
NORTHERN DISTRICT COUNCIL
EST. 1928
6TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT OF
THE PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES OF THE WORLD
COLOSSIANS 3:22-25
NORTHERN DISTRICT
COUNCIL
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
Fall
SESSION
2026
LOCATION:
Apostolic Life Church
3360 E. Midland Rd.
Bay City, MI 48706



Greetings in the Precious Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!
Welcome to our distinguished Bishops, Suffragan Bishops, District Elders, Pastors, ministers, delegates, auxiliary leaders, and all the saints and friends gathered for our **2026 Fall Council Session**.

We are delighted to assemble once again in the spirit of unity, and fellowship worship. Each Council gathering provides a special opportunity for spiritual renewal, leadership development, and meaningful fellowship.

As we gather in **Bay City, Michigan**, we extend our sincere appreciation to our host, **Bishop Phillip Johnson, First Lady Amber Johnson, and the Apostolic Life Church family**, for their gracious hospitality and dedication to making this gathering a memorable experience.

We also invite you to join us in prayer for our newly elected and appointed leaders from the June 2026 Annual Council Session, asking God to grant them wisdom, strength, and divine guidance as they embrace their sacred responsibilities. These leaders will be formally consecrated **on Friday, October 30, 2026, during our 7:00 PM Evening Worship Service**. We warmly invite everyone to share in this historic and sacred occasion as we celebrate, encourage, and support our leaders in their commitment to serving God in this great Council.

Again, Welcome to the Northern District Council Fall Session 2026!

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

Greetings to the Northern District Council

Grace and peace to the **Northern District Council, 5th Episcopal District of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc.**

We give great praise and honor to our Diocesan, **Bishop Ira Combs, Jr.**, and **First Lady Kimberly Combs**. We continue to praise God for His sustaining grace, healing, strength, and restoration upon our honorable leader, Bishop Combs. Truly, God remains faithful!

We also extend our heartfelt respect and **congratulations to the newly elected Presiding Prelate of this historic Oneness organization, Bishop Richard D. Howell, Jr. of Minneapolis, Minnesota.** We pray that God will grant him wisdom, strength, and divine direction as he leads the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc. into the coming years.

We warmly acknowledge and welcome all of our resident **Bishopric leaders**, the sons and daughters of the Northern District Council. We thank God for your continued leadership, service, and commitment to the work of the Kingdom.

We are still rejoicing over the tremendous time we experienced during our **Annual June Council** at our headquarters, **Greater Bible Way Temple Apostolic Church in Jackson, Michigan**. What an awesome time of revival we shared through powerful teaching, preaching, worship, and fellowship with the saints of the Most High God!

And now, **welcome to Bay City, Michigan, for our Fall Session of the Northern District Council!**

We extend our honor and sincere appreciation to **newly elected Bishop Phillip Johnson and Lady Amber Johnson** for once again opening the doors of their church and welcoming the Council in service to God's people. To Bishop and Lady Johnson, the church family, and congregation: **thank you for your gracious hospitality and Kingdom service.**

As your newly elected **Chairman**, I am deeply humbled by the confidence and trust you have placed in me by once again choosing me to serve the extraordinary people of the Northern District Council. I do not take this responsibility lightly, and I look forward to serving alongside each of you as we continue advancing the work of God together.

Our Focus:

To Strengthen, Encourage, and Unify the People of God.

Hebrews 10:23

"Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised)."

May this Fall Council be a time of spiritual renewal, encouragement, unity, and empowerment as we continue steadfastly in faith and service to our Lord.

Welcome to the Northern District Council Autumn Session!

Grace & Peace be multiplied, your humble servant,



Suffragan Bishop T.S. Wiggins



Welcome from the HOST PASTOR

NORTHERN DISTRICT COUNCIL

OCTOBER 2026 COUNCIL SESSION

PRAISE THE LORD, NORTHERN DISTRICT COUNCIL FAMILY!

On behalf of First Lady Amber Johnson, the officers, staff, and entire Apostolic Life Church family, it is our distinct honor and joy to welcome the Northern District Council of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc. back to Bay City for our October 2026 Council Session.

