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Spring 2002 Session



April 9-10, 2002

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Elder Enoch Perry, *Esq.*

General Counsel

Tuesday – April 9, 2002
10:00 AM

Elder Samuel Fluker, Chaplain for the General Assembly, opened the session with devotionals, which included prayer offered by Bishop Charlie Green and the reading from the Holy Scriptures (Psalm 40:1-2) by Elder Charles Seals.

At the close of the period of devotions, Elder Thomas Jackson, Second Vice Chairman of the General Assembly, called on Bishop Charles Brown for certification of the House. Bishop Brown gave directions for seating of delegates, the wearing of badges and qualifications of delegates. He then requested the official count of delegates from the General Secretary, which was 784 at 11:15 AM.

Before presenting the agenda, the Chairman allowed certain announcements to be made with regard to forthcoming conferences.

Elder Derrick Hutchins, Chairman of the Pastors and Elders Conference, stood to invite all Pastors, Elders and Bishops to the National Judicial Conference, August 26-29, 2002, in Memphis, Tennessee. He stressed the importance of the attendance of all pastors and Elders, in particular, as the conference was designed to aid them in better understanding their role, constitutionally, as an Appellate Court of the church.

Elder Darryl Hines, Chairman of the National Men's Conference, made an appeal to the men of the church to attend its first conference, which would be held September 5-7, 2002, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Because he feels there is a strong attack on the family structure, Chairman Hines urged every man to partake of this opportunity to build and strengthen men in their roles as leaders in the home.

The delegates were then invited to attend the International Women's Convention scheduled for May 27-31, 2002, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Mother Barbara McCoo-Lewis, International Marshall of the Convention, gave highlights of the convention and encouraged delegates to share in the many opportunities for inspiration, information and edification provided through the classes and seminars offered.

The delegates were then asked to join together in encouraging Bishop L. T. Blackshear, Prelate of the Delaware Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, on the occasion of his 85th birthday, which was being celebrated on this day, April 9, 2002.

After these preliminaries, Vice Chairman James Hunt called for the reading of the Rules and Procedures for this session of the General Assembly. Superintendent Thomas L. Holsey, Chairman of the Rules Committee, presented Missionary Delphine Moore, Secretary of the committee, who read the rules. (See Attachment A) Chairman Holsey moved that the report be received. ***The motion was seconded and approved.***

The Chair then permitted Elder Arthur Mosley, Interim Dean of C. H. Mason Seminary, to

make a presentation. After stating his gratitude to the Church Of God In Christ for his training and nurturing, he presented the Seminary's most prestigious "Distinguished Leadership Award" to our Chairman, Bishop J. O. Patterson, Jr., for exemplary service to the constituents of the Church Of God In Christ worldwide, and specifically in his role as Chairman of the General Assembly.

The Chair then permitted Dr. Alonzo Johnson Commissioner of Education, to make a video presentation on the All Saints Bible College, which is scheduled to open in August 2002. He explained that while the College is not accredited at this time, it is expected that it will be fully accredited by the time the first class is ready for graduation. However; he added that the College will be recognized by the Christian Educational Association, the United States Department of Education and the National Council on Higher Education, which gives accreditation to all major secular and private schools in the country.

Vice Chairman Hunt presented the Chairman, Bishop J. O. Patterson, Jr., who greeted the delegates and then called for the presentation of the Minutes of the previous session of the General Assembly. The General Secretary, Elder A. Z. Hall, Jr., informed the Chairman the Minutes had been sent to the Jurisdictions for distribution to the delegates in accordance with the directive of the General Assembly. Elder Hall then moved for the adoption of the Minutes. ***The motion received a second and it prevailed.***

The Chairman called upon Elder Solomon Williams, Chairman of the Nominating and Screening Committee, to address Item 3 of the agenda, the filling of vacancies on the Judiciary Board. Elder Williams came forth with the members of the committee standing with him.

In responding to the Chairman's request, Elder Williams intimated that presently there was one vacancy on the Judiciary Board. He iterated the procedures established in 1992 at the inception of the board, which called for the electing members with a staggered tenure. The three members elected with the highest number of votes would serve seven-year terms, the next three highest vote getters would serve five-year terms and the next three would serve for three-year terms.

Elder Williams indicated that there would be three positions to be filled in November 2002. He also reminded the Chairman that the position left vacant by the demise of Bishop Robert Chapman had been filled by the election of Bishop F. E. Perry, Jr., and that the position held by Elder Mayfield would end in November 2002, which would necessitate candidates being presented from the Elders' Council.

It was also requested by Elder Williams that the Board of Bishops recommend a candidate from among its ranks to fill the vacancy on the Judiciary Board from the Board of Bishops. The Chairman of the Board of Bishops complied with the request by submitting the name of Bishop S. P. Nesbitt, who was, in turn, directed to meet with the Screening Committee at 4:30 PM in the chambers of the U. E. Miller Hall.

The Chairman then called for a recess of the General Assembly until 4:30 PM this evening.

Tuesday – April 9, 2002
4:30 PM

Chaplain Fluker opened this session of the General Assembly by leading the delegates in songs of praise and followed with a prayer for direction by Evangelist Wilma Taylor of Chicago, Illinois. The reading of the Holy Scriptures (Psalm 48:11-14 and I Corinthians 12:12) followed the prayer.

Vice Chairman Hunt presented Mother Willie Mae Rivers, General Supervisor of the Department of Women for greetings, followed by greetings from Supervisor Edith McGrew of the Central Georgia Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction.

Bishop Charles Brown was then called upon to certify the House. At 5:10 PM the House was certified with 812 delegates present. (It was noted by the General Secretary that 1,752 delegates had registered by the close of registration)

Elder Charles M. Ford, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, was called for the report of the Trustees. After presenting the members of the Board, Chairman Ford asked Elder Dickerson Wells, Board Secretary, to read the report of the Board. (See Attachment B)

Chairman Ford continued the report by informing the Chair that more than \$350,000.00 of a \$540,000.00 debt accrued over a six-year period for code violations on downtown properties had been forgiven. He also stated that he was reasonably assured that the remaining portion of the fines would also be forgiven.

The Board also reported on the status of pensions and survivor benefits for widows of General Board members and Bishops. The report recommended that all of the widows, with the exception of the Presiding Bishop's widows, receive an increase from \$3,000.00 to \$5,000.00. It was recommended that the widows of the Presiding Bishops receive an increase from \$5,000.00 to \$8,000.00.

Chairman Ford also requested that the church's fiscal year be changed to April 1st to March 31st instead of the present year, which is January 1st to December 31st. This recommendation was made in order that the allocation of budgeted funds would be more in keeping with the schedule for the receiving of funds. The change would become effective in the year 2003. The Chairman moved for the adoption of the report of the report. There was a second; however, the motion did not prevail. There was an amendment made that widows of former Presiding Bishops receive benefits of \$10,000.00 annually, widows of General Board members receive \$8,000.00 annually and Mother Patricia Ellis would be included with the widows of the General Board members. The amended motion was seconded and *the motion prevailed.*

Bishop Patterson then called for a report of the Nominating and Screening Committee in regards to the screening of the candidates to fill the vacancy on the Judiciary Board. Elder Solomon Williams reported that during the recess, the committee screened one candidate for

the vacancy on the Judiciary Board. Bishop Samuel P. Nesbitt appeared before the committee, successfully passed the screening and was recommended to the General Assembly as a qualified and high scoring candidate to fill the Judiciary Board vacancy.

Bishop Martin Luther Johnson, who also sought to fill the vacancy, stated that he has a sincere desire to serve the church and would hope that he would be considered in the future to serve on the Judiciary Board. He gave Bishop Nesbitt high accolades for his leadership ability and lent him his support.

Elder Williams continued his report by stating that there would be an election in November 2002 for officers of the General Assembly, namely the Chairman and a Vice Chairman. Elder Thomas Jackson placed the name of Bishop J. O. Patterson, Jr. in nomination for the office of Chairman. There were no other names placed in nomination for this office.

There were two names placed in nomination for the office of Vice Chairman, Elder Thomas Jackson and Elder James Hunt. A motion was entertained to close the nomination with the two nominees named, there was a second ***and the motion prevailed.*** The candidates were informed that they were to meet with the Nominating and Screening Committee during the AIM Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, July 2002.

Elder Williams further reminded the General Assembly that in November 2002, there would be three vacancies on the Judiciary Board. Two would be filled from the Board of Bishops and one from the Pastors and Elders. Those persons qualifying for these positions should be prepared to appear before the Screening Committee prior to the November election. The candidates would be informed of the date and time of the screening.

