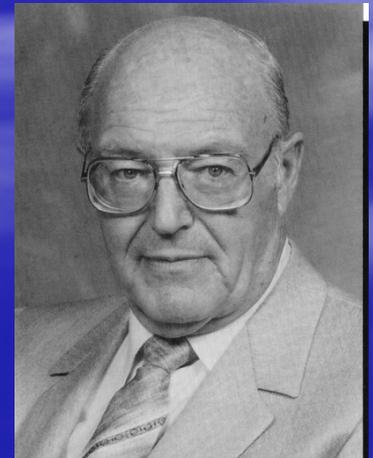
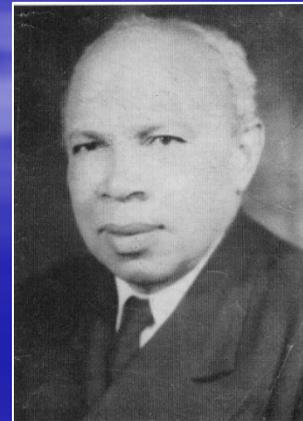


Church History



Northern District Council



Northern District Council

History



- A young man named Baba M. David received the gospel message and was saved at the Persian Pentecostal Mission in Chicago, where Andrew Urshan was the pastor
- Brother David later felt the call of God to start a work in Grand Rapids, MI
- In 1911 he moved to Grand Rapids and founded the Apostolic Faith Church
- This was the first Apostolic Pentecostal church in Michigan
- Brother David was 28 years old when he founded the church

Northern District Council

History

- Pastor David rented space for the church in the basement of a building that also housed a saloon
- A young 16 year old girl named Maude Ellis visited the church and Pastor David asked if she had a prayer request
- She asked for prayer because she wanted to be sure she was ready to go to heaven. The entire church prayed for her on their knees
- She repented and God filled her with the Holy Ghost
- Because the church had not been in the building long, they did not have a baptismal pool. So Maude and several others took a boat to Chicago where she was baptized in Jesus Name by Andrew Urshan the next day
- She was the first soul saved at the church

Northern District Council

History

- The Apostolic Doctrine began to spread and before long Apostolic churches were being established all over Michigan
- The Northern District Council (NDC) of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc. was formally organized in 1928 in Grand Rapids, MI by Bishop Samuel N. Hancock
- At that time parts of OH, IN, NY, and all of Michigan and Canada were included in the NDC
- The NDC was incorporated in 1931
- In October of 1931 the PAW and AC of JC merged to form the PA of JC
- Most of the NDC went with the merger

Northern District Council

History

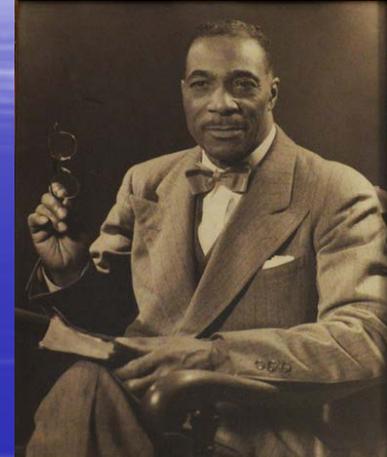
- The NDC (PAW) churches that did not merge into the PA of JC formed the Michigan Council of the PAW
- This group was led by Bishop Harry Barnett of Niles, MI
- Because of the merger, for 6 years there were two Councils in Michigan
- In 1938 both groups met in Detroit with Bishop Hancock facilitating the meeting
- Bishop Hancock declared all offices vacant and reorganized the NDC
- Bishop Hancock withdrew his nomination for Chairman
- Bishop Barnett was elected Chairman of the reorganized body

Northern District Council

Diocesan Bishops

Bishop S.N. Hancock 1928 – 1938

- Lifespan – Nov 9, 1883 – Aug 18, 1963
- He was born in Kentucky but the family moved to Indiana when he was five years old
- He was saved in 1914 under the pastorate of Bishop G.T. Haywood
- In 1917, Elder Samuel N. Hancock became Assistant Pastor to Bishop G.T. Haywood in Indianapolis, IN
- In 1921 Elder Hancock moved to Detroit, MI to become pastor of a small church that would grow to a membership of over 3000 people under his leadership. The church is currently named Clinton Street Greater Bethlehem Temple Church



