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ANNUAL
LEADERSHIP *Conference*

THEME:

**unfinished
Business**

Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

JOHN 4:34

FOCUS: "THE COURAGE TO LEAD"

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2025

Hilton Garden Inn Hotel Camden Waterfront
1 Penn Street, Camden, New Jersey 08102



Welcome Message from Bishop Tyrone W. McCombs, PhD

Greetings in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

It is with great joy and a spirit of anticipation that I welcome you to this year's Leadership Conference, themed "**Unfinished Business: The Courage to Lead.**" Together, we gather as God's servants, united in purpose and vision, ready to explore what it means to embrace the calling to lead with courage, conviction, and unwavering faith.

The Leadership Conference first began in the Department of Women under the visionary leadership of our Jurisdictional Supervisor of Women, Mother Deborah R. Kitchen. At its inception, the conference was designed to provide leadership classes specifically for women across the jurisdiction, equipping them with the tools and skills needed to lead effectively in their local churches and communities. These sessions focused on fostering spiritual growth, developing practical leadership abilities, and empowering women to confidently serve in various capacities within the church. Under the guidance of our very own First Lady, Lady Katrina McCombs, who served as the conference chair, this initiative flourished. In 2012, the Leadership Conference expanded into a jurisdiction-wide gathering, broadening its mission to equip and empower leaders throughout the jurisdiction.

Our theme this year is rooted in the powerful words of Jesus in **John 4:34**:
"My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work."

This scripture reminds us of the charge placed upon each of us. It is a call to step boldly into the unfinished work of the Kingdom—work that requires leaders willing to trust God in every season, persevere through challenges, and inspire others to join in building His church and transforming communities.

Leadership is not just a title, it is a responsibility and a ministry. It requires a heart aligned with God's will and the courage to lead even when the path is unclear. During this conference, we will explore what it means to lead with faith, to build with purpose, and to serve with humility. We'll engage in teachings and dialogues that will equip us to navigate the complexities of leadership in today's world while remaining grounded in spiritual truths.

I encourage each of you to open your hearts and minds to the wisdom that will be shared. Let the sessions challenge and inspire you to think deeply about how you can better serve in your local churches and communities. Our goal is not only to gain knowledge but to leave this conference empowered to carry the vision forward—investing in others, strengthening ministries, and fostering growth in the body of Christ.

Special thanks to the following persons for assisting in making the conference a success. Administrative Assistant Timothy Harris, Evangelist Brenda Kelly, Elder Eric Nelson, Pastor Joseph Lewis, Jr., Sister Kimberly Brickhouse, Mother Carolyn Lewis, Evangelist Beverly Harris, Mother Deborah Kitchen, Lady Katrina McCombs, Mother Hazel May, Elder Nathaniel Wright and The Ordination & Licensure Candidates.

Let us remember that the work before us is not ours alone—it is the work of the One who has called us. As Philippians 1:6 reminds us, *"being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."* Together, let us rise to meet the challenge of "**Unfinished Business.**" May we have the courage to lead with integrity, inspire with love, and labor with faith, knowing that the harvest is plentiful and God has equipped us for the task.



Thank you for your commitment to this sacred work. I am confident that what begins here will bear fruit in your ministries and beyond. May God bless you richly as we seek His will, build His Kingdom, and finish the work He has set before us.

In His Service,

Bishop Tyrone W. McCombs

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2025

8:00AM – 8:30AM

Breakfast Buffet
Host: Hilton Catering

8:30AM – 8:35AM

Opening Prayer

8:35AM – 8:50AM

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Bishop Tyrone W. McCombs, PhD
Jurisdictional Prelate
Theme: *Unfinished Business: The Courage to Lead*

8:55AM – 9:00AM

Introduction of Keynote Speaker(s)

Bishop Tyrone W. McCombs, PhD
Jurisdictional Prelate

9:00AM – 9:50AM

Keynote Address:
"The Courage to Lead"

Dr. Timothy Fair
*Vice President of Burlington &
Administrative Assistant for Trinidad and
Tobago Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction*

9:50AM – 10:00AM

Break

10:00AM – 11:15AM

"Unfinished Business:
Developing Leaders"

Administrative Assistant Willie Hunt
*New Community Church of God in Christ
Greater Maryland First Jurisdiction*

11:15AM – 11:30AM

Break

11:30AM – 12:15PM

Panel Discussion:
"The Courage to Lead"

MODERATORS:
Administrative Assistant Timothy Harris
& Lady Beverly Harris

PANELISTS:
Lady Katrina T. McCombs,
Elder Donald Hunt, Pastor Eric Butler

12:15PM – 12:20PM

Break

12:20PM – 12:25PM

Introduction of
Bishop Tyrone W. McCombs, PhD

Administrative Assistant Timothy Harris

12:25PM – 1:00PM

Closing Remarks

Bishop Tyrone W. McCombs, PhD
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GUEST SPEAKER

DR. TIMOTHY J. FAIR

Dr. Timothy J. Fair's ministry is rooted in a commitment to proclaiming the Gospel with clarity, conviction, and compassion. A fifth-generation member of the Church of God in Christ, he embraces a rich spiritual heritage grounded in holiness and integrity, striving to reflect the character of Christ in all he does.

