Service,

Bishop D. W. Cummings

Bishop D. W. Cummings, Chairman

Ohio District Council
General Officers

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Bishop Darrell Cummings

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Suffragan Bishop Harold Rayford

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Sgt-At-Arms
Elder Gregory Ward

OHIO DISTRICT COUNCIL PROGRAM

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

11:30 **ODC Evangelism Outreach Service**
 2:30 Pastor James Dunigan and Pastor Rudy Russell Co-Directors
(Everyone is welcome to attend)
 Worship Service, Community Feeding, Care Packages

1:00 - **International Missions**
 4:00 **District Elder Carlos Morris, Director**
Theme: "EVANGELISM ... THE CHURCH AT WORK!"
Speaker: Suffragan Bishop David Parker, II, Zion Apostolic Church, Akron
 Recognition and Awards Presentations

2:00 **Bishop's Cabinet Meeting**

4:00 **Dinner**

7:30 **Evening Worship Celebration**
MC: Pastor Patricia Daniel

Music Ministry: Benevolent Love Praise Team & Choir, Cleveland

Alive Speaker: Elder John-Michael Oliver, Mt. Calvary Pentecostal Church, Youngstown

Speaker: District Elder Cora Pope, Benevolent Love Ministries, Cleveland

Wednesday, April 2, 2025 *(Council Fast Day)*

10:00 **Bible Study Speaker:** Suffragan Bishop Harold Rayford, Church of Christ of the Apostolic Faith, Columbus

11:00 - **ODCLED - Fellowship**
 1:00 **Certification Orientation:**
 Pastor Jean S. Massey, Instructor

11:00 **Opening Session**
Zoom Meeting ID: 883 4344 6514
Access Code: 298067

11:30 - **ODC Christian Education**
 4:00 **Evangelist Brigitte Nunn, Superintendent**
Vision: "Equipping and Empowering a Generation of Life Changers"
Ephesians 4:11-13; Acts 17:6

General Session: "Don't Forget Them: Teaching Students with Autism, Part 2"
Speaker: Dr. Kelly N. Neal; Cincinnati

Workshop: "Making Disciples the Way Jesus Did"
Presenter: Dr. Dolorus Nevels, Oberlin

Workshop: "Are You Living or Are You Just Existing? Part 2"
Presenter: Dr. Paulette Sanders, Sandusky

12:00 **ODC Board of Directors Meeting**

2:00 **ODCLED: Parliamentary Training**
Facilitator: Dr. Doris Moore

4:00 **Dinner**

5:30 **ODC Usher Board**
 Deacon Mark Glover, President
ODC Health Professionals
 Sister Neva Bagley, President
Speaker: Elder Gregory Ward, Grace Apostolic Church, Columbus

7:30 **Evening Worship Celebration**
MC: Pastor Patricia Daniel

Music Ministry: Northeast Region Praise Team & Northeast Region Unity Choir

Alive Speaker: Minister Melinda Iverson, Greater Zion Temple Church, Steubenville

Speaker: Suffragan Bishop David Parker, II, Zion Apostolic Church, Akron

Thursday, April 3, 2025

10:00 **Bible Study Speaker:** District Elder Tony Williams, Rivers of Life Ministries, Euclid

11:00 **Pastors' Meeting**

11:00 - **ODCCWA—Jan Watkins-Wood, President**
 2:00 **Theme:** Evangelism ... the Work of the Church — "go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15

Speaker: Evangelist Neechy Dumas

2:00 **ODCMWMA—Lady Dolorus Nevels, President**
 Woman of Destiny—A Designer Original
Theme: "Extreme Makeover"; Jeremiah 18:4
Special Guest Speaker: Dr. JoAnn Sanders, BethEl Apostolic Assembly Church, Twinsburg

Scholarship Program 2025
 Nomination of Officers
 PAW Convention: Contending for the Faith; July 27-August 2, 2025; New Orleans, LA

2:00 **ODC Men's Ministry**
Elder Paul Williams, President
Theme: "It's Better in God's House"
 Psalm 84:10
Keynote Speaker: District Elder Gary Foreman, Koinonia Apostolic Faith Church, Akron