Elder Williams concluded his report by informing the Chairman that he had received the names of Elder Talbert Swan, Elder Thomas Hammond and Elder Alton Barnes as candidates to be screened for positions on the Judiciary Board from the Elder's Council.

After having been overwhelmingly endorsed by the General Assembly to serve the remainder of the term of the late Bishop Robert Chapman, Bishop Nesbitt was permitted to express his gratitude to the House. He expressed his delight at having been chosen to serve on the highest court of the church. He stated that he felt his experience in the church renders him capable and competent to make a vital contribution to the church. He pledged his loyalty to the church and the constituency that expressed its confidence in him by allowing him to serve.

After the remarks of Bishop Nesbitt, the Chairman called a ten-minute recess to meet with the Nominating and Screening Committee.

When the session was called back to order, the Chairman called for a report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Protocol for Former Presiding Bishops. Bishop Hamilton, Chairman of the committee, acknowledged those serving with him on the committee and then proceeded to give the results of their discussions.

Bishop Hamilton related that when discussing the provisions contained in the resolution passed by the General Assembly concerning the protocol for former Presiding Bishops, Bishop Owens made further requests. On January 25, 2002, a telephone conference call was convened to discuss these requests. They included the following:

- An increase in the annual compensation given former Presiding Bishops
- A complimentary suite in the headquarters hotel for all national meetings
- Personal adjutants be assigned to assist him at all national meetings

Having heard the concerns of Bishop Owens, the committee recommended the following:

- That no increase in the annual compensation now in place be granted. (Presently, the compensation granted the former Presiding Bishop is \$5,000.00 more than General Board members who are not officers of the Board)
- That a complimentary suite be assigned to the former Presiding Bishop at all national meetings on a space availability basis. (Bishop Hamilton stated that at this time, sitting officers of the church occupy all suites in the Memphis Marriott Hotel at Cook Center. If, however, there were a suite available in another hotel, it would be assigned to him.)
- That one personal adjutant be assigned the former Presiding Bishop, as requested

Bishop Hamilton moved for the adoption of the report and the recommendations. There was a second; however, before the vote, Bishop Owens asked to respond to the report of the Ad Hoc Committee.

Bishop Owens thanked the committee chairman for his comments; however, "his request had never been for higher pay." His request was made because, in his judgment, "nothing had been done to honor the original provisions of the General Assembly, and having served the church as its leader, accommodations should have been made for him."

Bishop Owens related how he had argued for better considerations for Mother Mason, the widow of Bishop C. H. Mason, and made her living conditions as comfortable as possible. His concern was that he, too, needed more comfortable accommodations.

He asked that his room assignment not be a small corner room as was the case at a recent convention. He only asks that he be afforded an executive room. The Bishop also indicated that he would "be responsible for the expense of his adjutant, as well as choose his own."

After Bishop Owens' remarks, Chairman Patterson again asked for the adoption of the Ad Hoc Committee's report. *The motion failed.* The Chairman stated that the report of the committee is not received and is not acted upon. He then thanked the committee for its work.

Elder A. D. Baxter then made a motion that, "The request of the former Presiding Bishop be honored and that he be given suitable accommodations at national meetings, provided

with an adjutant and treated with the same dignity with which we would like to be treated if we were in his position.” The motion received a second.

The Chairman requested that Bishop Hamilton read the requests of Bishop Owens again. He then stated that he tries, as best he can, to give an honest, straightforward opinion and not mislead anyone. At that point, Presiding Bishop Patterson asked to be heard.

The Presiding Bishop stated that, “rhetoric that stirs the emotion can cause people to feel that there is intentional mistreatment when there is none.” He continued, “One of the first things I did after being elected Presiding Bishop was to ask the Chairman of the General Assembly to appoint a committee to bring a report to this body recommending proper protocol for former Presiding Bishops.” He stated that, “This situation should not have come before the General Assembly because it stirs up confusion aimed at something that some must get over.”

Bishop Patterson pointed out that, “We have a former Presiding Bishop, but we can only have one Presiding Bishop at the same time, and at some time the church is going to have to recognize that this is a new era, that it has one leader and stop trying to re-live the election.” He concluded, “Some of the things mentioned should have been handled administratively,” and that there was no cause for what transpired after the report of the Ad Hoc Committee.

After the Presiding Bishop’s remarks, the Chairman stated that he would proceed to prepare a resolution that he feels expresses the will of the General Assembly and have it presented when the body met on Wednesday morning, April 10, 2002. He then called for a recess until Wednesday morning at 10:00 AM.

Wednesday – April 10, 2002
10:00 AM

The Chaplain opened this session of the General Assembly with songs of praise, followed by the invocation, which was offered by Elder J. Black. Elder Eugene Farrell read a selection from the Old Testament and Elder Corby Bush gave the New Testament offering.

Evangelist Frances Kelly, National Prayer Leader, greeted the delegates and gave expressions and exhortations, after which Vice Chairman James Hunt called for the certification of the House. Bishop Charles Brown received the official count from General Secretary A. Z. Hall, Jr. and certified the House for business at 10:42 AM with 1,189 certified delegates present.

The Vice Chairman then presented Chairman Patterson, who called for the report of the Constitution Committee. Bishop Earl J. Wright, Chairman of the Constitution Committee, came forth and presented the report on the proposed amendments to the Constitution. (See Attachment C)

The committee proposed two amendments, which would, (1) increase the number of Lay Delegates to the General Assembly, and (2) make provision for the Chairman of the General Assembly and the Presiding Bishop to recommend "At-Large" delegates.

Elder Conners read Part 1 of the first proposed amendment, which recommended an increase in the number of Lay Delegates to the General Assembly, Chairman Wright moved for its adoption. (This would be the first reading of this proposed amendment) There was a second to the motion. ***The motion prevailed.***

Elder Conners read part 2 of the first proposed amendment, which specified the recommended increase in the Lay Delegates alluded to in Part 1 of the amendment. The provisions are as follows:

- Four District Missionaries
- Six Lay Delegates
- Former Jurisdictional Supervisors (in good standing)
- The wife of the Jurisdictional Bishop from each Jurisdictional Assembly

Bishop Wright moved for the adoption of the recommendation, there was a second. ***The motion prevailed.***

Elder Conner then read the second proposed amendment, which would provide for the Chairman of the General Assembly and the Presiding Bishop to recommend "At-Large" delegates. Bishop Wright moved for the adoption, there was a second; however, there was a call for further discussion of the proposed amendment. Concern was expressed regarding the language of the proposed amendment. There were those who felt there was no need for the amendment since the leaders referred to already have the right to choose necessary personnel. In reference to this matter, the Chairman pointed out that in the 2000 General

Election, Sister Myra Banks, who was a member of the Election Commission, could not vote since she would not qualify as a delegate in one of the categories designated by the constitution.

Bishop Wright then requested that Elder Eric Slack, Parliamentarian for the General Assembly, read from the Church Of God In Christ manual the Article concerning this matter. Elder Slack read Article IX of the Amendments to the Charter.

Chairman Patterson reminded the delegates that the body could change an Article without going into a Constitutional Convention to make the change. The Chairman thanked Bishop Wright and the committee for their work and declared that all of the amendments passed by a majority vote were now constitutional. The Chairman then called for the report of the Presiding Bishop and General Board.

The Presiding Bishop presented the report by first extending greetings to the delegates and then indicating that he would not deliver an address, but would make three observations. He thanked the delegates for their support of his 21st Century Vision for the church, which consisted of:

- The renovation of Mason Temple
- The establishment of the **"COGIC NOW"** telecast
- The renovation of the Lee Building, Lela Mason Hall and the Bailey House.

Bishop Patterson stated that Phase I of the Mason Temple renovation had been completed, including the installation of larger service lines to accommodate the additional restrooms that were installed.

The Presiding Bishop related that the **"COGIC NOW"** telecast was on hiatus due to a lack of support. He indicated that thousands of dollars were spent monthly for the telecast; however, a few hundred dollars were received weekly.

Attention was also given to the **"Wall Of Remembrance,"** which had been installed on the rear wall of Mason Temple. Those persons who had donated \$1,000.00 should look on the wall for their name.

In a gesture of commitment to this project, the Presiding Bishop donated his annual honorarium of \$100,000.00 back to the church. Bishop Nathaniel Wells followed the Presiding Bishop's gesture by committing to return to the church the raise given to him as a General Board member.

Bishop Patterson thanked those persons who had made a contribution to this effort and gave special recognition to those who had made exceptional gifts. This group included Bishop Gerald O. Glenn, who has given the second highest gift and has pledged a total of \$100,000.00 toward the project. Mention was also made of Bishop Paul S. Morton for a \$10,000.00 donation and Mother Willie Mae Rivers and the Department of Women for their support.