Hosting the Council again is a privilege that we do not take lightly. For many months, our staff and congregation have prayerfully prepared for this occasion, with one desire: that every delegate, pastor, minister, family member, and guest would feel genuinely welcomed and well served. We pray that your accommodations at the resort are pleasant, that our church facility is warm and inviting, and—above all—that our time together is marked by the presence, power, and purpose of God.

Jesus taught us the humility that must accompany Christian service: *"We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do."* – Luke 17:10. It is in that spirit that Apostolic Life Church serves this Council. Whatever we have prepared and whatever hospitality we are able to extend is simply our reasonable service to the people of God.

This gathering is also especially meaningful to me personally. I remain profoundly grateful for the prayers, encouragement, and support of the Northern District Council surrounding my elevation to the sacred office of Bishop, and for your continued support of the Pakistan District Council, 80th Episcopal District. The work God has entrusted to us in Pakistan has been strengthened in no small measure through the fellowship, generosity, prayer, and confidence of this Council.

I therefore extend special gratitude to our Diocesan, the Honorable Bishop Ira Combs, Jr. and First Lady Combs; to our Chairman, Suffragan Bishop Theron Wiggins; to the pastors, officers, leadership, and entire Northern District Council family. Your kindness toward me, my family, Apostolic Life Church, and the work entrusted to us abroad will never be taken for granted.

As we gather again in Bay City, we look forward to worship, fellowship, instruction, and the strengthening of the bonds that make us one Council family. May this session refresh every servant, strengthen every church, and bring glory to the name of Jesus Christ.

Welcome home to Apostolic Life Church. It is our honor to serve you.

With Kingdom Love and Gratitude,

Bishop Phillip N. Johnson

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Host Pastor, Apostolic Life Church of Bay City
Diocesan Bishop, Pakistan District Council – 80th Episcopal District

First Lady Amber Johnson

First Lady Amber Johnson
and the Apostolic Life Church Family

"We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do."

LUKE 17:10



APOSTOLIC LIFE CHURCH

WORSHIP | FELLOWSHIP | INSTRUCTION | KINGDOM IMPACT

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NORTHERN DISTRICT COUNCIL 2026 MEAL MENU

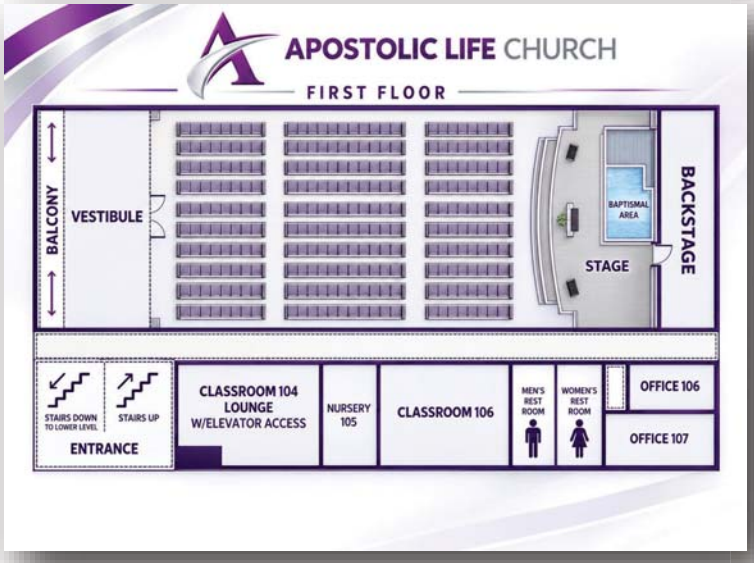
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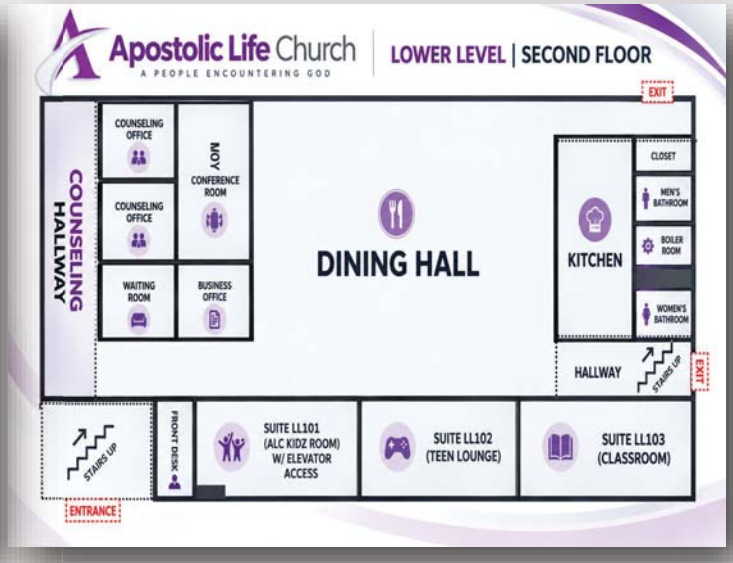
Serving Hours: Breakfast 9:00 AM-11:00 AM | Lunch 12:00 PM-2:00 PM | Dinner 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