Northern District Council

Diocesan Bishops

Bishop S.N. Hancock 1928 – 1938

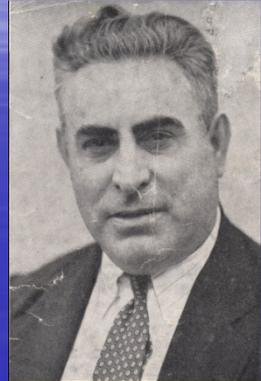
- Elder Hancock was elevated to the office of Bishop within the PAW in 1927. He organized the NDC in 1928
- Upon the passing of Presiding Bishop G.T. Haywood, Bishop Hancock was a leader in the merger of the PAW into the PA of JC in 1931. Bishop Hancock returned to the PAW in 1938 because of the racial unrest that had developed in the PA of JC
- Upon returning to the PAW, he reorganized the NDC in 1938
- Bishop Hancock and others left the PAW in 1957 and formed the Pentecostal Churches of the Apostolic Faith (PCAF).
- He served as the Presiding Bishop until his death in 1963

Northern District Council

Diocesan Bishops

Bishop Harry Barnett 1938 - 1951

- Lifespan – Jan 15, 1888 – July 9, 1952
- He was born in Indianapolis, IN
- He was saved in 1918 under the pastorate of Bishop G.T. Haywood
- He was sent to pastor the Full Gospel Assembly in Niles, MI and served faithfully for 22 years until his death
- He and Vertoria Fingerly, also of Indianapolis, were married on September 6, 1912. The couple never had children of their own but adopted and raised Donna May Williams in their home from infancy.



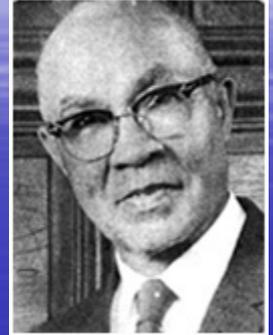
Northern District Council

Diocesan Bishops

Bishop Harry Barnett 1938 - 1951

- In 1931 he organized the Michigan PAW churches (that remained with the organization after the parent body merged into the PA of JC) into the Michigan Council of the PAW
- He was elevated to the bishopric in 1932
- Bishop Barnett was called the “Unique Bishop” because he is the only PAW Bishop that was a converted Jew
- Bishop Barnett was greatly loved for his charm, humorous disposition, and outgoing nature. Few men could equal his loyalty and faithfulness to the kingdom of God
- Weeks before his death, he was confined to his bed but would insist on being dressed in shirt and tie and being groomed to "The Nines".

Northern District Council



Diocesan Bishops

District Elder Willie Lee 1951 - 1953

- District Elder Lee was never a Diocesan Bishop of the NDC, however he was the Assistant Chairman under Bishop Barnett and did preside over the NDC for a two year period of time
- Lifespan – Feb 16, 1901 – June 19, 1969
- He was born in Starksville, Mississippi
- He was saved in February, 1925, under the ministry of Bishop G.T. Haywood
- He was united in marriage to Miss Maggie Taylor, September 22, 1918, in Parkin, Mississippi. The couple had one son

Northern District Council

Diocesan Bishops

District Elder Willie Lee 1951 - 1953

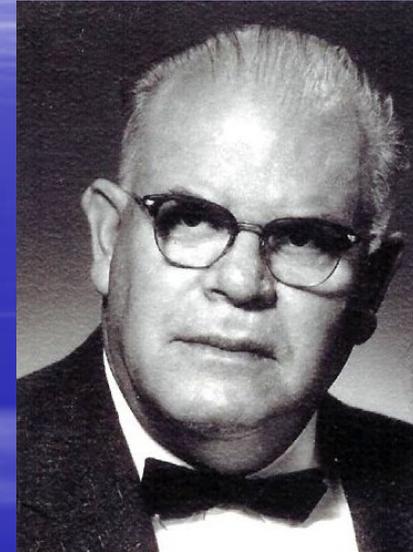
- He moved to Detroit, MI where he was selected to become the assistant pastor of Greater Bethlehem Temple under the leadership of Bishop Samuel N. Hancock
- He became pastor of Christ Temple Church in Musekegon Heights, MI and erected a church edifice.
- He was elected Assistant Chairman of the NDC and presided over the Council from 1951 - 1953
- In 1953 the official board of Christ Temple, Indianapolis (the mother church) requested District Elder Lee to return to assume the pastorate of the church. He consented and served faithfully as pastor for many years

Northern District Council

Diocesan Bishops

Bishop James Leo Sipes 1953 - 1961

- Lifespan – Sept 26, 1893 – Dec 7, 1961
- He was born in Martin County, IN
- He was saved in 1914
- While courting his future wife, Ruth Ann White, she was saved and witnessed to him. After receiving the revelation about Jesus' name, he was saved.
- The couple later married and had five children



Northern District Council

Diocesan Bishops

Bishop James Leo Sipes 1953 - 1961

- Elder Sipes was elevated to the bishopric in the P.A.W. in 1944, and assigned to the 12th Episcopal District of Southern Illinois and Missouri
- In 1953 he was reassigned to the 5th Episcopal District of the Northern District Council, of which he was the diocesan until his demise
- Bishop Sipes will long be remembered in the P.A.W., as a purpose driven leader.