ODCLED — **Holistic Development for Godly Women;**
Facilitators: Dr. Cheryl Logan, Evangelist Charlotte Moore
Theme: "Godly Women Answering the Call to the Marketplace"
Speaker: District Elder Rolania Usher, Deliverance Temple Ministries, Dayton

2:30 **Pastors Helping Pastors**
Facilitator: Pastor Thomas Stone
Theme: "Evangelism with a Culture of Love"
Speaker: Pastor James Dunigan, Be Blessed Ministries, Cincinnati

ODC Board Meeting

4:00 **Dinner**

5:30 **Men's Ministry Enrichment Seminar:**
"Men's Health:
Facilitator: Deacon Tyrone Garrett, MSN, RN; Benevolent Love Ministries, Cleveland

7:30 **Evening Worship Celebration**
MC: Pastor Patricia Daniel

Music Ministry: Praise Team - Pilgrim Rest Church of Christ, Cleveland
 COOLJC Choir

Speaker: Apostle James Maye, Presiding Prelate of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, Cleveland

Friday, April 4, 2025

10:00 **Bible Study Speaker:** District Elder Francine Brown, Peace Tabernacle Family Worship Center, Toledo

11:00 **Business Meeting**

2:00 **ODC Leadership Training**
"Transformational Leadership"
 (Aspiring Leaders)
Presenter: Bishop Brian Hamilton, Piqua

OHIO DISTRICT COUNCIL PROGRAM (Cont'd)

Church Social Media and Church Growth (Pastors and Leaders)
Presenter: District Elder Michael Cooper, II, Lima

Evangelism: "The Church at Work"
Presenter: Bishop Kevin McCraney

7:30 **ODCYPU — Minister Austin Tyree, President**

Music Ministry: ODCYPU Music Dept.

Speaker: District Elder Michael Cooper, II, Greater Christ Temple, Lima

Saturday, April 5, 2025

9:45 **ODC Single Alliance**
Elder Marlon Dickson, President
Theme: Access Granted
Speaker: Pastor Krista Tyson
Mt. Calvary Pentecostal Church, Youngstown

5:00 **ODCYPU — Minister Austin Tyree, President**
Music Ministry: ODCYPU Music Dept.
Speaker: Bishop C. Shawn Tyson
Mt. Calvary Pentecostal Church, Youngstown

----- VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING -----

Sunday, March 30, 2025

11:30 pm **Midnight Cry - Southwest Region**
ZOOM: Meeting ID: 862 6645 4382
Dial In: 312-626-6799

Monday, March 31, 2025

8:00 **Morning Manna**
Facilitator: Elder Gregory Ward, ODC Prayer Director
Prayer Leaders:
District Elder Garfield Parker
Evangelist Linda Dubois
Minister Yvonne Brown
Evangelist Tichamingo White

ZOOM: Meeting ID: 835 1229 3325
Dial In: 312-626-6799

9:00 **Southwest Region Morning Glory!**
Suffragan Bishop Harold Rayford, Liaison
Speaker: Pastor Charles Carnes
Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ, Troy

10:00 **Bible Study Speaker:** Pastor Anthony Thomas, Bethel Temple Apostolic Church, Xenia

1:00 **ODCLED: "Evangelism, the Church at Work: Energizing"**
Presenter: Bishop LaVelton Daniel
Greater Emanuel Apostolic Temple, Cincinnati
Facilitator: Evangelist Wanda Holloway
(Broadcasted on Facebook.com/odcled)

6:00 **ODCLED: "Are You Mentally, Physically, and Spiritually Healthy and Ready for Evangelism and Outreach Work?"**
Facilitator: Evangelist Carmella Hill

(Facebook.com/odcpaw and Facebook.com/evang.ch)

7:00 - 10:00 **Telethon 2.0 Camper's and PK's Edition**
Musical Guests and Participants
Speaker: Elder William Burch, True Light Pentecostal Church, Toledo

11:30 pm **Midnight Cry - Southeast Region**
ZOOM: Meeting ID: 862 6645 4382
Dial In: 312-626-6799

