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Apostle Dr. Ronnie L. Parson – Presiding Prelate



Welcome

FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

Grace and peace in the wonderful name of Jesus Christ!

It is our distinct honor and joy to welcome you to the 2026 Bishop & Clergy Council of the Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith, Inc.

We gather during a significant season in the life of our Church. God has entrusted us with a rich Apostolic heritage, and with that heritage comes the responsibility to faithfully preserve the truth, strengthen the Church, equip those who serve, and prepare the next generation to carry this great work forward.

This Council provides an important opportunity for our bishops, clergy, spouses, and ministry leaders to come together for prayer, fellowship, instruction, spiritual renewal, and strategic preparation. As we worship together and engage in meaningful dialogue, our prayer is that every participant will leave strengthened in faith, renewed in purpose, and better equipped for the work of ministry.

We are especially grateful for the faithful service of our bishops and clergy throughout COOLJC. Whether serving in a local congregation, diocese, national ministry, or on the global mission field, your labor matters. Scripture reminds us, *“For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love” (Hebrews 6:10)*.

As we convene, may we remember that although our assignments may differ, our mission remains one: to evangelize the world for Jesus Christ, equip believers to become true disciples, and serve the communities God has entrusted to our care.

May this Council strengthen our relationships, sharpen our leadership, deepen our commitment to Apostolic doctrine, and position us to move forward together with wisdom, excellence, and unity.

Welcome to the 2026 Bishop & Clergy Council. We are grateful that you are here, and we look forward to all that God will accomplish among us.

Together We Stand — United in Faith, Strengthened for Service, and Committed to the Future.

In His Service,

Bishop William Wilkins, Jr.

Bishop William Wilkins, Jr.
Chairman, International Board of Bishops

Greetings

FROM OUR VICE CHAIRMAN



Praise the Lord to all Bishops & Wives of the Lord's Holy Church!

Grace and Peace be unto you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. We thank God for each of you who serve this elite presidium of bishops in the Lords Church. Please know that we esteem you highly as Leaders and Vanguards of this great apostolic succession that we have received from the Lord. The work before us is great but together, I truly believe we can do all things through Christ that strengthens us. We celebrate our presiding prelate, His Eminence Apostle Dr. Ronnie L. Parson along with First Lady Dr. Rubina Parson. We also celebrate the entire presidium of our general board of apostles along with their wives.

Certainly, we celebrate our chairman, the honorable Bishop William Wilkins Jr. along with Chairlady-Dr. Sarai Wilkins. We are appreciative for your vision of unity, and we purpose to be intentional about supporting the vision. I'd also like to express my sincerest gratitude to each of our constituents for their vote of confidence, prayers and support. I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve in such a tremendous capacity as vice-chairman of this sacred international presidium of bishops. I'm truly humbled to serve. Lady Bishop and I celebrate each of our precious bishop's wives who bring apostolic distinction, poise, purpose, power and excellence to the bishop's wives auxiliary. You are extra special to our presidium and to our international church. We honor you.

We celebrate each of our esteemed Executive Staff Officers in their respective places, along with our entire board of bishops. We also celebrate our new bishops, our honorary bishop and our returning bishops who have matriculated to this high and holy office during our 107th Intl Holy Convocation. We value each of you and look forward to the wealth of diversity you bring to our sacred board. We would also like to welcome Chairman District Elder Mark Sanders and the International Board of Presbyters into our annual council, we cherish the love, the fellowship and the comradery as our hearts harmonize one with another for the advancement of the kingdom. We are stronger together. Finally, we bless the Lord for His traveling grace into Spartanburg, South Carolina. I am confident that we will truly benefit from our time together through faith, fellowship, praise and purpose. I believe our time together will be fruitful. My dear fellow Bishops, remember, you've been made a prince in the Lord's Church, so let us go forth together, and set the world on fire!

Serving with Honor, not for Honor,

Dr. Kevin C. Bishop

Bishop Dr. Kevin C. Bishop, D. Min., LCPC
Vice-Chairman – International Board of Bishops

Lady Jacqueline D. Bishop, MSN, RN,
Vice-Chairlady – Intl Bishops Wives

THE BOARD OF BISHOPS AND CLERGY COUNCIL 2026

Agenda

Theme: Together We Stand, for the Glory of God

Objective: Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no ^[e]divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.
1 Corinthians 1:10

TUESDAY

5:00 PM | IBOB Executive Staff Meeting

- Opening Prayer
- Chairman's Vision 2026-2027
- Treasurer's Report
- Budget Chairman's Report
- Bishop Contact Directory
- Founder's Day 2026
- COOLJC Bishops Designations
- Joint Session Agenda
- Concerns
- Closing Prayer

WEDNESDAY (Business Sessions)

9:00 AM - Opening Prayer - Bishop Robert Sanders

9:30 AM - Meeting Call to Order - Chairman Wilkins

9:30 AM - Chairman's Address - Chairman Wilkins

10:00 AM - Committee Reports

- Care Committee Report - Bishop S.F. Parrott
- Bishop Designates – Bishop William Wilkins
- Parliamentary Report - Bishop Kim Fitzgerald
- COOLJC Bishops Designations - Bishop Robert Terry

11:15 AM | Break

- COOLJC Preservation Committee - Bishop Samuel Smith

12:00 PM | Lunch on Your Own

1:30 PM - Committee Reports

- Education Report - District Elder Robert Thomas
- Founder's Day Planning - Bishop Horace Michael
- Registrar Report - Bishop Malcolm Mitchell
- Financial Secretary Report - Bishop Mark Parrott, Sr.
- Treasurer's Report - Bishop James Coleman
- Budget Chairman's Report 2026-2027 - Bishop Barkley Bailey
- Executive Secretary's Report - Bishop Elijah Solomon
- Questions or Concerns

4:30 PM | Closing

THURSDAY

9:00 AM - Prayer, Scripture and Devotion

Bishop Robert Sanders, Jr.

