

Church Of God In Christ, Inc.

Summary Minutes of the General Assembly
April 2016 Session



Convened

April 5-7, 2016

Historic Mason Temple

Memphis, Tennessee

Bishop James W. Hunt, Sr.
Chairman – General Assembly

Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr.
Presiding Bishop

Bishop Joel H. Lyles, Jr.
General Secretary

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Chairman Hunt called for the Finance Committee chaired by Elder Alonzo Baxter. Elder Baxter gave a brief summation of the duties of the committee. Their primary task is to identify and generate new revenue streams for the church. A written report on how to expand the church's base is forthcoming in November. Chairman Hunt also requested more members to serve on this committee.

Chairman Hunt called for the Resolution, Nominating and Election Committees. Dr. Diana Banks and the Resolutions Committee presented Resolution #042016-5 – Proposed Maximum Time Period for Judiciary Board (*See Attachment D*). The purpose of the Resolution was to standardize the expiration dates of the terms of board members. Dr. Banks moved for adoption of the Resolution. After a proper second, **The MOTION CARRIED.**

Chairman Hunt called for Evangelist Myra Banks, Chair of the Election Committee. Evangelist Banks presented the following Judiciary Board members for reaffirmation:

- Justice Martin Luther Johnson, replacing the unexpired term of the late Bishop F. E. Perry, and to be reaffirmed in November 2016 (for a new term);
- Justice Peter Davis, replacing the unexpired term of the late Justice Thomas Hammonds, and to be reaffirmed in November 2016 (for a new term);
- Justice Enoch Perry, III, replacing the unexpired term of Bishop Ted Thomas, and to be reaffirmed in November 2016 (for a new term).

A motion was made to affirm each Board member for another seven year term. After a proper second, **The MOTION CARRIED.** Chairman Hunt asked the Resolution Committee to forward an Amendment to the Constitution Committee to begin the process of amending Article VIII.

Bishop David Screven and the Screening Committee gave a report of individuals who have been certified as candidates for the 2016 Quadrennial Election (*See Attachment J*). He stated the report presented today was 90% and not a final report. Supervisor Margaret Moore, Screening Committee Secretary, read the names of persons who had completed the process, whose names were now being officially submitted to the Election Committee for placement on the November 2016 ballot. She also noted that Bishop Frank O. White would be screened later due to illness.

Chairman Hunt stated the will of the General Assembly is stated in its Charter, Constitution, and its By-laws, also in Resolutions approved by the Assembly. He explained that once Resolutions are approved in the General Assembly, they become the law of our church. He then called for Assistant Parliamentarian, Pastor Andrew Smith, to read previously approved Resolutions (Nov. 1985; April 1990; April 2013) regarding establishing Jurisdictional Pastors and Elders Councils. Chairman Hunt stated the duties of the Presiding Bishop and General Board include executing the decisions of the General Assembly. Therefore, he was passing the responsibility to Bishop Blake to assure each jurisdiction in the Church Of God In Christ is complying with the Resolutions approved in this General Assembly.