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

8:00 **Morning Manna**
Facilitator: Elder Gregory Ward, ODC Prayer Director
Prayer Leaders:
District Elder Nathan McDonald
Elder James McDonald
Minister Jose Agnew

ZOOM: Meeting ID: 835 1229 3325
Dial In: 312-626-6799

9:00 **Southeast Region Morning Glory!**
Suffragan Bishop James M. Agnew, III, Liaison
Speaker: District Elder Nathan McDonald, Apostolic Christian Church, Zanesville

10:00 **Bible Study Speaker:** District Elder Phyllis Agnew, Temple of Christ, Fairmont, WV

11:30 pm **Midnight Cry - CORE**
ZOOM: Meeting ID: 862 6645 4382
Dial In: 312-626-6799

Wednesday, April 2 2025

8:00 **Morning Manna**
Facilitator: Elder Gregory Ward, ODC Prayer Director
Prayer Leader:
Bishop LaVelton Daniel

ZOOM: Meeting ID: 835 1229 3325
Dial In: 312-626-6799

9:00 **CORE Region Morning Glory!**
Suffragan Bishop Wayne Moore, Sr., Liaison & Speaker
Theme: "Meet the Bishops"

11:30 pm **Midnight Cry - Northeast Region**
ZOOM: Meeting ID: 862 6645 4382
Dial In: 312-626-6799

Thursday, April 3, 2025

8:00 **Morning Manna**
Facilitator: Elder Gregory Ward
Prayer Leaders:
Elder James Agnew, IV
Elder Charles Miller
Elder Michael Jethrow
Evangelist Linda Durden

9:00 **Northeast Region Morning Glory!**
Suffragan Bishop David Parker, II, Liaison
Speaker: Suffragan Bishop Kyo Cummings, Ebenezer Assembly of Christ, Cleveland

11:30 pm **Midnight Cry - NOW Region**
ZOOM: Meeting ID: 862 6645 4382
Dial In: 312-626-6799

Friday, April 4, 2025

8:00 **Morning Manna**
Facilitator: Elder Gregory Ward, ODC Prayer Director
Prayer Leaders:
Evangelist Lynda Dickerson
Evangelist Nyra Davenport

ZOOM: Meeting ID: 835 1229 3325
Dial In: 312-626-6799

9:00 **NOW Region Morning Glory!**
Suffragan Bishop Laurence Nevels, Liaison
Speaker: Pastor William Burch
True Light Pentecostal Church, Toledo

Minutes
Ohio District Council of Pentecostal Churches, Inc.
Third Episcopal District of the P.A. of W., Inc.

Bishop James W. Gaiters, Sr.
Diocesan

Bishop Darrell Cummings
Chairman

January 7 - 11, 2025
Bethesda Temple, Dayton, OH

Tuesday, January 7, 2025

The January 2025 session of the ODC began on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, with the International Missions' Department under the leadership of District Elder Carlos Morris. District Elder Scott Logan, Dayton, OH was the speaker. The Suffragan Bishops and District Elders met with Bishop Gaiters for their Cabinet Meeting.

The evening worship service was opened by Elder Nathan Lofton. The praise team blessed the congregation with songs of worship. Elder Lofton introduced our Vice-Chairman, Suff. Bishop Harold Rayford, who greeted the constituents. Following his remarks, Vice-Chairman Rayford introduced the Council Chairman, Bishop Darrell Cummings who came forth singing, "Blessed That Wonderful Name of Jesus." After his welcome, Chairman Cummings asked the congregation to receive our Alive Speaker.

Alive Speaker: Minister Charmaine Butler
Grace Apostolic Church, Columbus
Subject: "Hold Your Peace"
Scripture: II Kings 18:26-33; John 14

Following the anointed Word from Minister Butler, Suffragan Bishop Wayne Moore led us in prayer. Bishop Cummings introduced the One Voice Unity Choir, selection: "The Solid Rock."