TUESDAY	Breakfast:	Pastries / Muffins / Fresh Fruit	$3
	Lunch:	Chicken Noodle Soup	$7
	Dinner:	Taco Dinner	$8
WEDNESDAY	Breakfast:	Turkey Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Hash Brown Casserole & Biscuit	$7
	Lunch:	Chicken Tortellini Soup	$7
	Dinner:	Choice of Turkey or Meatloaf, Green Beans, Dressing, Mac and Cheese, Potatoes, Cornbread & Dessert	$20
THURSDAY	Breakfast:	Pastries / Muffins / Fresh Fruit	$3
	Lunch:	Butternut Squash Soup	$7
	Dinner:	Spaghetti, Tossed Salad & Garlic Bread	$8
FRIDAY	Breakfast:	Pastries / Muffins / Fresh Fruit	$3
	Lunch:	Chili	$7
	Dinner:	Chicken & French Fries	$8
SATURDAY	All Day:	Wrapped Pastries / Unpeeled Fruit	$3

EVERY DAY

- Desserts available for purchase all day
- Soda pop available for purchase all day
- Complimentary coffee, water & hot tea
- After-service to-go boxes available while supplies last.





NORTHERN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Fall Session 2026

REGISTRATION & LICENSE RENEWAL

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Sunday, November 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM

No registration will be taken after this deadline.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

October 12 - November 1

www.ndcpaw.org

ONSITE REGISTRATION

Registration hours

Tuesday	11:30 AM - 3:00 PM 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Wednesday	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Thursday	9:30 AM - 3:00 PM 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Friday	9:30 AM - 3:00 PM 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Saturday	8:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Room: Dining Hall

PHONE REGISTRATION

(517) 709-8070 Extension 2

To register by phone or ask registration questions, call during the onsite hours of council week and leave a message. Please do not call the church. We will return your call as soon as possible.

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LICENSE RENEWAL

Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM & 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Room: 102

District Elder Alex Easley, Director

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tuesday | October 27, 2026

		Location	Department
12:00pm - 2:00pm	**Seminar:** Speaker: District Elder Curtis Johnson LIVE STREAMING	Sanctuary	Men's Ministry
2:15pm - 3:00pm	**Business Meeting**	Sanctuary	Men's Ministry
4:30pm-5:30pm	**DINNER BREAK**		
5:00pm	**Men's Ministry Choir Rehearsal**	Sanctuary	Men's Ministry
5:30pm	**Usher's Meeting**	106	Usher's Auxiliary
6:30pm	 **Evening Service** LIVE STREAMING Speaker: Suff. Bishop Phillip Thompson *Pastor of Bethlehem Temple - Flint, MI*	Sanctuary	Men's Ministry

