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“God Is Love and Love Is For Everyone!”

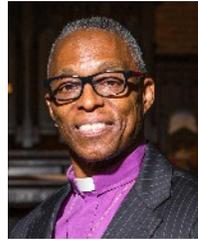
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FROM GOOD TO GREAT BY 2021

by Sr. Bishop Zachary Jones

Greetings To all of our Membership: We are excited to announce that we are moving from “Good to Great,” very closely as planned. We all know the importance of a good structure and a good plan. Many of the committees that have been formed, are moving forward as they committed to do so. That also lets you know that there is a lot of work being done behind-the-scenes.

The National Board Members visited the Mother church in May of this year. This was the perfect spot to convene our planning. It was an expensive trip for us to make, but well worth the journey. With the exception of the House of Bishop members each participant paid their own way. We are blessed to have such dedication within our Movement. An entire day was devoted to our planning processes and placing the focus on our committees. The committees were asked to develop a mission/charge of their committees. They set short (by convocation), intermediate (by April 2020) and long-term goals (by convocation 2020). The Committees are listed below, along with a member of the House of Bishops that each one of the committee’s report to:

Governance

Sr. Bishop Jones

Music & Performing Arts

Pastors’ Council

The National Board

Movement Market Place

Internal Department

Bishop Holland

Training & Development Committee

The Board of Elders

The Deacons’ Council

Youth & Young Adult Institute

The Game Changers

Laity Committee

External Department

Bishop Thomas

National Events Planning Committee

National Social Justice Initiatives

UFCM Health Initiative

Communications Committee-
(Technology/Marketing/Branding)

HOB Newsletter - (Editors)

This structure belongs to all of us. It takes all of us to make, “Good to Great” happen. Please consider joining a committee today. Simply contact the reporting Bishop at:

HThomas@ufcb.org, for Bishop Thomas; Bishopjdhii@gmail.com, for Bishop Holland; and BishopZach@ufcnyc.org, for Senior Bishop. We need and want your involvement. There is a lot of work to be done. We are all having a good time working together. Please come join the fun!



CONVOCATION UPDATE

by Bishop Jacquelyn Holland

Convocation 2019 is just around the corner. Our theme this year, “Honesty,” encourages us to look within and check where we stand on many levels. It causes us to check whether our thoughts line up with our actions; additionally, to see how our true beliefs enable us to move in the world. At convocation, you will have the opportunity to hear many perspectives regarding honesty. Perspectives or lessons on honesty, will be shared in workshops, through song, through the spoken word and from our special guest speakers, during the luncheons.

Some of the amazing things you can expect at Convocation 2019 are: Powerful worship services starting on Wednesday evening, including the Game Changers, who will facilitate worship on Thursday. We invite you to join us and wear white (optional) for our communion service on Friday. Some of the workshops that will be offered are, “No More Tears, Domestic Violence Uncovered,” “Jesus was a Revolutionary,” “Healthy Relationships,” “Water Aerobics for Adults 50 and Older,” a “Clergy Track,” which includes a homiletics training, and many more.

The theme for our Saturday Night Gala, which will be held from 6pm -11pm, is “Hollywood Nights” and the attire is “Glitz and Glam.” It will be a “dress up” affair, with fabulous entertainment, dancing, awards, a red-carpet photo opportunity and lots of fun. If you are unable to attend the week, you can still get tickets for the Saturday Night Gala. Tickets are \$60.00 per person.

The tickets for our Annual Convocation Raffle are also available. Tickets are \$10.00 each. First Prize is a \$1000.00 money cake, Second Prize is a \$200.00 Visa gift card and Third Prize is a 32-inch TV. All of your contributions help to support and build the Unity Fellowship Church Movement. Remember, we need you to make this experience a successful and powerful event.

There is still time to register for this amazing event. You definitely do not want to miss this special time with family, friends and allies. It is truly going to be a great time in the Lord. I look forward to seeing you there.



INSPIRATION

By Bishop Harris Thomas

“You must first be who you really are, then do what you really need to do, in order to have what you want.” *Margaret Young*

You are a beautiful, wonderfully made creation of God, sent to the planet for such a time as this. Despite what others say about you, your creation was not a mistake. You

are a unique individual with your own special qualities. No one can fill your shoes or accomplish your assigned task.

Brene' Brown, in her book, "The Gifts of Imperfection," writes in one of her chapters about, "Cultivating authenticity; letting go of what people think." Worrying about what people think has individuals struggling with their self-image and self-worth, putting out large sums of money and time money to forge an image of themselves to please other. What others think is irrelevant, it should not stop you from living and enjoying your best life. What you think about yourself is what really matter. Believe in yourself and the spirit of the living God that dwells within you!

Since God is an internal spirit, loving yourself mean you are loving God. You must show up in our God given power. The power of love is God! God is not only with us in the church, but in the fire or the lion's den, and on the dance floor of the club.

In closing, love yourself, love others and most important show up in life as your authentic self. enjoying your abundant life.



MOVEMENT UPDATE

by Bishop Harris Thomas

The House of Bishops (HOB) excited to report that our local churches are doing well. Many have celebrated the church and pastor's anniversary. Our social justice work continues to place us in the spotlight. Most of our churches have ministries that outreach into the community, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked and standing up and advocating for those who need their voice to be heard. The dream of Archbishop Carl Bean was not just for us to do church as usual, but to be a social justice ministry that would advocate for all people.

Over the weekend of May 24 – 25 the HOB, the National Board and the Pastor's Council met in Los Angeles in a midyear conference. It was also Archbishop Carl Bean's 75th birthday and the naming of the intersection outside of the legacy center to the Archbishop Carl Bean square that took place on May 26, 2019.

The Pastor's Council meeting took place on the afternoon of May 24, 2019. Elder Gerard Williams led the conversation on the movement's mission as a social justice ministry. Each member of the HOB's spoke on the convocation theme, "Honesty".

The National Board met on the 25th. Reverend Maressa Pendermon and Reverend Stephanie Phillips led the review and the finalization of the strategic plan. Once the final corrections are made, a copy will be emailed to the local pastors who will make it available upon request. Elder Gerald Green and Elder Benita Ramsey walked us through a presentation addressing African American health disparities with focus on the South. Each of the committees outlined in the strategic plan and convened to discuss their mission and to seek new member. A report was given from each of the committees.

Sunday, May 26, 2019 at 9:00 AM, Los Angeles city Council President Herb J. Wesson, Jr. honored our founding Prelate. He dedicated the intersection of Jefferson Boulevard and Sycamore Avenue "Archbishop Carl Bean Square", for his social justice work, the founder of both the Minority AIDS

Project and the Unity Fellowship Church Movement, first America's affirming and welcoming Black church for the LGBTQ community.

After the ceremony, picture taking, and a brief repress the celebration of Archbishop's 75th birthday continued with morning service with an inspiring message delivered by our Sr. Bishop, Zackery Jones.

Finally, we would like to thank and congratulate Reverend Sonja Lee on her retirement. Rev. Lee took on the responsibility of pastoring the Charlotte church after Bishop Rawls left the movement. She is been a faithful warrior and as pastor emeritus of Unity Fellowship Church Charlotte she has volunteered to continue serving the movement and the community. The HOB and the movement wish her continued success.

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National Board
ANNUAL RAFFLE

**\$10
Donation
per ticket**

1st Place \$1,000.00
handmade money cake

2nd Place \$200.00
VISA Gift Card

3rd Place 32" LED/HDTV

To RESERVE your raffle ticket please email Bishop Thomas: hob@ufcmlife.org