Our Diocesan, Bishop James Gaiters, was presented by the chairman. Bishop Gaiters shared that he was glad to be among the people of God and gave a brief history of the Ohio District Council. He asked Elder Lofton to give an announcement regarding the Hallowed Hills Trust Fund. Elder Lofton was excited to share that because of the Centennial Telethon, five (5) entities gave gifts of \$10,000 to the trust fund.

Offering was received by Minister Stephen Massey and Dr. Peter Lane. Bishop LaVelton Daniel gave the offering prayer, and the offering selection was: "I Got a Reason to Praise the Lord." The choir blessed us with their final selection, "He Reigns Forever."

Dist. Elder Timothy Hawkins was asked to introduce the evening speaker.

Speaker: Dist. Elder Pamela Lane, Apostolic
House of Prayer, Huber Heights
Subject: "Wisdom Strategy"
Scripture: Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8; Proverbs 30:24;
Ephesians 6:10; 3:16

Dist. Elder Lane brought forth a thought-provoking, blessed Word. Following the message, Bishop Kevin McCraney extended the altar call. The expense offering was received by the treasury staff and the secretary, Sister Rosalind Agnew gave the announcements for Wednesday, January 8, 2025. We were dismissed in prayer by our chairman, Bishop Darrell Cummings.

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

The day began with virtual prayer led by Elder Gregory Ward and prayer leaders. The Morning Glory segment was conducted by the CORE. Our Bible Study was taught by Dist. Elder Scott Logan, Dayton, OH.

BUSINESS SESSION: Chairman Darrell Cummings called the meeting to order singing: "God Is So Good." We were led in prayer by Suff. Bishop James M. Agnew, who sang "Pass Me Not." Dist. Elder Gary Foreman read the scripture, John 9:24-33. Bishop Cummings welcomed the ODC Constituents. The minutes of Friday October 4, 2024, were read by Secretary Rosalind Agnew and they were approved as read.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

Credentials: Pastor Jean S. Massey, Chair; Pastor Janet Cummings, Secretary; Pastor DeJale Solomon, member

Resolution: Evangelist Doris Moore, Chair, no members were added at this time. If anyone was interested, they were asked to contact Evangelist Moore.

We remembered those deceased since our last Council:

Pastor Johnny Cross, <i>Sandusky</i>	Pastor Victor McCoy, <i>Columbus</i>
Pastor Robert Palmer, <i>Akron</i>	Sister Rachel "The Rock" Watiker
Brother Tyrone Barrett, <i>Dayton</i>	Evangelist Lola Thomas, <i>Cincinnati</i>
Mother Ophelia Young, <i>Cincinnati</i>	Sister Ruby Kirksee, <i>Canton</i>
Evangelist Bonnie Butler, <i>Toledo</i>	Sister Joyce Case, <i>Dayton</i>
Sister Barbara Humphrey, <i>Delaware</i>	Mother Geneva Watson, <i>Columbus</i>
Pastor Pamela Bowers-Mitchell, <i>Florida</i>	Brother Glen Durston, <i>Toledo</i>
Brother Willard Humphrey, <i>Delaware</i>	Mother Laura Roberts, <i>Delaware</i>

After a moment of silence was observed for those that had transitioned the congregation sang "When We All Get to Heaven."

Bishop James Gaiters, the ODC Diocesan, gave remarks that it was good to be in Dayton, OH. Our Diocesan reminisced on those that have fallen asleep in Christ and the legacy that they had left. Bishop Cummings provided the announcements for the day and dismissed us in prayer.

The ODC Superintendent, Evang. Brigitte Nunn and the ODC Christian Education Auxiliary, presented an informative program on topics that effect our Sunday school and Christian Ed departments/students. The Usher Board and the Health Professionals met at 5:00 p.m. The Health Professionals presented a program focused on suicide prevention in church. The guest speaker was Teneah Matthew, Montgomery County Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Dept.