The Presiding Bishop mentioned that this is an on-going project and those who wished to make a contribution could do so by sending their gifts to:

**The Office of the Presiding Bishop
Post Office Box 1
Memphis, TN 38101**

Make checks payable to: Church Of God In Christ
Earmark for: The Wall of Remembrance

Bishop Patterson gave the theme for the International Holy Convocation, which will be convened November 4-12, 2002 in Memphis, Tennessee. The theme is, ***“The Church Empowered For Twenty-First Century Ministry.”***

The Presiding Bishop expressed that it is his hope that in the twenty-first century, the church will take advantage of the window of opportunity the Lord has given us to do a work for Him before His return. He further urged the cooperation of the Jurisdictional Bishops in using the influence of their office to collect the \$12.00 Annual Laymen contribution, which is to be reported in Memphis in November.

Bishop Patterson concluded his remarks stating that he reiterates the call made by Bishop Owens for a Constitutional Convention. He continued, we are living in a different day and our constitution does not cover some areas of concern we experience today. He mentioned that there are some unethical people wearing the name of the Church Of God In Christ and something must be done about these and other situations.

Bishop Hamilton continued the report by giving a synopsis of the actions of the General Board since November 2001. The actions taken were as follows:

- A committee from the Board traveled to Milwaukee, Wisconsin to conduct the selection process to fill the vacancy in the Wisconsin Southeast First Jurisdiction caused by the Bishop Dennis Flake being given emeritus status. The Superintendent Sedgwick Daniels was recommended by the Pastors and Elders
- On January 25, 2002, the Presiding Bishop and General Board traveled to Cleveland, Ohio, to consecrate the Elder Beuford Terry to the office of Jurisdictional Bishop for the newly formed Ohio Northeast Jurisdiction. This ceremony was a joint ceremony, which also served to consecrate Elder Clifford Kimbrough to the office of Jurisdictional Bishop of the Northwest Jurisdiction of Ohio. Bishop Kimbrough replaces the late Bishop Robert Chapman who formally served the Jurisdiction.
- The Presiding Bishop and General Board traveled to Houston, Texas, on February 8, 2002, to consecrate Superintendent Rufus Kyles to the office of Jurisdictional Bishop for the Texas Southeast First Jurisdiction.
- On February 28, 2002, the Presiding Bishop and General Board traveled to Kansas City, Missouri, to consecrate Elder W. B. Henderson to the office of Jurisdictional Bishop of the newly formed Western Missouri Second Jurisdiction.

- On March 4, 2002, a committee comprised of Bishops Samuel Green, George D. McKinney, Jerry L. Maynard and Judge Enoch Perry traveled to the island of Trinidad, to determine the corporate status of the Church Of God In Christ in that country.
- The Presiding Bishop and General Board traveled to Jacksonville, Florida, on March 21, 2002, to determine the condition of Bishop C. D. Kinsey, who has been bedridden for more than a year.
- On March 22, 2002, the Presiding Bishop and General Board traveled to Macon, Georgia, to preside over the selection process to determine the successor to Bishop C. J. Hicks, who resigned as Prelate of Georgia Southern Jurisdiction. It was determined that the Jurisdiction would be divided into two Jurisdictions. Bishop Larry Shaw was assigned to Southern Georgia First Jurisdiction and Superintendent Jack Stephens was assigned to Southern Georgia Second Jurisdiction.

Bishop Hamilton informed the delegates of the sale of block #129 of the property owned by the church in downtown Memphis. The sale was made to the City of Memphis for a price of \$1,800,000.00.

The Secretary of the Board expressed the great privilege we had in being in attendance of the First Annual COGIC Charities Banquet. He also mentioned that the Presiding Bishop contributed \$50,000.00 of his personal funds to the cause. The banquet netted \$187,457.00 after expenses.

The report continued with the Board Secretary relating plans for the Chisca Hotel. He offered a motion that the General Assembly authorizes the engagement of Attorney J. Bailey to create a non-profit corporation in conjunction with that project and future endeavors. There was a second, *the motion Prevailed.*

Bishop Hamilton then presented Bishop S. L. Lowe, General Treasurer, Bishop Frank White, Financial Secretary and Brother Andrew Perpener, who gave a detailed financial report for then year 2001. (See Attachment D)

The report was made via a Power Point presentation, which was very informative and gave a thorough accounting of the financial status of the church as well as the stewardship of our fiscal officers. Brother Perpener, Chief Accountant of the church, stated that great strides have been made to develop policies and procedures that will maintain the integrity of the church's funds.

After the presentation of the fiscal officers, Bishop Hamilton moved for the adoption of the report of the Presiding Bishop and General Board. There was a second, and *the motion prevailed.*

The Presiding Bishop then presented the Treasurer with a check for \$100,000.00, as promised. Bishop Nathaniel Wells followed him with a check for \$20,000.00, which fulfilled his commitment.

Attachment A
Rules Committee Report

CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC.

Rules & Procedures for the General Assembly

1. Rules Committee

Chairman--Superintendent Thomas L. Holsey, Delaware; Bishop Harvey L. Lewis, Washington, DC; Bishop Jessie Dickens, California; Elder G. M. Bennett, Michigan; Missionary Delphine Moore, New Jersey; Elder Isaiah C. Grover, Chicago; Bishop L. T. Blackshear, Delaware

2. The General Assembly

The General Assembly shall be governed by the Constitution of the Church of God in Christ, Inc. Where the Constitution and the General Assembly rules are silent, the Robert's Rules of Order shall be followed.

3. Seating of Officials and Delegates

In order to facilitate the orderly flow of business, the General Board, five (5) members of the Board of Bishops, fifteen (15) members from the Women's Department, widows of former General Board members, nine (9) members of the Judiciary Board, five (5) members from the Pastor's and Elder's Council, and the General Assembly staff shall be seated on the platform. Special sections, at the front of the lower floor, will be reserved for the remaining members of the Board of Bishops, Jurisdictional Supervisors, Trustees, and the General Assembly Executive Committee. All other Delegates shall be seated on the lower floor. The seating arrangement may change at the discretion of the Chairman. Non-Delegates shall be seated only in the gallery and in the row of observers. **Only Delegates with proper credentials will be permitted into the General Assembly.**

4. The Chairman

The Chairman shall conduct meetings as outlined on a typed agenda and shall conduct the meetings in the following manner:

- a. The Chairman shall only discuss items outlined on the agenda.
- b. The Chairman will recognize all members and shall conduct the meetings without partiality.

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- c. The Chairman shall be permitted to change the order of the agenda items.
- d. The Chairman shall have the authority to set time limits for the discussion of agenda items.

5. Quorum

The House may conduct business without a quorum.

6. Method of Voting

The method of voting on motions shall be at the discretion of the Chairman. However, a "Division of the House" shall be honored when the vote is inconclusive.

7. Addressing the General Assembly

Members, who wish to speak, shall address and be recognized by the Chairman. Once recognized by the Chairman, members shall stand, give their names and jurisdiction. When addressing the General Assembly, members shall limit their remarks to the discussion at hand and avoid negative, personal comments.

8. Disturbances

Disturbances, hindering the transaction of business, shall be deemed a violation of order. The Chairman may prohibit disorderly Delegates from participating in any discussions during the remainder of the General Assembly or a part thereof. If disorderly Delegates continue to disturb the order of the General Assembly, the Chairman may evict the Delegates from the Assembly. Non-Delegates, who cause disturbance, may be evicted from the auditorium. *Cell phones must be turned off or put on vibration.*

9. Sergeants-at-Arms

The Sergeants-at-Arms shall be charged with maintaining order in the Assembly, distributing materials to Delegates, counting votes (in the event of a "Division of the House"), and any other duties the Chairman may deem necessary.

Attachment B
Report – Board of Trustees

The following is a summation of actions by the National Board of Trustees from the General Assembly of the 94th Holy Convocation to April Call Meeting 2002.

The full Board of the National Trustees did meet in Memphis, Tennessee on Wednesday, January 30, 2002. The National Board of Trustees met the following persons and/or offices with results as given.

The Office of National Properties – which was directed to do and oversee the following:

- Secure bids from roofing companies to repair leaks throughout the Temple;
- Quarterly Shelby County Health Department inspections;
- Memphis Fire Department quarterly inspections of 272 S. Main Street; and,
- Oversee the warehousing of the Chisca Hotel according to the FHA code by Inner City Construction Company which involved removal of furnishings and debris from all eight floors, boarding up all broken windows and exterior doors, and removing water from basement and securing building from vagrants.

