



CHURCH OF GOD APOSTOLIC, INC.

2026 HOLY CONVOCATION CHURCH & FAMILY CONFERENCE



Bishop Cecil & Evang. Rhetta Reid
General Overseer & National Mother
Church of God Apostolic, Inc.

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.
2 Peter 1:17

PASTOR'S PACKET

THE OFFICIAL HOLY CONVOCATION INFORMATION PACKET FOR
PASTORS, ADMINISTRATORS AND AUXILIARY LEADERS

BISHOP'S GREETING

To All C.O.G.A. Bishops, National Auxiliary Leaders and Pastors:

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. First of all I want to thank you for your due diligence in making preparations to attend our 2026 National Holy Convocation July 13-17, 2026 in Greensboro, North Carolina. To make sure you have all the information you need for your journey to Greensboro, we have compiled this year's Pastor Packet that includes the following key information:

- Holy Convocation Contact Information
- Notice of important changes in the Finance Department
- Hotel Rates and Reservation Options Details
- Conference Registration Instructions and Form
- Health & Safety Protocol
- Memorandums from National Auxiliary Leaders
- Information on our 2026 Legacy Banquet, Friday July 17, 2026

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Please feel free to reach out to me or the Convocation Planning Team if you have any questions or for additional information. Once again, thank you for making preparations to attend the **2026 Church of God Apostolic, Inc. Holy Convocation and Church & Family Growth Conference!**

For His Glory,
Bishop Cecil Reid, General Overseer

TO CONTACT HOLY CONVOCATION PLANNING TEAM



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2026 HOLY CONVOCATION CONTACTS

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THE BEST WAY TO PREPARE FOR HOLY CONVOCATION 2026

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.
Philippians 4:7

As we all make the important and necessary preparations for this year's convocation, let us not forget to keep it in our prayers. We are asking you and your church to pray with us, without ceasing for this year's program. Additionally, please dedicate at least one of the below times each week to pray for our Convocation, our General Overseer, the board of bishops, the board of elders, all pastors, ministers and church workers. Let's pray for all auxiliary leaders and everyone that will be participating in the convocation including our speakers, special guests and everyone attending.

Most importantly, let's pray that the LORD will meet us there in a mighty way.

TUESDAYS @ 6:00 AM OR 12:00 NOON OR 8:00 PM



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FINANCE - BUSINESS OFFICE IMPORTANT CHANGES

FINANCE OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATE

- Please add the following number to your contacts for Finance/Giving related matters:
- **Sis. Edith Reid, (704) 650-9248 / cogafinance@cogainc.org**
- *Update your records immediately - Share updates with your church finance / administrative team - Contact Sis. Edith if have questions.*

MATTHEW 6

*Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.
² Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.
³ But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth:
⁴ That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.*

ADDRESS CHANGE - NEW POST OFFICE BOX

- The organization's business office (Finance) address has changed
- The mailing address has been updated to a new P.O. Box
- Please send all tithes, offerings and annual reports to the new address
- The new mailing address is now in effect. The new address is:
PO Box 241 Matthews, NC 28106
- Send all correspondence to the updated P.O. Box
- Update records for billing and financial correspondence
- Ensure all payments and documents reflect new address
- The previous P.O. Box will no longer be monitored

WAYS TO GIVE UPDATE – NEW CASH APP \$ AND ZELLE OPTION ADDED

- The C.O.G.A. CashApp account has been changed. The new account ID is **\$COGAGIVE**
- The old accounts should not be used to give going forward.
- **ZELLE:** A Zelle transfer option is now available for those that have this available through their bank. You can reach your local bank branch or your online portal to see if Zelle is available. Please inform us if you need the C.O.G.A. Zelle information to give.