EVENING WORSHIP: We were led in pre-service worship by Evang. Emily Lyles. The evening worship service was opened by Pastor Patricia Daniel. Dist. Elder Phyllis Agnew gave the opening prayer and read the evening scripture: Acts 2:1-4. The Region 10 Praise Team sang the following selections: "I Will Bless Thee O Lord", "Bless That Wonderful Name", "Jesus, No Other Name I Know", "What's His Name", "I Love Jesus" and "Everlasting Life." Chairman Darrell Cummings asked Vice-Chairman Rayford to lead the congregation in prayer. We had received a special request for Dist. Elder Garfield Parker

and those in the path of the California wildfires. Following the prayer, Suff. Bishop Kyo Cummings gave the evening welcome. He also asked the congregation to join him in wishing Chairman Cummings happy birthday. Suff. Bishop Cummings recognized members of the community that joined the service on tonight and then introduced the Alive Speaker.

Alive Speaker: Elder Jonathan Lee
Christ Temple Apostolic Church, Hamilton
Subject: "Body Building"
Scripture: I Corinthians 12:12-14

After the message, Chairman Cummings took a moment to recognize our host pastor, Bishop Craig High, for being selected as one of the 2024 Top Ten African American Males in the City of Dayton. The CORE Unity Choir was introduced and sang the following selection: "Wonderful Is Your Name." The evening offering was received Bishop Darrell and Lady Latisha Cummings. They were assisted by District Elders: Eddie Massey and Timothy Hawkins and the treasury staff. The offering selection: "I Just Want to Praise You." Chairman Cummings introduced our Diocesan, Bishop James W. Gaiters. He spoke on the vision of our forefathers and history of God's movement in the Ohio District Council. Bishop Cummings presented the CORE music ministry for their last selection: "There Is No Way."

Evening Speaker: Suff. Bishop Wayne Moore
Greater Christ Temple, Columbus
Subject: "When the Blood Speaks"
Sub-Topic: "I'm Covered"
Scripture: Hebrews 9:11-15

Following the sermon, the evening speaker and Suff. Bishop James M. Agnew conducted the altar call and healing service. The ministry expense offering was received by the Treasury Staff. Program announcements for Thursday were given by ODC Secretary, Sister Rosalind Agnew. We were dismissed in prayer by Bishop Darrell Cummings.

Thursday, January 9, 2025

The ODCCWA and the ODCMWMWA held their Annual Holiday Gala. Presidents Jan Wood and Dr. Dolorus Nevels, once again planned a beautiful afternoon of fellowship. Elder Ruth Pugh, Lorain, OH, spoke at this session. The Pastors' Meeting took place; followed by Pastors Helping Pastors. The Executive Board met at 2:30 m. The Men's Ministry under the leadership of Elder Paul Williams had their session at 2:00 pm. Dist. Elder Timothy Hawkins was their speaker. After dinner, the Men's Ministry continued with a seminar facilitated by Elder Ernest Bunch.

Evening Worship: Thursday night service was opened by Pastor Patricia Daniel who also greeted the virtual members. Prayer was led by Pastor Dr. Clarence Plump. The praise team of Bethesda Temple blessed us singing: "Amazing." The procession of our clergy took place. Each Region was represented with their ministers, pastors, District Elders, Suff. Bishops, and Bishops. The next selection from the praise team was: "If the Lord's Been Good to You, Say Thank You." Our ODC Chairman, Bishop Cummings introduced the Vice-Chairman, Suff. Bishop Rayford, who gave brief comments and presented the ODC Historian, Minister Debra Wright. Minister Wright presented the First 25 years of the ODC. She spoke on our founding fathers and their faithfulness. After her presentation, Suff. Bishop Rayford read the list of the original churches of the ODC and remarked that several of those churches are still functioning today. Bethesda Temple's choir came with their first selection: "That's My King."

Evening Offering: Pastor Beverly Simmons received the offering. She was assisted by Suff. Bishops: Kyo Cummings, James Agnew, and Wayne Moore along with the treasury staff. Immediately following the offering, Suff. Bishop Laurence Nevels, the Officer of Protocol began the

consecration service for the ODCLED instructors. Suff. Bishop Eugene Sanders read the Goals, Mission and Vision Statements of the LED. Bishop Gaiters prayed over the instructors and the selection, "Draw Me Nearer" was sung by Dist. Elder Timothy and Lady Bonnie Hawkins. Bishop Cummings continued with the service and asked the choir for their final selection: "Open Up the Flood Gates." After the selection, our chairman asked the congregation to stand and receive our Diocesan, Bishop James Gaiters, who introduced our guest speaker.