Northern District Council

Diocesan Bishops

Bishop R.P. Paddock 1962-1988



- Lifespan – March 9, 1907 – Sept 17, 1990
- Born Ross Perry Paddock in South Haven, MI
- The family moved to Kalamazoo, MI and he lived there the rest of his life
- Bishop Paddock was married to Frances Taylor in 1924, when he was just 17 years old. The couple were married 66 years and had 12 children
- He was saved in 1929 under the ministry of Elder Glenn Boardwell

Northern District Council

Diocesan Bishops

Bishop R.P. Paddock 1962-1988

- On December 4, 1934 Bishop S.N. Hancock came and held an election and Bishop Paddock became pastor of the church then known as Blessed Promise Assembly – Later renamed Christ Temple Church
- Upon becoming pastor, he joined the Pentecostal Assemblies of Jesus Christ (PA of JC)
- In 1938 racial issues began to surface within the PA of JC and many ministers, mostly black, came back to the PAW
- Bishop Paddock was a white minister who stood for what was right. In the face of great pressure he also left the PA of JC in 1938 and joined the PAW

Northern District Council

Diocesan Bishops

Bishop R.P. Paddock 1962-1988

- In 1952 he was elevated to the office of Bishop
- In 1953 he was elected as the Assistant Presiding Bishop of the PAW (held this position for 14 years)
- He was the Diocesan Bishop of the Mountain State Council (Arizona, New Mexico) for 9 years (1953-1962)
- He was the Diocesan Bishop of the Northern District Council (Michigan and parts of Canada) for 26 years (1962-1988)
- He was the Pastor of Christ Temple Church of Kalamazoo, MI for 37 ½ years until his retirement from the Pastorate in 1972

Northern District Council

Diocesan Bishops

Bishop R.P. Paddock 1962-1988

- He also served the PAW as Treasure and Lay Director
- In 1967, upon the passing of Bishop Samuel Grimes, Bishop Paddock became the third Presiding Bishop of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World (and the first from the State of Michigan)
- Bishop Paddock was known as a phenomenal Bible teacher
- Saints would gather at the conventions and overcrowd rooms, many gathering in the hallways, just to hear him teach

Northern District Council

Diocesan Bishops

Bishop William L. Burrel 1988 - 1995

- Lifespan – Nov 28, 1927 – Sept 1, 1995
- He was born in Moorhead, Mississippi
- He was called to the ministry at age 10 and preached his first sermon at age 12
- On July 22, 1951, William was united in Holy Matrimony to Willie Belle Forte. Twelve children were born to this union



Northern District Council

Diocesan Bishops

Bishop William L. Burrel 1988 - 1995

- Elder Burrel became a national evangelist for the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World (1951–1954)
- He was called to Muskegon Heights, Michigan and became pastor of the Christ Temple Church on June 2, 1954 where he served for 41 years
- Bishop Burrel received an Associates of Arts degree, a Bachelors and Masters, and a Ph.D. in Theology. He also received an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity from the Wayne Theological Seminary

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Diocesan Bishops

Bishop William L. Burrel 1988 - 1995

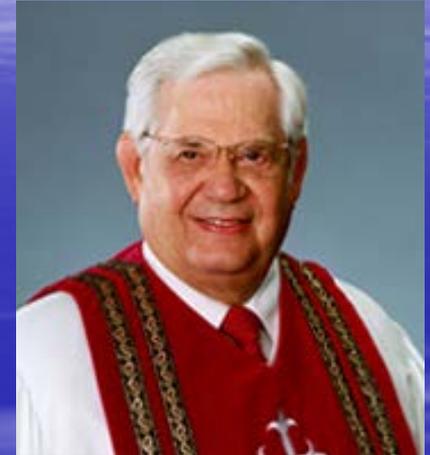
- Bishop Burrel possessed a deep love for the human rights of all people
- The "Bishop Man", fondly called by his children, was known to be a strong, wise and patient man; a man of principal and values
- He was elevated to the bishopric in the P.A.W. in 1977, and assigned to the 36th Episcopal District, The Caribbean District Council
- Bishop Burrel served as diocesan of the New Jersey State Council for many years
- In 1988 he was reassigned to the Northern District Council, of which he was the diocesan until Sept. 1, 1995 when he finished his earthly course