9:15 AM - Icebreaker/Team building

Welcome – Bishop Wilkins & District Elder Sanders

10:00 AM

State of the Organization Address - Apostle Ronnie L. Parson

Open Forum with the Presider - Apostle Ronnie L. Parson

12:00 PM | **Lunch on Your Own** (Fellowship with Friends)

1:30 PM | Sessions

Ecclesiastical - From Calling, Ordination, Consecration to the Apostleship

1. **The Call to Ministry** - Apostle Walter L. Jackson
2. **The Path to Ordination Process** - District Elder Shawnacy Johnson & The Executive Secretary's Office
3. **The Role of the District Elder** - Bishop Dr. Kevin Bishop
4. **The Making of a Bishop** - Bishop Dr. Kevin Bishop
5. **The Profile of an Apostle** - Apostle Reginald Davis

3:00 PM | Breakout Sessions

How can we strengthen Development on Every Level

4:00 PM | **Group Reports** - Bishop William Wilkins, Jr.

4:30 PM | **Benediction** - Apostle Robert L. Sanders, Sr.

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Bishop Frank Solomon (GA) 1970-1974

Bishop J. W. Wright (CA) 1974-1979

Bishop Henry Ross (FL) 1979-1983

Bishop Christopher Dobbins (NY) 1983-1991

Bishop James I. Clark, Jr. (NY) 1991-1994

Bishop Ronald Carter (NY) 1994-1998

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Bishop Herbert A. Edwards (SC) 2005—2007

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Bishop Raymond J. Keith (KY) 2013-2017

Bishop David Maxwell (MI) 2017 –2022

Bishop M. Ruel McCoy, Sr. (FL) 2022-2023

Bishop Reginald Davis (NC) 2023 – 2024

Bishop Daryl Forehand (FL) 2024 – 2025

Bishop William Wilkins, Jr. (NY) 2025 – present

FRIDAY

9:00 AM - Prayer, Scripture & Devotion
Bishop Robert Sanders & Elder Jerry Rose

9:20 AM
Icebreaker/Team building

9:40 AM | Bible Study
Bible Study Teaching Instructions
District Elder Mark Sanders

What is Apologetics?
Apostle W. Michael Fields

Breakouts and Breakout Leaders

1. Black Hebrew Israelite Claims
Apostle W. Michael Fields
2. Oneness vs. Trinitarianism
Apostle Bradford Berry
3. Tongues (The Initial Evidence and the Gift)
Apostle M. Ruel McCoy
4. Eternal Security — Can Salvation Be forfeited?
Bishop Clinton Carr
5. An Apostolic Response to LGBTQ Questions
Apostle Daryl Forehand

11:00 AM | Breakout Reports

12:00 PM | Wrap Up - District Elder Mark Sanders

12:15 PM | Clergy Appreciation Luncheon and Presentation - Bishop S.F. Parrott

12:30 PM | Clergy Luncheon

1:45 PM | Break

2:00 PM | Group Breakouts

COOLJC 2036: Building Today the Church We Are Praying For Tomorrow

3:00 PM | Breakout Report

4:00 PM | Closing Remarks

- Chairman Wilkins
- Chairman Sanders
- Apostle Parson
- Prayer of Renewed Strength – Board of Apostles



The International Board of Bishops



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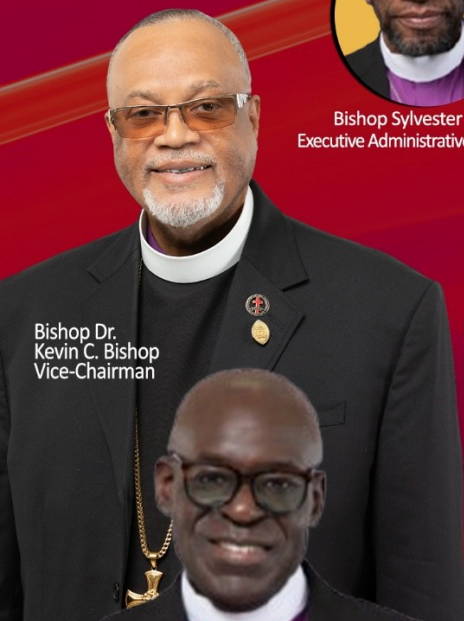
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MOTTO:
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Apostle Dr. Ronnie L. Parson, Presiding Apostle
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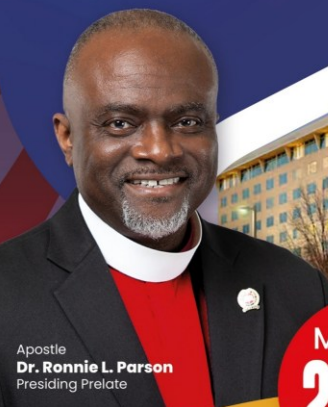
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