Evening Speaker: Bishop Lance Foster,
Diocesan of the Greater Tri-State Council
New Hope Apostolic Temple, Omaha, NE
Subject: "I'm Going to Do a Work"
Scripture: Ecclesiastes 12:13; Habakkuk 1:2-4

After the message, the altar call was extended by Bishop Brian Hamilton. The ministry expense offering was received by our Treasury Staff. The ODC Secretary, Sister Rosalind Agnew, gave the announcements for Friday's programming. Bishop Darrell Cummings dismissed us in prayer.

Friday, January 10, 2025

Friday began with virtual prayer under the direction of Elder Gregory Ward. The NOW Region Morning Glory was conducted by Suff. Bishop Laurence Nevels. The in-person Bible Study was taught by Bishop Brian T. Hamilton, Transformed Life Church, Piqua.

BUSINESS SESSION

Our Chairman, Bishop Darrell Cummings, called the business session to order singing, "I Love the Lord." We were led in prayer by Dist. Elder Tony Williams and our scripture was read by Dist. Elder Cozette Snead; Philippians 4:8-9.

The minutes from Tuesday, January 7, 2025, were read by Secretary Rosalind Agnew. As there were no corrections, they were approved as read.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE – Evangelist Doris Moore, Chair - No report currently

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE – The Credential report was presented by Pastor Jean S. Massey and Pastor Janet Cummings, Secretary.

There was a move for adoption and a second was received; the report was adopted into record.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Chairman: Pastor Jean S. Massey
Secretary: Pastor Janet S. Cummings
Staff: Evangelist Michelle Arnold
Staff: Pastor Dejale Solomon
Staff: Pastor J. Anthony Thomas
Liaison: District Elder Cozette Snead

We, the Credential Committee, after having examined the candidates according to the Minute Book of the Ohio District Council and the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc., submit the following report:

New Fellowship: 2

Minister Shelli Burch Pastor: Dist. Elder Lamar Burch
Minister Darius Frierson Pastor: Bishop LaVelton Daniel

Fellowship Renewal: 10

Minister Khalea Cooper	Minister Carmale Henderson
Minister Shawauna Horn	Minister Kelly Neal
Minister Karen Phillips	Minister Shara Pugh
Minister Cheryl Scroggins	Minister Michael Thompson*
Minister Regina Thompson*	Minister Robert Traynham

New License: 1

Evangelist Christian Tobin Pastor: Suff. Bishop Kyo Cummings

License Renewals: 3

Evangelist Sylvia Addison	Evangelist Jenale Henderson
Evangelist Savannah Pettiford	

Full Credential Renewal: 3

Pastor Robert Dewberry	Dist. Elder Carlos Morris
Elder Van Parker	

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT

Fellowship New.....	\$ 70.00
Fellowship Renewals	\$ 735.00
Fellowship Total.....	\$ 805.00
New License	\$150.00
License Renewal	\$400.00
Full Credential Renewal	\$1,100.00
Total License & Ordained	\$1,650.00
Grand Total.....	\$2,455.00

* Paid Prior to Council*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The January 2026 Council will be hosted by the Southeast Region. Services will be held at The Event Center located at The Highlands, in Triadelphia, WV.

After the secretary read Article 11 and 12 of the ODC Constitution, the second reading of the treasury department proposal submitted by Pastor Beverly Simmons was given. For a point of clarification, the new proposal would not replace the current by-laws but would be in addition to Articles 11 and 12. Pastor Simmons amended the proposal to reflect this point. Dist. Elder Snead made a motion to approve the additional offices and stipends in the treasury department and the Article will go back to the Board for clarification; second. Pass

BALLOTING COMMITTEE – Pastor Karen Cane was asked to give a brief announcement regarding the upcoming April nominations and June voting. Pastor Cane reviewed all the offices eligible for nominations and the length of those terms. She reported that the current ODC secretary and treasurer were not eligible for their current offices but could be nominated for other positions.