The Office of National Properties did inform the Board of Trustees of the following repairs: plumbing at Mason Temple, heating elements in the Administration Building of Mason Temple, and other Downtown Memphis Main Street properties.

Mr. James O. Michael - of James O. Michael & Associates presented to the Board a summary report of valuation services for COGIC properties establishing replacement costs for insurance purposes. The Church Of God In Christ owns approximately nineteen (19) buildings, excluding vacant lots, in the City of Memphis. The total value of insurance replacement costs for these buildings is approximately \$20 million.

Roxanne Taylor – President of Church Insurance Partnership Agency (CIPA) provided the members of the Board with a detailed packet that included an insurance overview of the following: Mason Temple, Package Policy / Workers Compensation; COGIC World Headquarters, Business Auto / Vacant Properties; Saints Academy, Business Auto / Workers Compensation and Commercial Umbrella; and, COGIC World Headquarters, Group Health and Dental Coverage.

Attorney J. Bailey – of the Bailey Law Firm presented to the Board a detailed report regarding abatement of municipal penalties and anti-neglect ordinances. The National Board of Trustees, in concert with the Church's Legal Counsel, did retain and authorize Attorney J. Bailey to work in the interest of the Church for the purpose of abating fees and penalties for Church Of God In Christ Downtown Memphis properties. Attorney Bailey, working on behalf of the Church, has opened avenues for long-term development to renovate the Chisca. These plans are in concert with the City of Memphis and the Center City Commission's redevelopment of South Main Properties.

The National Board of Trustees did act upon the mandate given by the General Assembly during its 94th session in November to review the following:

- Honorariums presently received by widows of Presiding Bishops and General Board Members and to recommend adjustments of said honorariums; and,
- Institution of an honorarium for Mother Patricia Ellis, widow of former General Assembly Chairman Bishop Frank Ellis.

The National Board of Trustees will make its recommendations following this report.

Other matters pertaining to Survivor Benefits considered by the National Board of Trustees include the care of Mother Elsie Mason, widow of our founder Bishop C. H. Mason. Mother Mason's caregiver apprised the Board that Mother Mason is in need of a handicap-equipped van for the purpose of transporting her. The National Board of Trustees did direct the Memphis based Trustees to secure estimates from several dealers for a van with the appropriate handicap accessories necessary to transport Mother Mason. Plans are in progress to purchase the vehicle by April 30, 2002.

During the January session of the National Board of Trustees, the Board was graced with the presence of Presiding Bishop G. E. Patterson. The Presiding Bishop briefed the Board on recent efforts that involved the COGIC and the City of Memphis regarding COGIC properties located in the Downtown Memphis area.

Bishop J. O. Patterson, Jr., Chairman of the General Assembly, was also present during this session and greeted and thanked the Board for working closely with the General Assembly and requested the Board to make recommendations for changing the fiscal year of the National Church. The National Board of Trustees will make its recommendation following this report.

The Property Committee of the National Board of Trustees did travel to Lexington, Mississippi on Monday, February 25, 2002 to visit Saints Academy and College and other surrounding properties owned by the Church. The Board of Trustees requested from Elder Larry Weems the following:

- The most recent appraisals and property deeds for all Church Of God In Christ properties located in Lexington; and,
- A list of all vehicles owned by the Church Of God In Christ and names of authorized drivers of those vehicles to insure the Church has sufficient insurance coverage.

After the Property Committee's visit, four (4) drivers and two (2) vehicles were deleted from the Church's current policy, and ten (10)

drivers, three (3) tractors and three (3) accessories were added to the Church's policy. The Church Of God In Christ owns approximately sixteen (16) buildings, excluding vacant land, in Lexington, Mississippi. The total value of insurance replacement costs for these buildings is approximately \$8.2 million. As reported earlier, the total value of replacement costs for Downtown Memphis properties is approximately \$20 million. The grand total insurance replacement costs for Memphis and Lexington properties, excluding land, is approximately \$28.2 million.

A representative from the Property Committee of the National Board of Trustees returned to Lexington for a follow-up visit on Wednesday, March 27, 2002 and requested and obtained the following: a territorial map identifying the approximately 406 acres of Saints Academy and College, and remaining copies of deeds of the properties owned by the Church in Lexington. The Property Committee, on behalf of the National Board of Trustees, requested that Elder Weems secure three (3) bids from licensed, commercial appraisers for the purpose of appraising Church Of God In Christ buildings and land, both on and off campus, in Lexington, Mississippi.

On Tuesday, March 26, 2002, Vice Chairman Dwight Walls did visit C. H. Mason Theological Seminary, an affiliate of the Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC) in Atlanta, Georgia. The purpose of this visit was to gather information regarding the budgetary concerns of C. H. Mason Theological Seminary. Dr. Oliver J. Haney is currently serving as Interim President of ITC and Dr. Arthur Mosley is serving as Interim Dean of C. H. Mason Theological Seminary. Dr. Haney communicated to Vice Chairman Walls the need for an urgent response to the following: affiliation fees, institutional fees, and stipend payments. The affiliation and institutional fees of the C. H. Mason Theological Seminary, if not paid on time, could affect the accreditation of all six Seminaries on the ITC campus. It was suggested to Dr. Haney, as per the C. H. Mason budget, to consider paying affiliation and institutional fees as early as possible to avoid or guard against any accreditation concerns. Dr. Haney was advised to put in writing what is needed at this time and to address all concerns that are most pressing. Dr. Haney was appreciative of the visit and welcomed Vice Chairman Walls and the members of the National Board of Trustees to return.

This concludes the report of the National Board of Trustees from November 2001 through April 2002.

Submitted by
Superintendent Dickerson L. S. Wells
Secretary, National Board of Trustees

Attachment C
Report – Constitution & Bylaws Committee

Constitution and By Laws Committee
Of the
General Assembly
Church of God in Christ, Inc.

April 10, 2002

Members:

Bishop Earl J. Wright, Chairman
Bishop L.T. Blackshear
Bishop Alfred M. Smith
Bishop Norman Prescott
Admn. Asst. E. Charles Connor
Admn. Asst. James Hicks
Admn. Asst. Thomas Holsey
Admn. Asst. Cornelius Washington
Supt. Marcus Butler
Supt. Allen Smith
Supt. Solomon Williams
Elder Alexander Lark
Supervisor F. N. Wagoner
Dist. Missionary Mary Benjamin

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the Church of God in Christ, Inc.

1. That an amendment to the Constitution of the Church of God in Christ, Inc., be adopted to increase the number of *Lay Delegates to the General Assembly of the Church of God in Christ.*

CURRENT PROVISION:

ARTICLE III, Section B, Subsection 1, Subdivision (e) MEMBERSHIP: (which reads as follows),
The following shall qualify as delegates to the General Assembly: two (2) District Missionaries and Four (4) Lay Delegates from each jurisdictional assembly;

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED PROPOSED CHANGE:

ARTICLE III, Section B, Subsection 1, Subdivision (e) MEMBERSHIP: (which shall reads as follows),
The following shall qualify as delegates to the General Assembly: Four (4) District Missionaries and Six (6) Lay Delegates, Former Jurisdictional Supervisors (in good standing) and the wife of the Jurisdictional Bishop from each jurisdictional assembly.

Constitution and By Laws Committee
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Proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the Church of God in Christ, Inc.

1. That an amendment to the Constitution of the Church of God in Christ, Inc., be adopted to grant *Authority to the Chairman of the General Assembly and the Presiding Bishop to appoint delegates from the Church of God in Christ at-large under extraordinary circumstances as they may occur.*

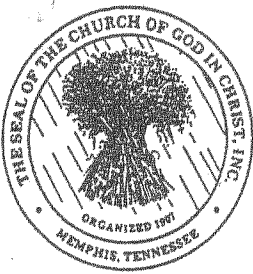
CURRENT PROVISION:

Currently, there is no provision in the constitution of the Church of God in Christ, Inc., that would allow appointment of Delegates-at-large by either the Chairman of the General Assembly or the Presiding Bishop.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED PROPOSED CHANGE:

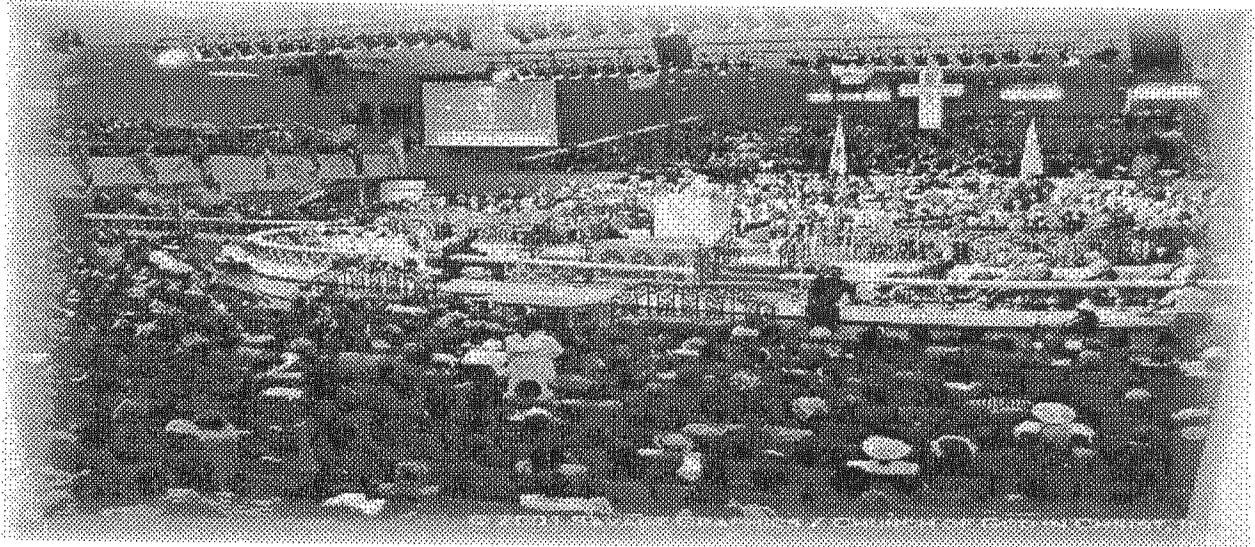
ARTICLE III, Section B, Subsection 1, Subdivision (i) : ^{each} which shall read as follows, *The Chairman of the General Assembly and the Presiding Bishop shall be granted the authority to appoint a delegate or delegates from the Church of God in Christ at-large under extraordinary circumstances as they may occur. This section shall not pertain to any action(s) by any person or delegate which may be before the Credential Committee of the General Assembly. The Chairman of the General Assembly and the Presiding Bishop shall be granted the authority to appoint such number of delegate(s) as the Chairman or the Presiding Bishop may deem necessary up to a maximum of four (4) during any one session of the General Assembly.* _{each}

Attachment D
2001 Annual Financial Report



CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC.
WORLD HEADQUARTERS
MEMPHIS, TN 38126

2001
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT



GENERAL BOARD

BISHOP G. E. PATTERSON, PRESIDING BISHOP

BISHOP C. E. BLAKE
1ST ASST. PRESIDING BISHOP
BISHOP W. W. HAMILTON
SECRETARY
BISHOP C. D. OWENS
BISHOP L. R. ANDERSON
BISHOP S. L. GREEN
BISHOP G. D. MCKINNEY

BISHOP J. N. HAYNES
2ND ASST. PRESIDING BISHOP
BISHOP R. L. H. WINBUSH
ASST. SECRETARY
BISHOP P. A. BROOKS
BISHOP L. E. WILLIS
BISHOP N. W. WELLS, JR.
BISHOP O. T. JONES, JR.
(EMERITUS)

Bishop J. L. Maynard, *Chief of Staff*

Elder A. Z. Hall, Jr., *General Secretary*

BISHOP J. O. PATTERSON, JR., *General Assembly Chairman*

CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC.
WORLD HEADQUARTERS
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2001
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT



JANUARY 1, THRU DECEMBER 31, 2001

Developed by

INTERNATIONAL FINANCE DEPARTMENT

BISHOP S. L. LOWE,
NATIONAL TREASURER

BISHOP FRANK O. WHITE,
FINANCIAL SECRETARY

BRO. ANDREW E. PERPENER, JR., CHIEF ACCOUNTANT

Church of God in Christ, Inc.

Balance Sheet

December 31, 2001

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS:

Cash In Bank \$ 1,714,271.59

Total Cash in Bank 1,714,271.59

INVESTMENTS:

Investments Tri State Bank CD 525,792.13

Investments - General John Hancock 2,918,970.92

Investments - Endowment John Hancock 711,225.06

Total Investments 4,155,988.11

RECEIVABLES:

Due From - Mission 1,206.70

Due From - Pub. Hs 1,130,250.77

Due From - Bookstore 27,227.49

Due From - Whole Truth 15,000.00

Due From - Hollerman 13,415.72

Due From - T. Wright 16,000.00

Due From - P. H. Porter 20,997.59

Due From - MS 2nd Jurisd. 100,000.00

Due From - Indiana 18,500.00

Due From - Adams Memorial 48,666.68

Due From - Holy Trinity 50,000.00

Allowance for Doubtful Account <15,000.00>

Total Receivables 1,426,264.95

PROPERTY, BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT:

Furniture and Fixtures \$ 200,000.00

Accum. Depreciation-Furniture <50,000.00>

Furniture and Fixtures-St. Aca 138,217.00

Less:Depreciation St. Academy <69,108.50>

Equipment 250,392.00

Less: Accum. Depreciation <105,000.00>

Equipment-St. Academy 136,900.00

Less: Accum. Depr. St. Academy <110,000.00>

Automobiles-St. Academy 38,928.80

Accum Depr. Auto St. Academy <25,000.00>

Buildings 761,511.40

Buildings-St. Academy 2,000,000.00

Land 762,412.94

Land-St. Academy 600,000.00

Total Property and Equipment 4,529,253.64

Total Assets \$ 11,825,778.29

Church of God in Christ, Inc.

Balance Sheet

December 31, 2001

LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

CURRENT LIABILITIES:

\$ 76,138.42

Total Current Liabilities 76,138.42

Total Liabilities \$ 76,138.42

CAPITAL:

11,409,321.30

Net Income 340,318.57

Total Capital 11,749,639.87

Total Liabilities & Capital \$ 11,825,778.29

Church of God In Christ, Inc.
Income Statement
For the Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2001

	Year to Date Actuals Y.T.D.	Year to Date Budget 2001
<u>REVENUES</u>		
Nat'L Report-Late	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00
National Report - Men	2,906,822.94	3,000,000
National Report - Women	1,099,947.42	1,100,000
National Report - Laymen	1,155,695.10	1,750,000
Women's Band Report	50,000.00	50,000
Missionary Fees	35,050.00	35,000
Offerings Day & Night	317,908.52	300,000
Offerings - Gen. Assembly	0.00	30,000
Offerings - Women's Dept.	111,235.50	60,000
Offerings - Institute	26,696.09	25,000
Offerings Night - AIM	51,316.19	80,000
Offng-Fri - Men's Day	58,946.35	0
Offngs - Bish Mason's Birthday	95,756.33	0
Offerings - Sunshine Band	1,089.09	7,000
Offer. - Tickets Music Dept.	81,511.59	60,000
Offering Sp. Event Saturday	0.00	25,000
Offering Inaugural Service	65,719.80	0
Offering Youth Day	5,875.05	0
Donations - Women's Conv.	125,000.00	100,000
Donations - Special Projects	33,540.00	0
Bd of Bishop - Missions	12,500.00	0
Women's Dept.- Missions	5,000.00	5,000
Bd of Bishop - Education	12,500.00	0
Founders Day / Offerings	149,649.27	300,000
Offng. / Regist - Music Dept.	15,741.77	0
Founders Day - Sunday Sch	19,754.88	35,000
Founders Day - Y.P.W.W.	6,410.00	5,000
Founder's Day-Bd of Bishops	28,840.00	40,000
Conv Sales & Rental Inc.	0.00	15,000
Registration-Apr Gen. Secty	1,460.00	5,000
Registration Leadership	679,224.95	50,000
Convocation-Convention Service	249,041.92	100,000
Regist - Gen. Secty - Nov	38,655.00	90,000
Sales - Directories - Gen. Sec	874.39	0
Sales - Video /Audio	7,000.00	50,000
Sales - Souvenir Journal	35,000.00	15,000

Unaudited - For Management Purposes Only

Church of God In Christ, Inc.