Wednesday | October 28, 2026

		Location	Department
9:00am - 9:45am	**Committee Head Meeting** Evang. Melinda Peterman and NDCMCWA Staff	Room 103	MCWA
10:00am - 1:00pm	**License and Credentials** District Elder Alex Easley, Chairperson	Room 102	General Body
10:00am - 11:00am	**Morning Glory** LIVE STREAMING Speaker: Evangelist Cheryl Lamar	Sanctuary	MCWA
11:00am-11:45am	**Bible Class** "A Call to Holiness" Speaker: District Elder Curtis Johnson	Sanctuary	MCWA
1:00pm	**Advisory Board Meeting** Diocesan Bishop Ira Combs, Jr. - Presiding (Prayer begins at 12:30pm)	Bay Valley Resort *(Muirfield Room)*	Private Meeting
11:45am-12:30pm	**Domestic Violence Seminar** LIVE STREAMING Speaker: Evangelist LaDonna Spight	Sanctuary	MCWA
12:30pm-1:15pm	**BREAK**		
1:15pm - 1:30pm	**Prayer** Evangelist Ella Smith	Sanctuary	MCWA
1:30pm– 4:00pm	**MCWA Business Session** Evg. Melinda Peterman– NDCMCWA	Sanctuary	MCWA
	Outreach Activity Evg. Gwen Zeine	TBA	MCWA
4:00pm-5:00pm	**DINNER BREAK**		
5:00pm-5:45pm	**MCWA Presidents Meeting** Evangelist Melinda Peterman	Room 5	MCWA
5:00pm	**Choir Rehearsal** Sister Alina Oliver	Sanctuary	MCWA
6:00pm	**Prayer** Evangelist Ella Smith	Sanctuary	MCWA

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday | October 28, 2026 (cont.)

6:30pm	**Evening Service** LIVE STREAMING	
	Mistress of Ceremonies	Evangelist Lynne Shivers
	Prayer	Evangelist Barbara Henderson
	Scripture	Evangelist Cecelia McGee
	Welcome	Lady Amber Johnson
	Response	Lady Ebbie Alford
	Praise Team and Choir	Sister Alina Oliver
	Ecclesiastical Recognition	District Elder Samuel Hemmingway
	Presidential Address	Evangelist Melinda Peterman
	Choir Selection	NDC MCWA Choir Sister Alina Oliver (Directress)
	Offering	Evangelist Melinda Peterman & District Elder Samuel Hemmingway
	Choir Selection	Bethlehem Temple (Flint. MI) Pastor Phillip Thompson
	Speaker Introduction	Evangelist Melinda Peterman
	Sermon & Altar Call	Evangelist Mary Bond
	Benediction	Council Chairman Suffragan Bishop Wiggins

Thursday | October 29, 2026

		Location	Department
9:30am-10:00am	**Prayer** District Elder Norman Holman	Sanctuary	General Body
10:00am - 1:00pm	**License and Credentials** District Elder Alex Easley, Chairperson	102	General Body
11:00am	**Office of Compliance** Suffragan Bishop Wilbert Reed, Director	106	General Body
10:00am– 12:00pm	**Ministers' Meeting** LIVE STREAMING Bishop Ira Combs, Jr.	Sanctuary	General Body
12:00pm –1:00pm	**LUNCH BREAK**		
1:00pm - 3:00pm	**General Council Business Session** Suffragan Bishop T.S. Wiggins - NDC Chairman	Sanctuary	General Body
3:00pm– 4:30pm	**Bible Class** LIVE STREAMING Speaker: Suffragan Bishop Kevin Williams, Jr.	Sanctuary	General Body
3:00pm– 4:30pm	**Altar Worker's Workshop** *"Holy Ghost Hospital"* Speaker: District Elder Norman Holman	106	General Body
4:30pm– 5:30pm	**DINNER BREAK**		
5:30pm-7:00pm	**License and Credentials** District Elder Alex Easley, Chairperson	102	General Body
5:30pm-6:30pm	**NDC Committee Meetings and Special Sessions** Resolution Committee /Grievance Committee	103	General Body
6:00pm	**Ushers Meeting**	Sanctuary	Ushers
7:00pm	**Evening Service** LIVE STREAMING Speaker: Bishop Jon Slaughter	Sanctuary	General Body

