

Board of Bishops Report to the National Convention

2024 July

Scripture: *“Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not.”* II Corinthians 4:1

In light of the signs of the times, the command of our Lord, the spiritual and moral decline of our nation, the Board of Bishops strongly recommend that our churches recommit to being on mission in their communities, calling men and women to salvation and sanctification.

The **Board of Bishops** recommend the following:

1. That all churches are encouraged to support **National Back to Church Sunday** on September 15, 2024, and this be an evangelistic campaign Sunday.
2. That we continue to make evangelism a priority in our church using the documented plans to ensure its success. Special training is available through and with **COCHUSA @ Its Best** and the AACEI.
3. That Bishop Emery Lindsay be assigned as interim overseer of the Western and Pacific Northern Diocese for a period of one year.
4. That Elder Dr. James Harper serve as the administrative assistant to Bishop Emery Lindsay regarding #3 above.
5. The Board of Bishops is recommending that Bishop Vernon Kennebrew serve as interim Overseer of the Eastern Diocese for one year.
6. The Board of Bishops recommend that Elder Donvasca Williams be assigned as interim supervisor of the North Central Diocese for one year and that this position be reviewed on an annual basis.
7. That Bishop Glake Hill be reassigned as the Presiding Prelate of the SouthCentral Diocese for the next four years.
8. That Bishop H. Vonzell Castilla be reassigned as the Presiding Prelate of the Southeastern Diocese for the next four years.
9. That Bishop Dale Cudjoe be re assigned as the Presiding Prelate of the Northern Diocese for the next four years.
10. That Bishop Leroy Divinity be reassigned as the Presiding Prelate of the Southwestern Diocese for the next four years.

11. That all of our membership be actively involved in exercising their political rights and responsibilities in their respective area. Please let your voice be heard by your vote in the upcoming elections and encourage others to do also.
12. That we adopt the report of the Financial Manager and further support the updating of the Financial Control and Policy Manual.
13. The Board of Bishops and the Financial manager recommend the distribution of a five percent (5%) one time gift to presiding Bishops in their retirement year equal to the amount they receive from their Diocese National Ministry Fund. Said funds will come from the Bishops Pension Funds currently being managed by the financial manager through the professionally managed funds.
14. That the Board of Bishops consecrated and installed Elder Dr. Solomon Jarpha as presiding bishop of the **Church of Christ (Holiness) Liberia** in February, 2024.
15. That the **Mother Church**, (Christ Temple Church) in Jackson Mississippi be supported financially as they raise funds to retire the debt of \$500,000 renovation of the facility and parking lot. Thanks and commendation to Bishop Glake Hill, Jr. and his team for their leadership and support. We support the fund-raising effort of the diocese. The facility was dedicated in May of 2024.
16. That the BOB continue its assessment of the consideration of possible Diocese realignment (geographically) for the best utilization of our leadership and administrative resources.

Bishop Vernon E. Kennebrew, Senior Bishop and Chairman of the Board

Bishop Dr. Dale L. Cudjoe, Secretary