Income Statement

For the Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2001

	Year to Date Actuals Y.T.D.	Year to Date Budget 2001
Sales - ASBC Books	10,772.00	0
Courtsey Cars-Convocation	11,052.70	6,000
Utilization - St. Haven	\$ -	2,000
Utilization of Mason Temple	6,000.00	5,000
Utilization of St. Academy	0.00	6,000
Daycare Tuition-Saints Academy	92,109.65	165,000
Interest Earned	92,633.64	50,000
Interest Earned-St. Academy	1,348.01	5,000
Miscellaneous Income	5,955.94	5,000
Returned Checks	<3,360.67>	0
Scholarship Fund - Dinner	26,714.48	0
Scholarship Fund - Mem Conv	7,500.00	50,000
Capital Don. for Special Proj.	332,528.43	0
Total Revenues	8,067,016.33	7,651,000
Gross Profit	8,067,016.33	7,651,000
<u>EXPENSES:</u>		
Salaries	1,072,519.24	1,077,056
Honorariums	1,486,499.42	1,370,795
Payroll Taxes	81,618.19	90,117
Supplies	153,783.13	246,650
Telephone	150,765.49	125,900
Postage	50,469.90	80,300
Printing/Copying	166,242.91	209,500
Professional & Contract	563,120.71	516,400
Maintenance Repairs	92,581.21	53,150
Rental of Equipment & Facilities	124,665.65	312,200
Purch./Furn & Equipment	33,848.25	124,700
Travel	570,814.84	562,668
Utilities	188,221.08	367,572
Insurance/Health & Property	216,732.72	203,012
Incidental	4,418.02	24,900
Bldg & Repair	335,648.53	310,050
Admin. Cost	292,507.91	300,305

Unaudited - For Management Purposes Only

Church of God In Christ, Inc.
Income Statement
For the Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2001

	Year to Date Actuals Y.T.D.	Year to Date Budget 2001
Grants - Missions	298,004.11	450,000
C.H. Mason Seminary	225,549.43	210,000
Publications	154.83	2,100
Membership Dues	\$ 11,852.00	17,250
Communion Convocation	-	15,000
Bank Chg / Brokerage Fees	44,175.12	0
Innaugral - Gen. Assembly	51,358.17	52,000
Contingency, Renovations & Special Projects	1,129,332.04	754,398
Auxiliary Convention Expenses	381,814.86	0
Total Expenses	7,726,697.76	7,476,023
Net Income	\$ 340,318.57	\$ 174,977



Church of God in Christ, Inc.

International Headquarters
Memphis, Tennessee

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BISHOP G. E. PATTERSON
Presiding Bishop

BISHOP S. L. LOWE
National Treasurer

BISHOP F. O. WHITE
Financial Secretary

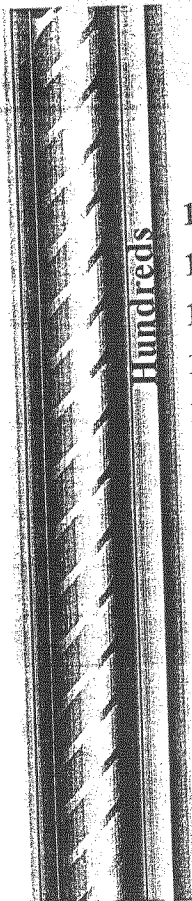
BROTHER A. E. PERPENER, JR.
Chief Accountant

Annual Report Overview

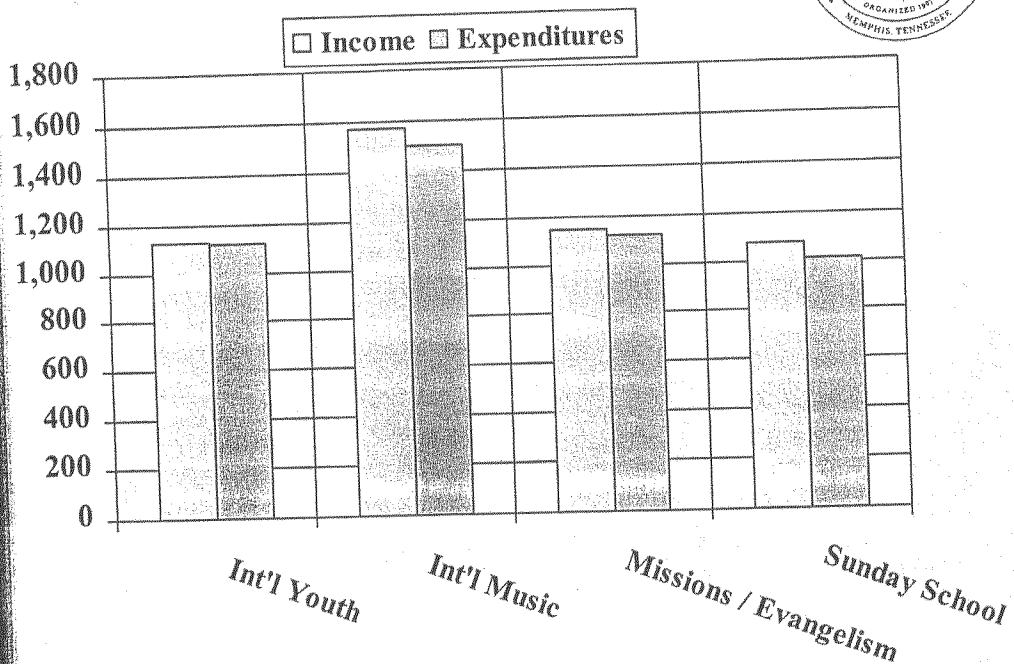
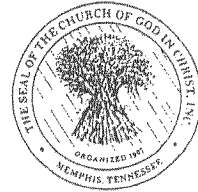
- The year 2001 proved to be a year of major accomplishments, innovations and changes for the Church Of God In Christ, Inc.
- Bishop G. E. Patterson and the General Board made gigantic strides in renovations of Mason Temple, Saints Academy, and the Convention Services Department.
- The primary areas of concentration were the World Missions and Education Departments.
- The World Missions Department spending increased by 18%, as a direct result of stipends for overseas ministry.
- With the addition of the Commission of Education and Kindergarten thru 2nd grades, spending increased by 43% for the Education Department.
- In 2001, subsidies for tuitions were given for over 25 students at the Saints Academy institution.
- Last year, the C.H. Mason Scholarship Fund Dinner received donations of approximately \$65,000.
- An excess of \$5,000 in scholarship have been awarded from those proceeds. An additional \$26,000 was forwarded to the General accounts of the church and is earmarked for future awards.
- The innovative decision by our Presiding Bishop to collect laity reports in November directly resulted in an increase of 42% over last year's reports.
- The Music Department enjoyed phenomenal success during the Holy Convocation with increased line-item revenue of approximately 52%.
- Jurisdictional Bishops contributed to the increase in revenue by motivating their credential holders to participate in their financial obligations to the national church.
- Credential holder's reports for men and women increased by 13%.
- We would like to commend our sainted Mother Willie Mae Rives and the ladies of the International Women's Department for monetarily supporting the vision of our Presiding Bishop.
- The Women's Department donations increased by 19%.
- The newly formed Convention Services Department increased revenue in their line-item by approximately 62%.

- The celebration of our founder Bishop C. H. Mason's birthday was revived in 2001 by Bishop G. E. Patterson. Over \$95,000 was raised during the three day celebration. These funds were used to perform much needed capital improvements at Saints Academy.
- In 2001, the Auxiliaries of the Church Of God In Christ, Inc., also began submitting financial reports to the church.
- Although they are not currently a part of the budgetary process, the presidents of the auxiliaries graciously consented to submit an annual income statement.
- In 2002, we are anticipating that each auxiliary and department that possess bank accounts will supply a complete and comprehensive financial statement of their annual financial operations.