CHURCH REPORTS

- Church Reports for 2026 Holy Convocation are now available and will be emailed to each pastor and church administrators.
- If submitting your report prior to convocation, it should be mailed to the new address:
PO Box 241 Matthews, NC 28106
- If mailing, please send no later than 10 days prior to convocation to ensure sufficient time for it to arrive before the meeting.
- If you are bringing your report to Convocation, please deliver the report to the business office no later than Tuesday night of the conference, July 14, 2026.
- **Contact Sis. Edith if have questions.**

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DoubleTree by Hilton - Airport Greensboro, NC July 13-17, 2026

**Please note this is an overview of the schedule of events for the week and program details will be provided at check-in, including official program. **

**MONDAY
JULY 13**

MORNING: DELEGATES TRAVEL TO GREENSBORO, NC

AFTERNOON: REGISTRATION & HOTEL CHECK-IN 4:00 PM

Early check-in based on availability - please contact coordinators

EVENING: 7:30 PM HOLY CONVOCATION SOLEMN ASSEMBLY

**TUESDAY
JULY 14**

BREAKFAST 7:00 AM - 9:00 PM DAILY

SPECIAL MEETINGS

MORNING: 9:15 AM - MORNING GLORY

8:00 AM - BOARD OF ELDERS

10:15 AM NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL SESSION

3:00 PM - BOARD OF BISHOPS

4:30 PM MUSIC DEPT.

AFTERNOON: 12:15- 1:15 PM LUNCH ONSITE OR OWN YOUR OWN

1:30 - 2:45 PM SPECIAL AFTERNOON SESSIONS

3:00 - 7:00 PM FREE TIME AND DINNER ON YOUR OWN

EVENING: 7:30 PM - HOLY CONVOCATION WORSHIP SERVICE

**WEDNESDAY
JULY 15**

MORNING: 9:15 AM - MORNING GLORY

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10:15 - NATIONAL MISSIONS SESSION

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**THURSDAY
JULY 16**

MORNING: 8:45 AM GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING C.O.G.A. CHURCH DELEGATES

ACTIVITY DAY 10:30 AM - 6:00 PM FAITH, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

DETAILS AT REGISTRATION ONSITE

EVENING: 7:30 PM CONVOCATION WORSHIP SERVICE- NATIONAL AYPU

**FRIDAY
JULY 17**

MORNING: 10:00 AM ORDINATION SERVICE

FAMILY & FELLOWSHIP 12:30 - 6:00 PM LUNCH AND FREE TIME ON YOUR OWN

EVENING: 7:00 PM CONVOCATION LEGACY BANQUET AND CLOSING
NATIONAL MUSIC DEPARTMENT

SATURDAY JULY 18

DELEGATES TRAVEL HOME

REGISTER TODAY

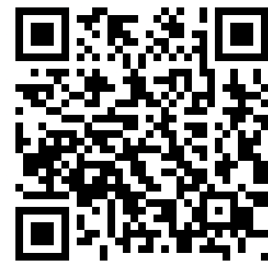
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JULY 13-17, 2026 - GREENSBORO, NC

For additional Information email: office@cogamusic.org

CONVOCATION REGISTRATION & HOTEL RESERVATIONS

HOLY CONVOCATION REGISTRATION

Holy Convocation 2026 Registration is now open. All attendees are asked to register before June 1, 2026. To register online please visit the C.O.G.A. Music Department Website: www.cogamusic.org to access the link to online registration. You can also scan, with the camera on your cell phone, the QR Code on the right of this page to be taken directly to the registration site.