Northern District Council

Diocesan Bishops

Bishop Harry L. Herman 1996 - 2013

- Lifespan – Nov 14, 1924 – present
- He was born in Indianapolis, IN
- He grew up at “The mother Church” Christ Temple in Indianapolis and was saved July 5, 1949
- He served in the U.S. army in the pacific theatre in World War II
- On October 9, 1949 he married Jenny Rea "Jerry" Herman, and the Lord blessed them with 5 sons



Northern District Council

Diocesan Bishops

Bishop Harry L. Herman 1996 - 2013

- While at Christ Temple in Indianapolis, he served in almost every department of the church, and from 1960-1965 he served as Assistant Pastor, before being called to Christ Temple in Detroit to pastor.
- He moved his family to Kalamazoo, MI at the invitation of Bishop Ross P. Paddock in September 1970 to become the Assistant Pastor of Christ Temple Kalamazoo
- Bishop Paddock resigned June 5, 1972 as Pastor and Bishop Herman was elected Pastor and served faithfully for over 37 years

Northern District Council

Diocesan Bishops

Bishop Harry L. Herman 1996 - 2013

- He was Director of the International Christian Education Association (ICEA) for 6 years
- He served as Chairman of the PAW Judiciary Committee for 6 years
- He was elected Chairman of the NDC in 1984 and served two terms in this office
- He is an esteemed counselor and teacher of young ministers, pastors, and married couples
- Bishop Herman is also the author of several books

Northern District Council

Diocesan Bishops

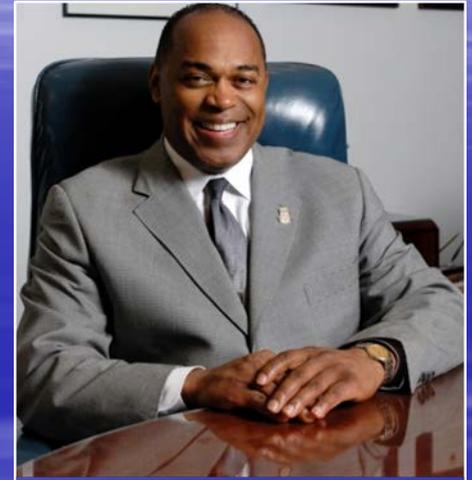
Bishop Harry L. Herman 1996 - 2013

- He earned a Doctorate of Theology and a Doctorate of Divinity in 1995 from the International Apostolic College
- He was elevated to the Bishopric in the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc. in 1989
- He served as Diocesan of the Minnesota, Wisconsin, & Dakotas Council for 6 1/2 years
- Bishop Herman was appointed Diocesan of the Northern District Council in 1996 and served faithfully until retiring in June 2013

Northern District Council

Diocesan Bishops

Bishop Ira Combs Jr. 2014 – present



- Lifespan – March 21, 1958 – present
- He is a native of Inkster, MI
- He was baptized in the name of Jesus Christ and filled with the Holy Spirit under the ministry of the late Bishop David L. Ellis, while attending Greater Grace Temple in Detroit, MI

Northern District Council

Diocesan Bishops

Bishop Ira Combs Jr. 2014 - present

- Shortly after being saved, he received the call to the ministry and was sent out to Pastor in 1979 under the auspices of District Elder William Warren of Christ Temple Church of Lansing and Bishop David L. Ellis of Greater Grace Temple of Detroit, MI
- In 1980, he was united in Holy Matrimony to Kimberly L. Marshall of Detroit, who has stood tirelessly with him in labor and love in the ministry and community endeavors. They are the parents of two children, Sarah and Ira III.