Auxiliary Performance Report

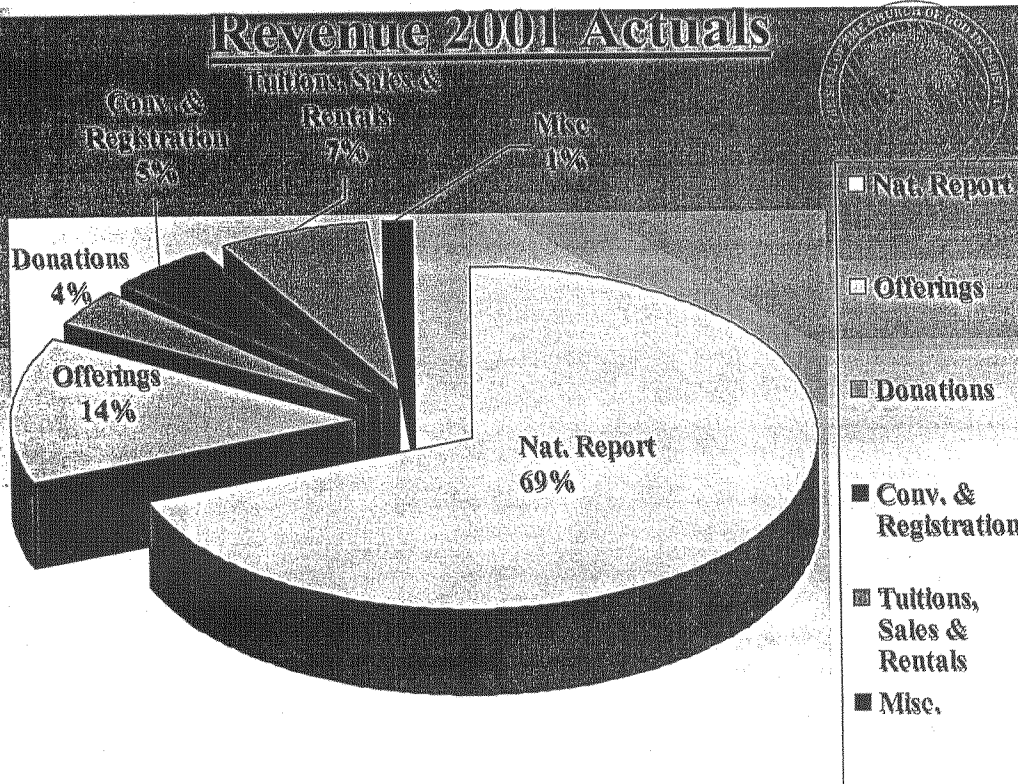


Auxiliary Performance Report



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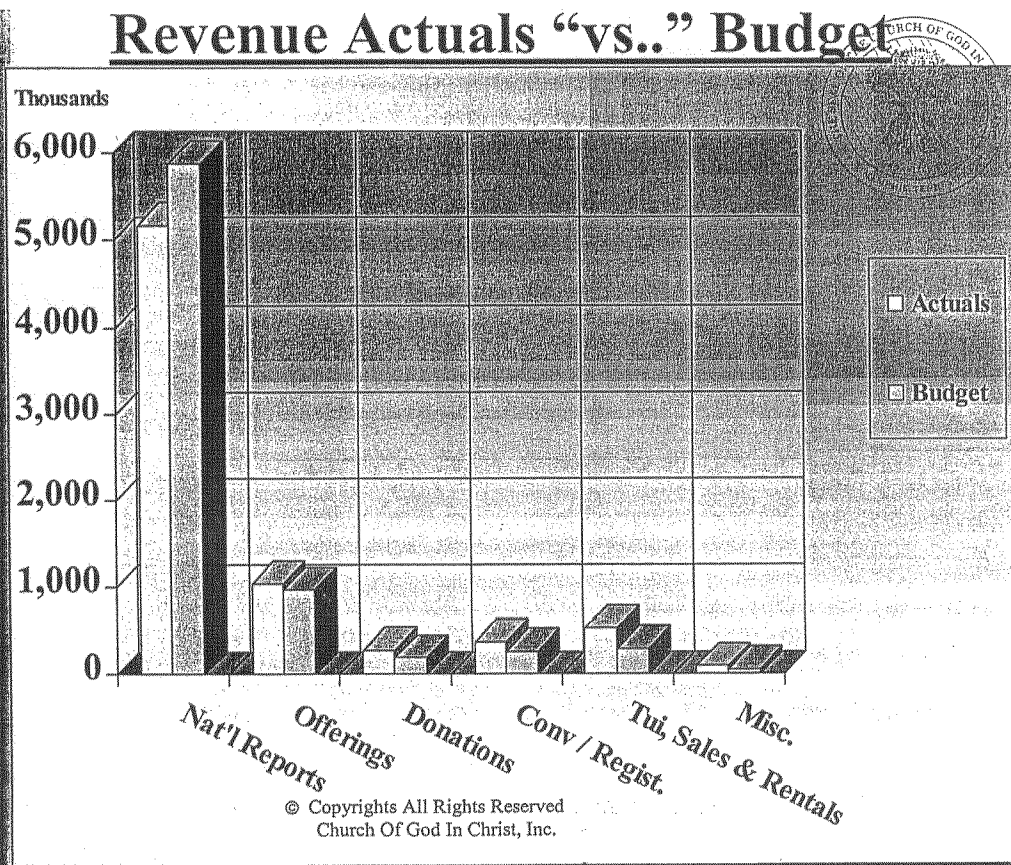
Financial Performance "2001"



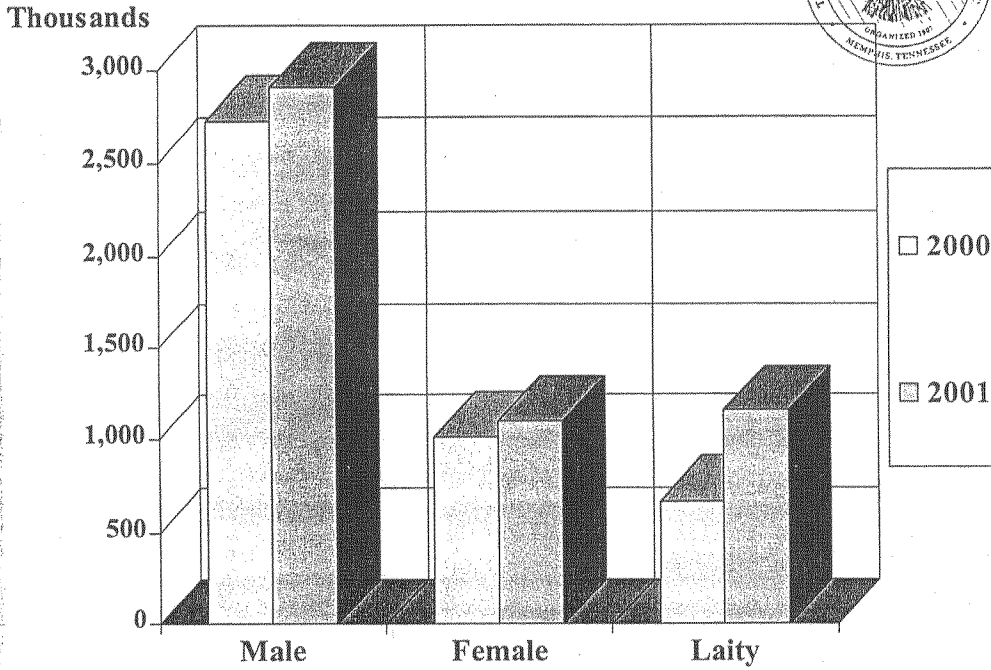
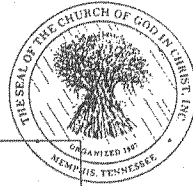
Revenue 2001 Actuals

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Revenue Actuals
"vs" Budget



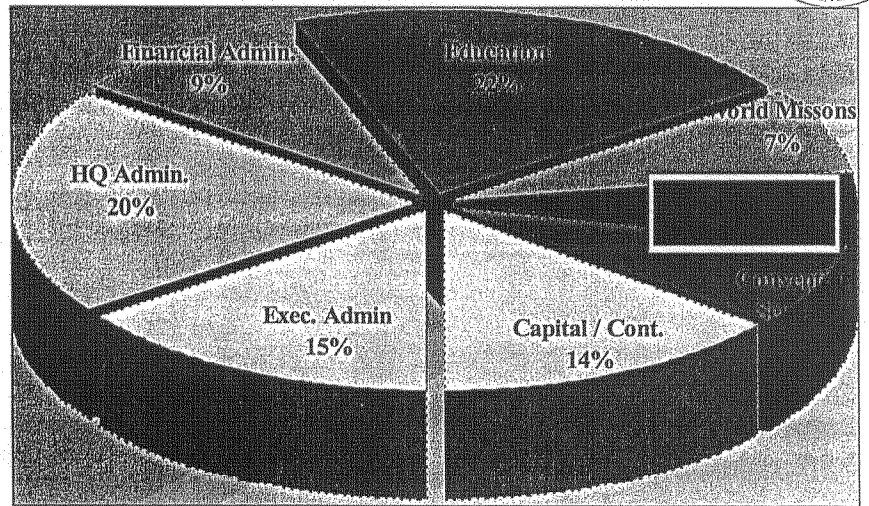
Revenue "2000 vs. 2001" Comparisons



Revenue "2000 vs 2001"