SCAN HERE FOR ONLINE
REGISTRATION FORM

FOR GROUP REGISTRATION please email Convocation Planning Team for an electronic form to complete and return via email. You can complete the form that is included with this packet as well. Whether online or in print, registrations need to be completed and returned by **JUNE 1, 2026!**

Return by mail to:
BISHOP DAVID REID
2103 SHARPE ROAD - GREENSBORO, NC 27406
OR scan and email office@cogamusic.org



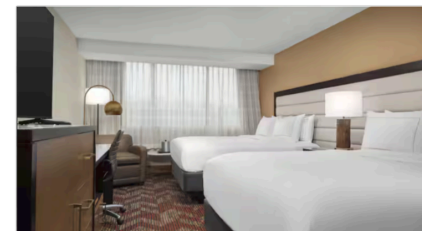
HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION



RESERVE YOUR ROOM TODAY FOR HOLY CONVOCATION 2026 AT THE DOUBLE TREE BY HILTON - AIRPORT
6426 Burnt Poplar Road - Greensboro, NC 27409

King / Double Room Rate: \$129 *
**nightly rate does not include taxes and fees*
Hot Breakfast Included

CALL 336.668.0421 AND REQUEST THE "CHURCH OF GOD APOSTOLIC" ROOM BLOCK. You can also scan the QR Code to the left for the booking link to make reservations online.



SCAN HERE TO
MAKE ONLINE
HOTEL
RESERVATIONS

A VALID CREDIT / DEBIT CARD IS REQUIRED TO RESERVE A ROOM - IT WILL NOT BE CHARGED UNTIL CHECK-IN

TO CONTACT HOLY CONVOCATION ORGANIZER- BOARD OF BISHOPS LIAISON - BISHOP DAVID REID



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HOLY CONVOCATION HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Health & Safety Guidelines

Following are some of the key conference health and safety guidelines for HOLY CONVOCATION 2026:

We are encouraging all attendees to take care of themselves leading up to conference, we want everyone to be able to come

- Nonetheless, please do not come to conference if you are sick with any contagious illness including a cold, flu, or virus of any kind
- Please do not bring children to conference if they are sick with any contagious illness including cold, flu, or virus of any kind
- If you have had COVID within five days of conference please do not come to conference
- If you have been in contact with someone who you know has had COVID within five days of conference please take a COVID test and only attend conference if you test negative

Again, we are encouraging all attendees to take care of themselves leading up to conference, we want everyone to be able to come.

Disability Accommodations

Accommodations for individuals with disabilities – please let us know how we can accommodate attendees in your church with disabilities or special needs. Please contact one of the conference liaisons by **June 1, 2026** if you have any special accommodations request or if you have questions about the above.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD SEEING YOU AT HOLY CONVOCATION THIS YEAR!

whatever we can do to make your convocation stay comfortable let us know

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NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL - CHURCH BIBLE SCHOOL



Bishop Arthur West - President
Program Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2026 10:30 AM
For CBS Scholarship Recipients, Please submit student's name, high school, picture(s), and post graduation plans to Sister Marie West to msrandy@hotmail.com by June 15, 2026. Scholarship is for high school seniors who have graduated by Spring 2026.

EACH CHURCH IS ASKED TO CONTRIBUTE AT LEAST \$50 TO SCHOLARSHIP FUND. PLEASE SEND TO BISHOP WEST BY JUNE 15th.
ADDRESS: PO BOX 83 Arabi, GA 31712

**DEPARTMENT DRESS CODE:
RED AND BLACK**

NATIONAL MISSIONS DEPARTMENT

ELDERESS LORRAINE WEST, PRESIDENT
PROGRAM: WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2026 10:30 AM

PLEASE PROVIDE NAMES FOR ANNUAL MEMORIAL PROGRAM AND PICTURE TO ELDERESS WEST BY JUNE 15, 2026 - Email: lorenewest64@gmail.com



**DEPARTMENT DRESS CODE:
All White & Gold Accessories**



DON'T FORGET ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL ON YOUR REPORT BLANK - TOUCHING THE LIVES OF CHILDREN.



The Church of God Apostolic, Inc. continues to support the dynamic ministry of JAARS. This ministry covers the last mile of missions, using special-purpose aircraft, boats and off-road vehicles so that unreached people can experience God's Word and His love.

NATIONAL BOARD OF ELDERS

Elder Claudel Parham, President

All Elders should be in attendance and in the official robe OR in ALL BLACK (black CLERGY SHIRTS and Black Suits) with gold Accents for the ordination service.