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday | October 30, 2026

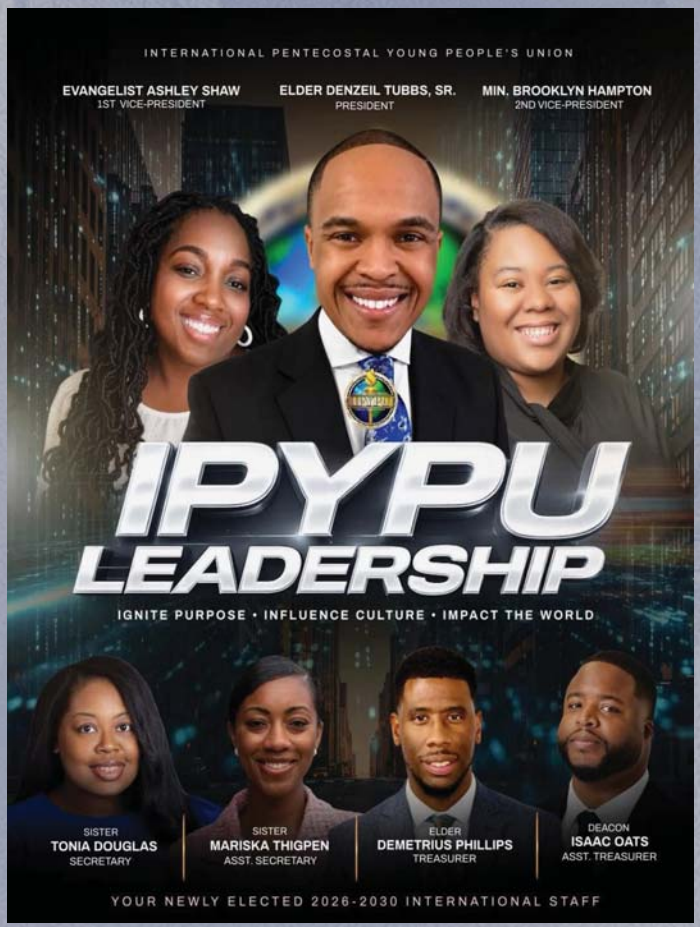
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9:30am-10:00am	**Prayer** District Elder Norman Holman	Sanctuary	General Body
10:00am-12:00pm	**Pastor's Meeting** Bishop Ira Combs, Jr., D.D., Officiating	Sanctuary	General Body
10:00am-12:00pm	**Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows** **Seminar: Identifying Your Strengths** First Lady Amber Johnson, *NDCMWMWA President*	102	MWMWA
10:00am-12:00pm	**Singles Peoples' Alliance** Evg. Beverly Williams, NDCSA President **"Hearing From God Concerning My Singleness"** Speaker: District Elder Rhonda Holloway	103	Singles' Alliance
10:00am-12:00pm	**International Missions**	101	NDC Missions
12:00pm-1:00pm	**LUNCH BREAK**		
1:00pm– 2:30pm	**Council Business Session** Suffragan Bishop T.S. Wiggins - NDC Chairman	Sanctuary	General Body
3:00pm-4:30pm	**Bible Class** LIVE STREAMING Speaker: District Elder Melvin Davis	Sanctuary	General Body
4:30pm	**DINNER BREAK**	Sanctuary	General Body
5:30pm	**Choir Rehearsal**	Sanctuary	Music Ministry
7:00pm	**Evening Service & Elected Leaders Consecration** LIVE STREAMING Speaker: Bishop Lee Scott, *Senior Pastor of Lively Stone St. Louis, Missouri*	Sanctuary	General Body



