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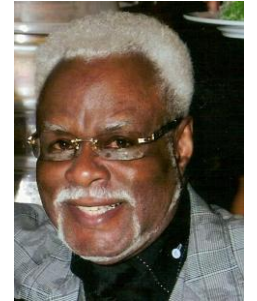
Bishop Theodore N. Brown, President General presented an excellent workshop at the Florida Atlantic Diocese-CLG on Friday, April 29th to Presiding Elders, Pastors, FAD Officials and Delegates of their 15th Diocesan Assembly. The Workshop Topic: “From the Passover Meal to The Lord’s Supper” – FOCUS: **“THE CUP”**. The workshop outline included: An Introduction to The Lord’s Supper; The Feast of Passover; Purpose of the Lord’s Supper; The Elements – The Preparation, Institution of the Lord’s Supper and Conclusion. The workshop was anointed; educational informative, Biblically-based and appreciated by the entire church body that attended. Bishop Brown was highly complimented for his in-depth study and presentation over such a controversial topic. “Thank you Bishop Brown for a job well-done.”

“Honoring God’s Call & His Servant”



Bishop Ivy Anne Hopkins
Vice President General
Church of the Living God, Inc.

It is with great honor and exuberance that I reflect on the celebration for Bishop Ivy Anne Hopkins as the newly elected Vice President General of the Churches of the Living God, Inc. This celebration took place on Saturday, April 30, 2011 at 3:00pm at Grace Temple, Church of the Living God, 300 Pine St., Steelton, PA.



The theme for this wonderful occasion was “Honoring God’s Call and His Servant” with biblical support from Genesis 22:11; Exodus 3:4, 19:20, 24:16; Leviticus 1:1; I Corinthians 1:26. and II Timothy 1:8-9

“Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; Who hath saved us, and called [us] with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,”

The program was presided by Diocesan Elder Jerome Wilson, while the processional consisted of the Pastors, Elders and Ministers of the Pennsylvania United Diocese. The guest speaker was Bishop Naomi Barber, Presiding Prelate of the Rhode Island / Massachusetts Diocese. “A Charge” was given to Bishop Hopkins and the “Anointing with Oil and Laying on of Hands” were sacred parts of the service.

An outstanding point in this celebration was when The Honorable Mayor Linda Thompson of Harrisburg, PA gave words of honor and distinction. She finally awarded and declared April 30th as “The Bishop Ivy A. Hopkins Day” in Harrisburg, PA. This was an exceptional honor for a woman who has served diligently in and around the Harrisburg communities for many years. Her dedication, service, and leadership has been recognized on various occasions. She has accomplished much as

Presiding Prelate of the Pennsylvania United Diocese, therefore making her so deserving of this special day. We love and are so proud of this great woman of God.

Lovingly submitted,
Missionary Ann Jewett 4/30/11

ALL ROADS LEAD TO TUPELO, MS.
Remembering & Responding to the Great
Commission. Matthew 28:19-20

May 10 – 13, 2011 **51st NATIONAL**
FOREIGN MISSION CONVENTION



Convenes at Hilton Garden Inn, 363 E. Main St.,
Tupelo, MS 38804 – Bishop G.T. Howell &
Bishop H. Coleman, Host Bishops- Reservations:
1-800-445-8667 or 662-718-5500 - \$89.00 + 9.25%
tax nightly –

Elder Edith Wilson, NFM President,
Elder Frances Bultron, NFM Vice Pres.

ALL ROADS LEAD TO LANCASTER, PA
July 25 – July 30, 2011
NATIONAL YOUTH



CONGRESS

Lancaster Host Resort, 2300 Lincoln Hwy E.,
Lancaster, PA 17602, Reservations: 1-877-784-6835 -
\$89.00, Elder Robin Taylor, National Youth
Congress President, Elder Orlando Pannell, National
Youth Congress Vice President and Bishop Dr. L.
Delores Ward, Liaison Bishop.

