

M I C H I G A N   G R E A T   L A K E S   F I R S T   J U R I S D I C T I O N



# EARLY RAIN MINISTERS & WORKERS

M E E T I N G / 2 0 2 6

MARCH 10-13 | 7:30 PM NIGHTLY

AT GREATER EMMANUEL INSTITUTIONAL COGIC  
19190 Schaefer Hwy, Detroit, MI 48235

**BISHOP J. DREW SHEARD**  
Presiding Bishop & Chief Apostle COGIC, Inc.

**MOTHER BARBARA MCCOO LEWIS**  
General Supervisor, IDOW, COGIC, Inc.

**BISHOP MICHAEL E. HILL, SR.**  
Jurisdictional Prelate;  
General Board Member, COGIC, Inc.

**MOTHER DIANNE M. BOGAN**  
Jurisdictional Supervisor

MICHIGAN GREAT LAKES FIRST JURISDICTION

# EARLY RAIN MINISTERS & WORKERS MEETING / 2026

## NIGHTLY SPEAKERS



**THURSDAY**

**MOTHER**

**DIANNE M. BOGAN**

JURISDICTIONAL SUPERVISOR

**FRIDAY**

**BISHOP MICHAEL E. HILL, SR.**

JURISDICTIONAL PRELATE

GENERAL BOARD MEMBER, COGIC, INC.

**TUESDAY**

**BISHOP MICHAEL B.**

**GOLDEN, JR.**

GENERAL FINANCIAL SECRETARY, COGIC, INC.

**WEDNESDAY**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

**ERIC C. BOGAN**

HARRIS MEMORIAL COGIC

**TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY | 6:30PM – 7:15PM**

The Evangelist Department, under the leadership of Pastor Sam Knolton, President, Evangelism Department, will conduct a session on The Art of Evangelism.

**VISIT GREATLAKESFIRST.ORG FOR WAYS TO GIVE  
AND CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS**

# ORDER OF SERVICE

**Worship Leader:** Administrative Assistant Delbert E. McFolley  
Superintendent, Deliverance District

**The Call to Worship:** "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord.  
Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem." – Psalms 122: 1-2

Invocation..... Pastor Byron J. Cranford & Son  
*Shekinah Glory*

Scripture (Psalm 133:1-3)..... Pastor John J. Coffee, Jr. & John, III  
*President, Jurisdictional Men's Department*

Praise and Worship..... Jurisdictional Music Department

Official Welcome..... Mother Dianne Marie Bogan & Sons  
*Supervisor, Jurisdictional Department of Women*

Department Highlight..... Elder Marlon A. Elder  
*President, Youth Department*

Ministry of Music..... Jurisdictional Music Department

Ministry of Giving & Acknowledgement of Districts..... Bishop Michael E. Hill, Sr.  
*Prelate, Michigan Great Lakes First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction  
Assistant Secretary, General Board Church of God in Christ, Inc.*

**Districts:** Holy Spirit • Deliverance • Progressive • Breakthrough

Conference Observations..... Superintendent Barry L. Ginyard, Jr. & Jalen  
*Jurisdictional Executive Secretary*

The Voice of the Bishop..... Bishop Michael E. Hill, Sr.

Sermonic Selection..... Jurisdictional Music Department

## THE MESSAGE Bishop Michael B. Golden, Jr.

*Prelate, Virginia Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Church of God in Christ, Inc.  
General Financial Secretary, Church of God in Christ, Inc.*

The Call to Discipleship & Benediction..... Pastor Sam B. Knolton, Jr.  
*President, Evangelism Department*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2026

# ORDER OF SERVICE

**Worship Leader:** Administrative Assistant Anthony E. Houston, Sr.  
Superintendent, Progressive District

**The Call to Worship:** "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord.  
Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem." – Psalms 122: 1-2

Invocation..... **Superintendent Willie B. Sims**  
*Holy Spirit District*

Scripture (Hebrews 10:23-25)..... **Pastor Anthony T. Wiley**  
*House of Prayer & Praise*