Please prepare to dress accordingly for the ordination service,

FRIDAY July 17, 2026 @ 10:00 AM.

ALL ELDERS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND BOARD MEETINGS DURING HOLY CONVOCATION



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NATIONAL MUSIC & WORSHIP ARTS DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

BISHOP DAVID A. REID, NATIONAL MUSIC DIRECTOR

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As the music department, we have a purpose, just as Aaron and those of the house of David shown in the Word of God. These ministers of the Lord were not only skillful but also had a responsibility to lead the praises and worship of God with skill and transparency so that the presence of God might flow. We pray that the below guidelines will help facilitate the same unity, excellence and transparency in our music department and at HOLY CONVOCATION.

WOMEN: Skirts & Dresses only • Below the knee, try to avoid anything hitting mid or lower thigh – we will be singing on risers; • **BLACK / DARK SHOES;** – not sandals • Hosiery Preferred • Jewelry - Earrings small studs, small loops, small designs • Necklaces use as accents small gold pendants, pearls, etc.

MEN: Neatness is key • Shirt and tie every evening • **BLACK / DARK SHOES** • Shirts tucked • Jackets unnecessary, no denim; on the service of all black, if you want to wear a black suit that would be great • No earrings and necklaces • No hats please

**FOR COMPLETE DRESS CODE
MUSIC AND SONG PREP LIST
VISIT cogamusic.org**

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

I CHRONICLES 16:29

NATIONAL YOUTH DEPARTMENT

ELDER LEROY REID, NATIONAL AYPU PRESIDENT

MINISTER RANDY WEST, NATIONAL A.Y.P.U. VICE-PRESIDENT

ELDRRESS BRENDA FITZGERALD, NATIONAL A.Y.P.U. COORDINATOR

THURSDAY, July 16, 2026 is National A.Y.P.U. PROGRAM

National AYPU
BOLD *vibes!*

AYPU⁺
Apostolic Young Peoples Union

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DEACON TIM SMITH AWARD 2026

NOMINATION FORM



On an annual basis, a COGA music department member will be recognized and rewarded by his or her pastor, the district music department director, the district overseer, the national music director and the general overseer and the board of bishops for most effectively demonstrating faithful and consistent service to the local church, district events, and the national conference.

Please nominate someone who is committed and faithful to your music department and demonstrates these attributes on a weekly, quarterly and annual basis.

Criteria for this Award:

- Must be Born Again AND Serving God and Church On A Local Level
- Must be in Good Standing with Local Church
- Must be a part of the local Music Ministry Department (Choir, Director, Praise Team, Audio Technician, Musician, etc.) to participate
- Must attend and participate in local and district events faithfully
- Must attend and participate in national events faithfully, especially annual convention.
- Must be a tither AND Must pay conference and district fees
- Must be willing to attend the services in their entirety
- Must adhere to all dress code requirements AND must attend Rehearsals faithfully



I wish to nominate: _____

Church & District _____

How does the nominated individual demonstrate faithful and consistent service to the music ministry department in your church and district? *(feel free to use back of this form or attach a separate sheet)*

Can you reference one special time when the individual went above and beyond? *(feel free to use back of this form or attach a separate sheet)*

Process & Deadline: Please submit your completed nomination form by **JUNE 15, 2026** to Bishop David Reid @ 2103 Sharpe Road, Greensboro NC 27406 OR email: office@cogamusic.org

Submitted by Pastor & Church: _____

Date: _____



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CHURCH OF GOD APOSTOLIC, INC. MUSIC & WORSHIP ARTS DEPARTMENT CONVOCACTION COLOR GUIDELINES

visit www.cogamusic.org for all music department guidelines

MONDAY - JULY 13

PM OPENING SERVICE



Shades of YELLOW with WHITE and BLACK accents

**MEN: BLACK SLACKS, YELLOW/WHITE DRESS SHIRT, TIE W/ YELLOW

*Give unto the Lord the glory due unto
his name: worship the Lord in the
beauty of holiness.*