FAMOUS QUOTATION

Many succeed momentarily by what they know;
Some succeed temporarily by what they do, but
Few succeed permanently by what they are.

Some Announcement Pointers

By David Church

All churches must learn to use their announcements as a tool to create anticipation and excitement for the future growth of the church, both short and long term.

Announcements are part of the 'marketing' campaign of the Church. Why is it that corporations will spend millions of dollars and months of planning on their 'announcing', yet we spend very little time and money concerning the marketing of our church and its events.

- Make sure to announce only those events that pertain to the entire body of the church.
 - If you start announcing personal events, you are guaranteed to forget something or somebody along the way, and you will end up offending somebody.
 - Personal events such as showers, weddings, etc. can be included in Church Bulletins, and Church Websites.
 - Another easy way to announce personal events is to create a power point slide show of all of the upcoming events of the church including these personal events. This slide show can be shown before each service as part of a countdown, or simply as a media presentation before service.
 - Announcements can also be used to create excitement for important upcoming events such as a revival or special service.
- Be sure to announce these special events for at least three weeks prior to their occurrence.
 - These special events are received well when announced by the pastor.
 - When the pastor announces something, people usually listen a little more intently.
- Remember that announcements are not just verbal. Get creative in your marketing approach:
- Create media presentations.
 - Slide shows.
 - Videos.
 - Send out letters.
 - Send out post cards.
 - Have contests and awards.
 - You can win people over through exciting marketing.
- Make sure your event is set in stone before you market it.

As leaders we sometimes get real excited about what we are planning to do in the future. We are sometimes guilty of letting 'the cat out of the bag'

too soon. We want to let people in on our plans. Be careful to wait until your event is planned out and set in stone before it is announced. Plans change over time, and nothing can kill momentum like cancelled events or unfulfilled promises.

It's Not The Size of The Church, But Its Health That Counts!

I've heard many people say over the last year that, as we enter into the 21st century, it will not be the size of the church that matters, but its health that will ensure its survival. So, what about the health of the church? May I suggest a few guidelines for assessing the health of a congregation of any size?

1. **Biblically based.** Do your congregation members have a clear understanding of what they believe and substantial information to assist them in defending their faith? Is there a discipleship- training program?
2. **Mutually concerned.** Do your people genuinely care for one another? Is there a system in operation that easily allows your congregation to know when people have needs and a prayer chain to respond to those needs?
3. **Socially concerned.** If you do not have a small group ministry, do you have a Sunday School program that provides adequate time for your people to break bread together? Church is fellowship as much as it is a formal worship service.
4. **Community saturated.** Are you aware of the day-to-day decisions that are made in your community that affect the school system, the social programs, and the overall moral climate of the city you serve?
5. **Financially stable.** The church that is fiscally responsible will be able to weather any situation. Every pastor and board should insist on maintaining a certain dollar reserve, and do everything possible to avoid parallelization of ministry through an unrealistic building or property debt. People must be taught by example to give and to give cheerfully.
6. **Clearly understood vision.** Every church needs to know who it is, what its calling is and how it will be directed to meet the

challenge of the future. If not, many small, and even larger, churches will simply exist to support an institution.

7. **Positive outlook.** Please do not allow yourself to fall into a “poor me, small us” mentality. Little-mindedness is contagious. See yourself as God sees you- full of potential and planted for a purpose.

I'm sure there are many other “good health indicators” for churches of any size, but I urge you to consider these we have listed, and then add your own ideas to the mix.

THINK like a champion



- **Expect to win.** Whatever you're doing, believe you will succeed.
- **Celebrate small victories.** Build confidence by recognizing small wins. It may give you the gumption to work harder and believe that you can do greater things.
- **Focus on what you get to do, not what you have to do.** Think of life and work as gifts, not chores. This may help you commit to the task and appreciate the process.

Your name represents three things:

1. **Your reputation**
2. **Your character**
3. **Your authority**