Praise and Worship..... **Jurisdictional Music Department**

Official Welcome..... **Mother Dianne Marie Bogan**  
*Supervisor, Jurisdictional Department of Women*

Inspirational Message..... **Missionary Alicia Austin**  
*House of Prayer & Praise*

Ministry of Music..... **Jurisdictional Music Department**

Ministry of Giving & Acknowledgement of Districts..... **Administrative Assistant Delbert E. McFolley**  
*Superintendent, Deliverance District*

**Districts:** Fresh Wind • Greater Harvest • Koinonia • Rehoboth • Zion

Conference Observations..... **Superintendent Barry L. Ginyard, Jr.**  
*Jurisdictional Executive Secretary*

Presentation of Jurisdictional Bishop..... **Bishop Lester T. Evans**  
*Ordination Chairman*

The Voice of the Bishop..... **Bishop Michael E. Hill, Sr.**  
*Prelate, Michigan Great Lakes First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction*  
*Assistant Secretary, General Board Church of God in Christ, Inc.*

Sermonic Selection..... **Jurisdictional Music Department**

## THE MESSAGE

**Administrative Assistant Eric C. Bogan**

*Superintendent, Koinonia District*

The Call to Discipleship & Benediction..... **Pastor Sam B. Knolton, Jr.**  
*President, Evangelism Department*

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## "POSITIONED FOR THE CALL" ACTS 16:13-15

**Empowerment and Growth:** Lady Joyce Sims and Lady Dennette Anderson, Coordinators  
Clergy Wives • District Missionaries • YWCC/CWC • Sunshine Band • Man's Perspective

**Intercessory Prayer:** Missionary Cherisse Martin and Sister Heather Maxie, Leaders

**Worship Experience:** Lady Clareth Elder, President Superintendents' Wives  
Missionary Shai Boyd, Adjutant Sister

Praise and Worship. . . . . **Sister Deborah Jeffries**  
*Department of Women Music Ministry*

Invocation. . . . . **Missionary Mary Anderson**  
*Advisory Board Member*

**Scripture Readings:**

Old Testament (Esther 4:13-14). . . . . **District Missionary Brandy Freeman**  
*Designate, Rehoboth District*

The Gospel (Luke 4:16-21). . . . . **District Missionary Sherry Hodge**  
*Zion District*

The Epistle (Acts 16:13-15). . . . . **Sister Marchie Turner**  
*Bishop's Wife Armor Bearer*

Welcome. . . . . **Sunshine Band Presents "We Welcome You" – Missionary Iyana Carrothers**  
*President, Sunshine Band*

Lest We Forget: "Jurisdictional Leaders". . . . . **District Missionary Rita Nabor**  
*National District Missionary Unit*

Two Decades of Excellence and Growth. . . . . **Lady Verna Ginyard**  
*Executive Secretary, Jurisdictional Department of Women*

Congregational Singing. . . . . **Missionary Rachel DuBose**  
*President YWCC/CWC*

## "Positioned For The Call" - Acts 16:13-15

"Lydia". . . . . **District Missionary Natasha Wiley, Fresh Wind District**

"Phoebe". . . . . **Missionary Brenda Daniels, Executive Board Member**

"Mary, Martha's Sister". . . . . **Sister Kimberly Theisen, Youth Department Chairlady**

"Nehemiah". . . . . **Pastor Booker Dupree, New Bethel Bountiful Blessings**

Guest Greetings. . . . . Lady Susan Starks  
*Life Church*

**Mother Mary J. Walton**  
*3rd Assistant General Supervisor, International Department of Women  
Jurisdictional Supervisor, Michigan Southwest Fourth Jurisdiction Department of Women*

Presentation of Our Leader. . . . . Administrative Assistant Eric C. Bogan  
*Koinonia District*

The Voice of the Bishop. . . . . Bishop Michael E. Hill, Sr.  
*Prelate, Michigan Great Lakes First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction  
Assistant Secretary, General Board Church of God in Christ, Inc.*