Minister Austin Tyree was given time to address the business session. He expressed that he would like to receive more support from the parent body including financial. It would be a tremendous resource for church reports to be submitted. Minister Tyree reminded us that we should invest in our future. The young people Liaison, Suff. Bishop Rayford also spoke on behalf of the young people as well reminding us to not burden the current administration with the past. We need to make our ODCYPU people more necessary. We need them to be encouraged. Can we send a letter to the pastors asking for their support even if they don't have a youth department? This will be discussed later.

Pastor Jean S. Massey gave a reminder that the ODC will be hosting the Region V Christian Ed Conference in April – Ohio needs to come out strong! Pastor Massey also shared that there may be a change in the title

of Elder. More information will be coming from the PAW. When the credential committee is informed it will be passed on to the ministry.

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE: The annual conference will be held at the Church of Christ of the Apostolic Faith, Columbus, OH on Saturday, February 15, 2025; cost - \$30.00.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: Bishop LaVelton Daniel, \$140.00

We received remarks from our Diocesan, Bishop James Gaiters. Our Bishop shared a testimony of God sparing him from drowning as a young child. In fact, he thanked God for sparing his life more than once. Bishop Gaiters stated that he also endeavoring to keep our churches alive – let's put people back into the church. The focus for the ODC this year is evangelism: outreach, a kind word or even a smile.

Our host pastor, Bishop Craig High, spoke on behalf of the culinary staff and all those who prepared for the Council. He expressed his appreciation of those who traveled through the snow and cold to be in fellowship. Bishop High stated everyone at Bethesda was delighted to serve.

UPCOMING COUNCIL DATES AND LOCATIONS

April 1 – 5, 2025 – Zion Pentecostal Church of Christ, *Cleveland*
June 24 – 27, 2025 – Hallowed Hills Campground, *Zanesville*
October 7 – 10, 2025 – Church of Christ of the Apostolic Faith, *Columbus*

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION: Suff. Bishop Rayford spoke on the activities being planned as we continue to celebrate 100 years of the ODC. He remarked on the boldness of the early Pentecostals. Our vice-chairman also talked about the great representation of the original churches of the Council. During the April session, we will hear more of the churches that joined in the next 25 years. One Cleveland church was New Zion where the two groups of Ohio churches merged – it still exists today but with a new name, Ebenezer Assembly of Christ.

There will be an Anniversary Booklet, and it will be a historical document. We want to celebrate the unsung heroes. The Council members are encouraged to submit names and provide a sentence or two on how they pertain to the Council. There will be a centennial banner displayed during the April session. Tickets for banquet will be ready for purchase during the April Council as well, cost \$100.00.

Due to the inclement weather conditions, the afternoon leadership sessions were canceled.

We were dismissed in prayer by Bishop Cummings.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

TREASURER'S OFFICE

Churches Reporting
Pastor Beverly Simmons, *General Treasurer*
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32 Church Reports \$16,800.00

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Suff. Bishop James M. Agnew, III, *Secretary*
29 Pastors Reporting\$3,915.00

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Sister Rosalind Agnew, *Secretary*
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Sister Tracy Agnew, *Recording Secretary*

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Submitted by,

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ATTENTION

ALL THOSE WHO HOLD CREDENTIALS (FELLOWSHIP, LICENSE AND ORDINATION) WITH THE O.D.C. AND THE PAW.

RENEWALS:

Effective immediately to renew you must take a (2) two-hour mandatory Professional Development Course. These courses can be found on-line at www.aenonline.org. The cost of the two-hour course on-line is \$99.00, plus a digital access fee of \$15.00 for a total of \$114.00.

After completing the course, you can download a certificate of completion and bring it to the council to process your renewal and pay your fees.

NEW APPLICATIONS:

FELLOWSHIP

Effective July 1, 2025, applicants for Fellowship Papers will be required to take four one-hour classes in the form of videos:
Review of the Old Testament
Review of the New Testament
Introduction to Homiletics and
Review of the history of the P.A.W. and your council.