Dr. Fair has a heart for empowering youth, young adults, and global missions. As Director of Collegiate Ministry for the International Youth Department, he equips young people to live boldly for Christ. His global mission efforts include establishing the Church of God in Christ in Equatorial Guinea, the only Spanish-speaking country in Africa, as Missions Director.

He also serves as Administrative Assistant for the Trinidad & Tobago First Jurisdiction. In addition to ministry, Dr. Fair is Vice President of Culture and Community Impact at Burlington Stores, Inc., leading philanthropy, community engagement, and DEI strategy. His career spans academic roles at Auburn University, LSU, and Cornell University.

Dr. Fair earned his Bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and both a Master's and Ph.D. in Public Policy & Administration from Mississippi State University by age 28. His work is driven by a passion to uplift, empower, and transform lives through God's word.

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GUEST SPEAKER

SUPERINTENDENT WILLIE R. HUNT

Superintendent Willie R. Hunt, born on January 27, 1958, in Rochester, New York, has dedicated his life to ministry, family, and community service. After serving honorably in the United States Air Force for eight and a half years, he and his wife, JoAnn, embarked on a journey of faith that led them to establish New Community Church of God in Christ in 1990. Under his visionary leadership, the church grew rapidly, moving several times to accommodate its expanding congregation before settling at its current location at 3480 Catterton Place. Guided by the motto "Whosoever will let them come," Superintendent Hunt has faithfully served in ministry for over three decades, fostering spiritual growth and community impact.

In addition to his pastoral duties, Superintendent Hunt holds several leadership roles, including Overseer of the C.L. McCoy Memorial District, Administrative Assistant for Community and Governmental Affairs in the Greater Maryland First Jurisdiction, and President and CEO of the New Community Development Corporation. His community involvement spans serving on the Charles County Government's Local Management Board and leading regional ministerial alliances.

He and First Lady Hunt are proud parents of three children, Maurice, Michael, and Kimberly, and grandparents to four grandchildren, Simone, Stephen, Shane, and Salena. Their commitment to faith and service continues to inspire their church and the broader community.



BISHOP TYRONE W. MCCOMBS, PHD

Jurisdictional Prelate

South Jersey Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction



Bishop Tyrone W. McCombs, a second-generation member of the Church of God in Christ, is the son of the late Charles and Mary Wilbon-McCombs. Raised in Miller's Temple Church of God in Christ in Palmyra, New Jersey, and the Camden District, Bishop McCombs was deeply involved in ministry from a young age, serving in various capacities at the local, district, and jurisdictional levels. At just 17, he received his first jurisdictional appointment as President of the State Boy's League of New Jersey First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction.

Over the years, he held numerous leadership roles, including Administrative Assistant and Chief Operating Officer for the South Jersey Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Executive Assistant to the Pastor at Tabernacle of Faith COGIC in Camden, NJ.

In 2015, he was consecrated as Jurisdictional Prelate during the Church of God in Christ Holy Convocation by Chief Apostle and Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake. Bishop McCombs currently serves as the National Assistant Secretary of the Board of Bishops and Deputy Commissioner of the Board of Bishops Training Academy.

A lifelong advocate for education, Bishop McCombs earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in English Literature from Rutgers University and a PhD in Higher Education Management and Administration from the University of Pennsylvania. For over 35 years, he has served as a higher education administrator and tenured Professor, holding roles such as Associate Vice President, Assistant Provost, and Dean.

Bishop McCombs is happily married to Lady Katrina Young-McCombs, State Superintendent of the Camden City School District. Together, they are the proud parents of two daughters, Tyra Faith and Nia Hope. Guided by his favorite scripture, Proverbs 3:5-6, Bishop McCombs lives a life fully dedicated to the Lord, faithfully leading with wisdom, humility, and unwavering trust in God.

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Moderators



**Administrative Assistant
Superintendent Timothy Harris**
New Beginnings
Church of God in Christ



Lady Beverly Harris
New Beginnings
Church of God in Christ



Elder Nathaniel S. Wright, PhD
Tabernacle of Faith
Church of God in Christ



Sis. Paris Wright
Tabernacle of Faith
Church of God in Christ

Panelists



Lady Katrina McCombs
Tabernacle of Faith
Church of God in Christ



Pastor Eric Butler
True Covenant Worship Center
Church of God in Christ



Elder Donald Hunt
New Beginnings
Church of God in Christ

Facilitators

Bro. Art Connolly, Haven of Hope & Deliverance Church of God in Christ

Sis. Shanonah Hunt, New Beginnings Church of God in Christ

Sis. Nia McCombs, Tabernacle of Faith Church of God in Christ

Deacon Antoine Colbert, Sr., Healing Wings Church of God in Christ

Sis. Tyra McCombs, Tabernacle of Faith Church of God in Christ

Sis. Joy Colbert, Healing Wings Church of God in Christ

Evangelist Crystal Baldwin, Tabernacle of Faith Church of God in Christ

Sis. Chrystal Travis, Greater Love Chapel Church of God in Christ

Evangelist Tonya White, Tabernacle of Faith Church of God in Christ



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