Psalm 29:2

TUESDAY - JULY 14

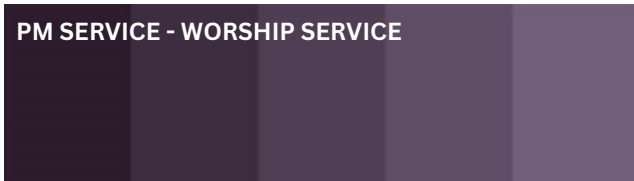
AM - NATIONAL CBS SERVICE



Shades of RED and BLACK

**MEN: BLACK SLACKS, RED or WHITE DRESS SHIRT, MATCHING TIE

PM SERVICE - WORSHIP SERVICE

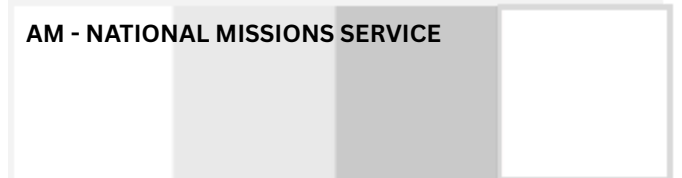


Shades of EGGPLANT with GOLD and BLACK accents

**MEN: BLACK SLACKS, EGPLANT /WHITE DRESS SHIRT, MATCHING TIE

WEDNESDAY - JULY 15

AM - NATIONAL MISSIONS SERVICE



WOMEN ALL WHITE

**MEN: LIGHT GRAY SLACKS, WHITE DRESS SHIRT, MATCHING TIE

PM SERVICE - WORSHIP SERVICE



Shades of BLUE with SILVER and White accents

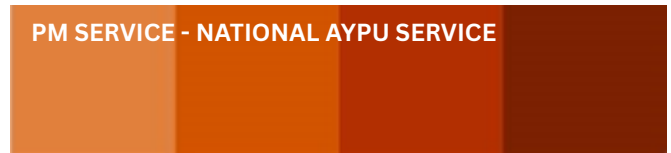
WOMEN: white dress or skirt base color - not black

**MEN: GRAY SLACKS (NOT BLACK), BLUE /WHITE DRESS SHIRT
MATCHING TIE

THURSDAY - JULY 16

AM GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING CHURCH BUSINESS CASUAL FOR ANNUAL MEETING

PM SERVICE - NATIONAL AYPU SERVICE



Shades of BURNT ORANGE with CREAM and BROWN accents

**MEN: BROWN SLACKS, BURNT ORANGE/WHITE DRESS SHIRT, MATCHING TIE

FRIDAY - JULY 17

AM ORDINATION SERVICE



BLACK AND WHITE

**MEN: BLACK SLACKS, WHITE DRESS SHIRT, SILVER ACCESSORIES

7:00 PM - C.O.G.A. LEGACY GALA FORMAL

SEMI-FORMAL EVENT

DRESSING YOUR BEST TO THE GLORY OF GOD

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LEGACY GALA

FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2026 7:00 PM

DoubleTree by Hilton Airport Greensboro 6426 Burnt Poplar Road Greensboro, NC

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*Celebrating Church of God Apostolic Legacy and
those who have served God and the C.O.G.A.
without fear down through the years.*

FORMAL / SEMI-FORMAL

\$25 - REGISTERED CONVOCATION ATTENDEES

\$35 - GALA ONLY ATTENDEES

*** details below***

AYPU 17 and younger no charge

PAY FOR TICKETS TODAY via CashApp \$COGAGIVE

BE SURE TO PUT "for gala & your name" IN NOTES



Please visit www.cogamusic.org to register for the gala as you register for Holy Convocation or for Gala Only Registration before June 1, 2026.

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