Once you have completed the four courses you can download the Certificate of Completion and bring it to the council to process your application. The cost of each one-hour course is \$50.00 per video.

LICENSE AND ORDINATION:

If you are currently involved in the old/current program you must complete it by June 30, 2025. If you have not completed the old/current program by then you will automatically be enrolled in the new program.

Please note that the two-hour Master Class will be offered on four time periods during the April Council for our pastors and ministers. See the schedule on the next page.

Further, Pastor Jean Massey will be teaching the Fellowship papers class at the April and possibly at the June Council.

Pastor Jean Massey,
Ohio District Council Credential Committee Chairperson

Please call or text Pastor Jean Massey at 419-612-4456 if you have any questions.

**Ohio District Council of Pentecostal Churches
Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc.
Presents: Master Class Seminar @ the April Council**

Zion Pentecostal Church of Christ, 14102 Harvard Ave., Cleveland, OH

April 1, 2025 (3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

- Sermon Development: An Introduction to Hermeneutics
Bishop Dr. LaMont Turner
Director of Episcopal Formation, Aenon Bible College
Diocesan, District of Columbia, Delaware and Maryland Council

April 1, 2025 (5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)

- Ministering to the Mind, Body, and Soul: A Wholistic Approach to Church Work
Dr. Linder Howze,
Director of Ministerial Licenses, Aenon Bible College
Pastor, Temple of Praise International Ministries, Cleveland, Mississippi

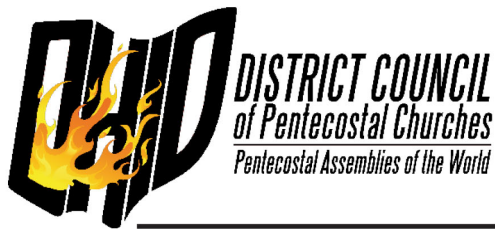
April 2, 2025 (8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.)

- Introduction to the Dynamics of Effective Auxiliary Leadership
Bishop LaVelton Daniel and Pastor Trish Daniel
Greater Emmanuel Apostolic Temple, Cincinnati, Ohio

April 3, 2025 (5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)

- “The Seven Fundamental Qualities of Exceptional Leaders”
Suffragan Bishop Dr. Eugene T. W. Sanders
President, Aenon Bible College, Indianapolis, Indiana
Pastor, Emmanuel Temple Church, Sandusky, Ohio

Bishop Theodore L. Brooks, Sr., Presiding Bishop
Bishop James W. Gaiters, Diocesan, Ohio District Council
Bishop Darrell W. Cummings, Council Chairman
Suffragan Bishop Harold Rayford, Vice-Chairman



*Bishop James W. Gaiters, Sr., Diocesan
Suffragan Bishop Harold E. Rayford, Centennial Celebration Chairman*

From: Suffragan Bishop Harold E. Rayford, Chairman, Centennial Committee
To: Ohio District Council of Pentecostal Churches
Date: 3-13-2024

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Ohio District Council of Pentecostal Churches (ODC) is honored to celebrate 100 years of faith, service, and community. Under the esteemed leadership of our Diocesan, Bishop James W. Gaiters, Sr., and our Chairman, Bishop Darrell W. Cummings, we reflect on a century of blessings and progress.

Our Centennial theme, **"Honoring the Past, Celebrating the Present, Preparing for the Future,"** serves as a testament to our journey and commitment to the work of the Lord. As part of this historic occasion, we are producing a Centennial Celebration Souvenir Booklet, a keepsake that will commemorate this momentous event.

We invite you to be a part of this celebration by placing a full-page congratulatory ad in the booklet for just \$150.00. This is a unique, one-time opportunity to show your support, honor our rich legacy, and share in the joy of our centennial milestone.

For further details on ad specifications and graphic submissions, please contact Patricia Lloyd at 317-410-5051. We would be delighted to have your participation in this special publication.

Thank you for your support and prayers as we mark this incredible milestone. May God continue to bless and keep you.

In His Service,

Harold E. Rayford

Chairman, Centennial Committee
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For more information, contact
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