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Expenditures 2001 Actuals

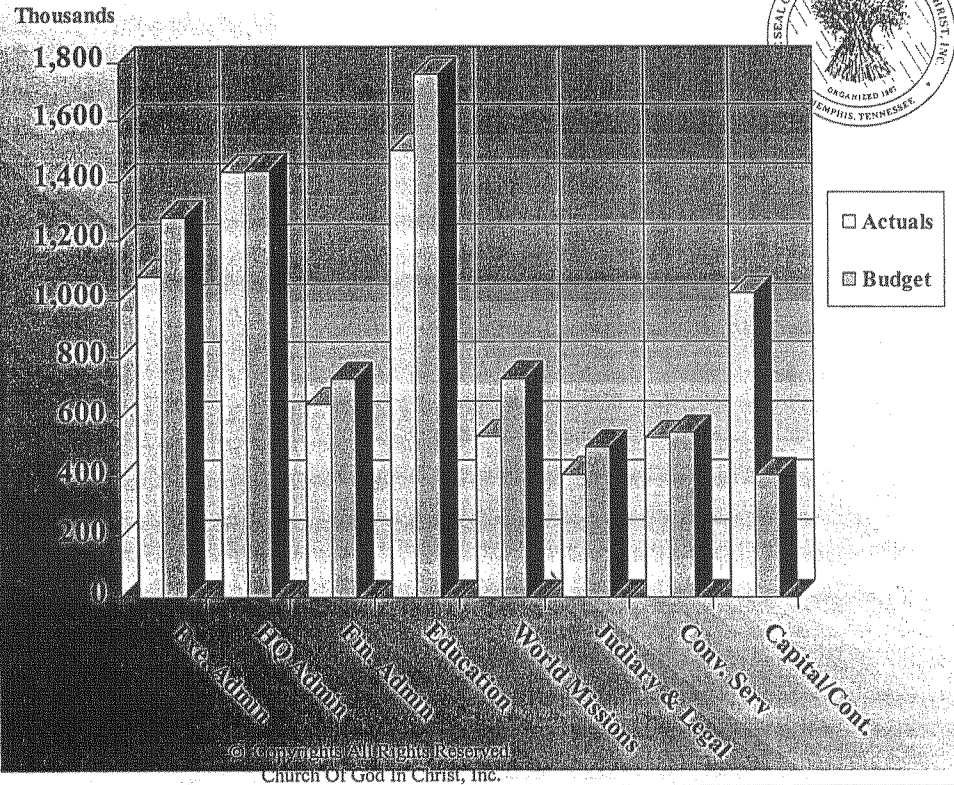
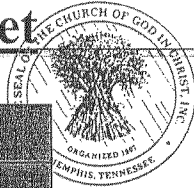


Expenditures
2001 Actuals

- Exec. Admin
- HQ Admin.
- Financial Admin.
- Education
- World Missions
- Judiciary & Legal
- Convention Services
- Capital / Cont.

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Expenditures Actuals "vs." Budget

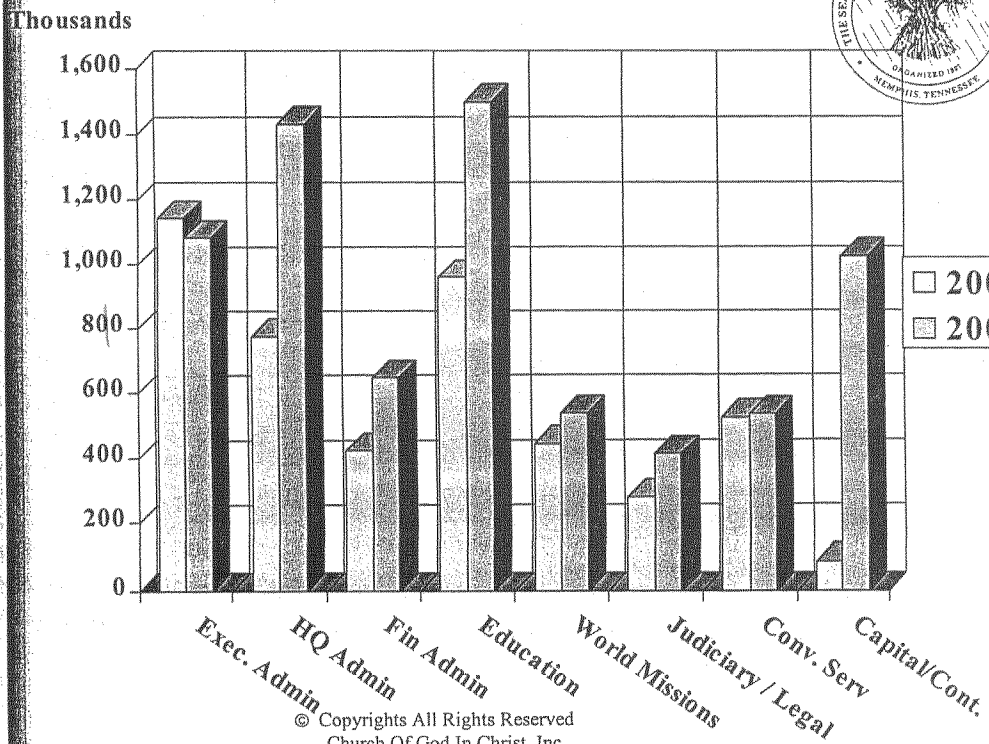


Expenditures Actuals "vs" Budget

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Expenditures "2000 vs 2001" Comparison

Expenditures "2000 vs. 2001" Comparisons



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Special Activities

- During 2001, the Church Of God In Christ, Inc., experienced several special expenditures outside its normal projected expenses.

Loans and Settlements

- In the first quarter of 2001, former Presiding Bishop, Bishop Chandler D. Owens, made request to Bishop G. E. Patterson and the General Board that he be repaid for funds that he gave to Africa and the Philippines in the amount of \$263,000. It was agreed upon that Bishop Owens receive these funds.
- The funds utilized to repay this request came from funds from previous year's investment portfolio; it did not come from the 2001 budget.
- Another pre-existing settlement that was encumbered by this year was the settlement regarding the Orlando Institutional Church and Pastor Derrick Hutchins.
- The Presiding Bishop and General Board agreed to donate \$170,000 to Pastor Derrick Hutchins and his Florida congregation to be used in their quest to obtain an alternate place of worship.

Fiscal Implementations and Projections

- The Presiding Bishop, General Board, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Trustees and Chief of Staff together are developing steps that will ensure the stability of the financial infrastructure for the Church Of God In Christ, Inc.
- This has begun with the development and implementation of The Financial Policy and Procedures Manual.
- This instrument will aid in establishing operational continuity in how all auxiliaries and departments of the Church Of God In Christ, Inc. conduct church business.
- The development of "*cogicheadquarters.org*" web intranet, which is a password secured site that will allow church department heads and officials to complete purchase requisitions, review budgets and expenditures, read General Assembly Minutes, complete or download various forms of importance, and perform additional administrative activities via the internet.
- Revision of the employee handbook, development of an employee salary scale, revised job descriptions, enhanced medical benefits and acceptance of proposals for retirement benefits are examples of the commitment to excellence.
- The implementation of these policies, procedures and revisions are steps needed to ensure protection of the Church Of God In Christ's financial structure.
- The National Treasurer, Financial Secretary and Chief Accountant together make the International Finance Department of the church.
- Working in concert, it is the goal that financial policies and procedures are established and all financial records are maintained.
- It is also the goal of the International Finance Department to present to you the General Assembly a complete and comprehensive reporting of the financial standing of the Church Of God In Christ, Inc.

ENCLOSURE

Church Of God In Christ, Inc.
General Assembly
Memphis, Tennessee

April Call Meeting
Mason Temple
April 9-10, 2002

Bishop J. O. Patterson, Jr.-Chairman

Call to Order	Elder Thomas Jackson, Second Vice-Chairman
Devotional Period	Elder Samuel Fluker, Chaplain
Certification of the House	Bishop Charles E. Brown, Chairman. Credentials Committee
Presentation of the Rules	Elder Thomas Holsey, Chairman. Rules Committee
Reading of the Minutes (November 2001)	Elder A. Z. Hall, Jr. General Secretary
Presentation of the Chair	Elder James Hunt, Vice-Chairman
Presentation of the Agenda	General Secretary Hall

AGENDA

- I. Report from the Presiding Bishop
& The General Board
Bishop G. E. Patterson, Presiding Bishop
Bishop W. W. Hamilton, Secretary-General Board
- II. Trustee Board Report
Elder Charles Mason Ford, Chairman
- III. Filling of Vacancies/The Judiciary Board
Elder Solomon Williams, Chairman
Nominating & Screening Committee
- IV. Resolutions Committee
Elder Talbert Swan, Chairman
- V. Nominations for General Assembly Officers
Nominating & Screening Committee
- VI. Constitution Committee Report
Bishop Earl J. Wright, Chairman
- VII. Ad Hoc Committee Report
Bishop W. W. Hamilton, Chairman
- VIII. 2002 Calendar
General Secretary Hall
- IX. Closing Resolution
General Secretary Hall
- X. Closing Statements
Chairman Patterson
- XI. Closing Remarks & Benediction
Presiding Bishop Patterson