Northern District Council

Diocesan Bishops

Bishop Ira Combs Jr. 2014 - present

- In the fall of 1980, Bishop Combs came to the City of Jackson and founded the Greater Bible Way Temple of the Apostolic Faith in a small building that seated twenty-five people. Having obtained help from God, in the year 2000 GBWT built a beautiful, spacious state-of-the-art Sanctuary that seats 1200
- In 1987, Bishop Combs founded and established Young Apostolic Students for Christ (Y.A.S.C.) which is a thriving campus fellowship/outreach ministry and auxiliary of the Greater Bible Way Temple

Northern District Council

Diocesan Bishops

Bishop Ira Combs Jr. 2014 - present

- As a result of God's faithfulness, four progressive ministries have been birthed: Greater Bible Way Temple of Montgomery, Alabama (District Elder Timothy Johnson), Apostolic Life Church of Bay City, Michigan (Suffragan Bishop Rader Johnson, founder (now Pastoring Greater Bethel Temple in Louisville, KY) - Pastor Phillip Johnson), New Life Outreach Ministries, Bloomington, Indiana (Elder R. Christopher Reynolds), and Jesus International Ministries, Ypsilanti, Michigan (Elder Larry Clifton)

Northern District Council

Diocesan Bishops

Bishop Ira Combs Jr. 2014 - present

- Bishop Combs is the Founder (May 1989) & Executive Director of Christ Centered Homes, Inc.; and President & Chairman of IRCO Housing Development, Inc. in Jackson, MI
- He is a consultant with Fidelis Secure Care HMO.
- He is on the board of Trustees at Spring Arbor University
- He served as Vice Chairman of the P.A.W. Northern District Council from 1998-2001
- Bishop Combs is known for being an outstanding Bible teacher and is the author of several books

Northern District Council

Diocesan Bishops

Bishop Ira Combs Jr. 2014 - present

- Bishop Combs studied Business Marketing at Michigan State University (1976-1980)
- In 1991 he received a Bachelor's of Theology degree from Indiana Bible College
- In 2014, Bishop Combs received a Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry degree from the Aenon Bible College
- He has received Honorary Doctorate degrees from the following institutions: Aenon Bible College, St. Thomas Christian College, and Grace Bible College

Northern District Council

Diocesan Bishops

Bishop Ira Combs Jr. 2014 - present

- Bishop Combs currently serves as the Vice President of Aeon Bible College in Indianapolis, Indiana. He also serves on the Board of Directors as Director of Finance and Appropriations.
- He was elevated to the Bishopric in the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc. in 2010
- He served as Diocesan of the Kenya Council for 4 years
- Bishop Combs was appointed Diocesan of the Northern District Council in March of 2014 and continues to serve faithfully to this day

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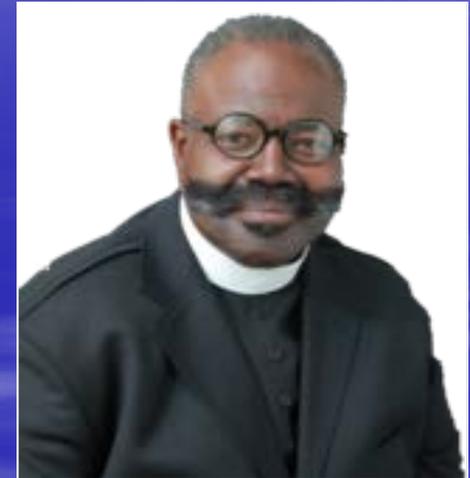
Current Leadership

- Diocesan Bishop
Bishop Ira Combs Jr.



Northern District Council Current Leadership

- Council Chairman
Suff. Bishop Theron Wiggins



- Vice Chairman
Suff. Bishop Luke McClendon

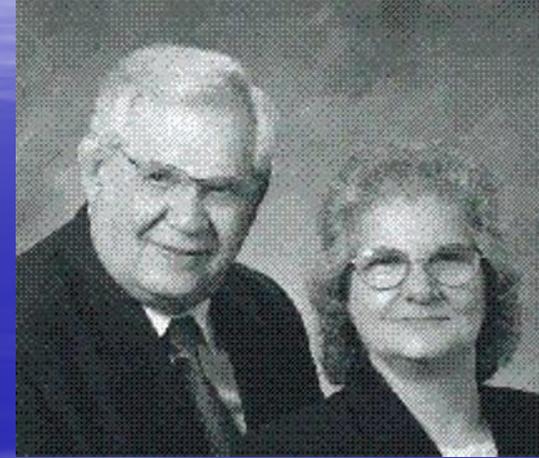


Northern District Council Current Leadership

- Secretary
Suff. Bishop Reginald Freeman
- Assistant Secretary
Suff. Bishop Phillip Johnson
- Treasurer
Minister Angie Holman
- Assistant Treasurer
Suff. Bishop Theophilus Burrell



Church History



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