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday | October 31, 2026

		Location	Department
9:00am	**Devotion and Worship Service**	Sanctuary	CEA
	Business Session	Sanctuary	CEA
10:30am - 11:30am	**Youth Class Breakout Session**	101	CEA
10:30am - 11:30am	**Teen Class Breakout Session**	102	CEA
10:30am - 11:30am	**Adult Session Seminar** "Instruction to Implementation" Speaker: Suffragan Bishop Phillip Thompson	Sanctuary	CEA
11:30am - 12:00pm	**Class Review, Offering, and Dismissal**	Sanctuary	CEA
12:00pm - 1:00pm	**Young Ministers Meeting**	106	General Body
12:30pm- 1:00pm	**NDCPYPU Business Meeting**	Sanctuary	NDCPYPU
1:00pm	**Midday Worship** Speaker: Elder Denzeil Tubbs, Sr. *IPYPU President*	Sanctuary	NDCPYPU





Upcoming EVENTS

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COLOSSIANS 3:22-25

Spring SESSION 2027

MARCH 23RD - 27TH, 2027

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FLINT, MI 48507



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NORTHERN DISTRICT COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP & COUNCIL STAFF

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

NDC DIOCESAN BISHOP
Bishop Ira Combs, Jr., D.D.

NDC COUNCIL CHAIRMAN
Suffragan Bishop Theron S. Wiggins

NDC COUNCIL VICE CHAIRMAN
Suffragan Bishop Luke McClendon

NDC GENERAL SECRETARY
Suffragan Bishop Reginald Freeman

NDC ASSIST. GENERAL SECRETARY
Suffragan Bishop Dorian Richardson

NDC GENERAL TREASURER
Evg. Lajone McClinton

NDC ASSIST. GENERAL TREASURER
District Elder Michael Eubanks

PAW RESIDENT BISHOPS

Bishop Charles H. Ellis, III
Bishop Gary Harper
Bishop Mona Reide
Bishop Avery Burrel
Bishop Carlton Burrel
Bishop Phillip Johnson
Bishop Jon Slaughter
Bishop Harry S. Grayson (Emeritus)

SUFFRAGAN BISHOPS AND DISTRICT ELDERS

DISTRICT ELDERS

District Elder Samuel Hemmingway
District Elder Michael Eubanks
District Elder Curtis Johnson
District Elder Eunice Jones
District Elder Alex Easley
District Elder Mark Thomas
District Elder Lee Patterson Sr.
District Elder Walter Elam
District Elder Burnetta Driver
District Elder Rhonda Holloway
District Elder Norman Holman

SUFFRAGAN BISHOPS

Suff. Bishop Luke McClendon
Suff. Bishop Theron Wiggins
Suff. Bishop Donney Faulk
Suff. Bishop Theophilus Burrel
Suff. Bishop Wilbert Reed, Jr.
Suff. Bishop Kenneth Brown
Suff. Bishop Phillip Thompson
Suff. Bishop William LaMar
Suff. Bishop Dorian Richardson

AUXILIARY LEADERSHIP

MEN'S Ministry Auxiliary (MM) - Elder Lance Everson
Missionary & Christian Women Auxiliary (MCWA) - Evg. Melinda Peterman
International Missions Auxiliary - Suffragan Bishop Kimberly Brown
Christian Education Auxiliary (CEA) - Assoc. Pastor Gregory Crump
Singles' Auxiliary (SA) - Evg. Beverly Williams
Ministers' Wives & Ministers' Widows (MWWMA) - First Lady Amber Johnson
Young People's Auxiliary (YPYU) - Elder Demetrius Phillips
Ushers' Auxiliary - Evg. Tiana Haygood

COUNCIL STAFF

Brother Ryan Owens - Council Administrator/Information and Technology Director
Minister Angie Holman - Chief Financial Officer (CFO)
Suffragan Bishop Wilbert Reed, Jr. - Chief of Staff / Compliance Director
District Elder Alex Easley - License and Credential Director
Evangelist Tiana Haygood - Council Session Coordinator
Lady Keiara Gladney - Council Housing Coordinator
Brother Eric Smith - Audio/Video Streaming Coordinator
Lady E. Armelia Slaughter - November Banquet Facilitator
Evangelist Brooklyn Owens, BSN, RN - Health & Safety Coordinator
Suffragan Bishop Kevin Williams - Protocol Director
Evangelist Chalone Turner - Council Session Staff
Sister Camille Owens - Council Session Staff