Greetings and Ministry of Giving. . . . . Lady Pearl Hill  
*President, International Pastor's Wives Circle*  
**District Missionary Shirley Winters & Missionary Toi Bogan**  
*Finance Team, Jurisdictional Department of Women*

Observations. . . . . Missionary Denein Jones  
*Executive Secretary's Office, Jurisdictional Department of Women*

Presentation of Supervisor. . . . . Lady Tamisha Alexander  
*Jurisdictional Assistant Chairperson, Pastors' & Elders' Wives*

Sermonic Selection. . . . .

**THE MESSAGE**  
**Mother Dianne M. Bogan**

*Jurisdictional Supervisor, Michigan Great Lakes First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction*

Call To Discipleship. . . . . District Missionary Ja'Near Grayson  
*Greater Harvest District*

Final Remarks & Benediction. . . . . Superintendent Barry L. Ginyard, Jr.  
*Jurisdictional Executive Secretary*

**Official Day Service:** Friday, March 13th. Service begins promptly at 7:30 PM. Women, please turn your official offerings in to your District Missionary. **Attire:** Women in black adorned with your crowns (hats/fascinators). Above all, let's be in prayer for our Leader, Lady Hill and our jurisdiction.

**National Reports are due by March 31, 2026.** This can be paid online at [GreatLakesFirst.org/reports](http://GreatLakesFirst.org/reports)

**Friendly Reminder:** If you have not completed the Jurisdictional Department of Women Information Form, scan the QR code to the right.



# LEADERSHIP

**BISHOP MICHAEL E. HILL, SR.**  
Jurisdictional Prelate

**MOTHER DIANNE M. BOGAN**  
Jurisdictional Supervisor

## EXECUTIVE STAFF

**Bishop Lester T. Evans**  
Auxiliary Episcopate  
Chairman, Ordination Board

**Bishop Robert E. Garner**  
Auxiliary Episcopate

**Supt. Eric C. Bogan**  
Administrative Assistant  
Dean, Christian Education

**Supt. Delbert McFolley**  
Administrative Assistant  
Jurisdictional Expeditor

**Supt. Michael A. Elder**  
Administrative Assistant

**Supt. Anthony Houston**  
Administrative Assistant

**Supt. Barry L. Ginyard, Jr.**  
Executive Secretary

**Pastor Antwain Alexander**  
Chairman, Pastors  
and Elders Council

**Supt. Willie B. Sims**

**Elder Cemond Smith**  
Assistant Executive Secretary

**Deacon Walter E. Bogan, II**  
Chairman of Finances

**Supt. Carlton E. Johnson, Sr.**

**Supt. Jimmie Rushing**

## DEPARTMENT LEADERS

**Elder Carl Hawkins**  
Chief Adjutant

**TBD**  
Missions Department President

**Pastor Sam Knolton, Jr.**  
President, Department  
of Evangelism

**Elder Marlon Elder**  
President, Youth Department

**TBD**  
Elect Lady, Missions Department

**Evangelist Theresa Allen**  
Elect Lady, Department  
of Evangelism

**Sister Kimberly Theisen**  
Chairlady, Youth Department

**TBD**  
Sunday School Superintendent

**Thabiti Sims**  
President, Music Department

**TBD**  
Sunday School Field Rep.

**Pastor John J. Coffee, Jr.**  
President, Men's Ministry

## DISTRICT LEADERS

**Holy Spirit District**  
Superintendent Willie B. Sims  
Missionary Shirley Winters

**Breakthrough District**  
Bishop Robert E. Garner  
Missionary Dorothy Glenn

**Progressive District**  
Supt. Anthony Houston, Sr.  
Missionary Bridgette Williams

**Greater Harvest District**  
Superintendent Michael A. Elder  
Missionary JaNear Grayson

**Koinonia District**  
Superintendent Eric C. Bogan  
Missionary Lolita Perkins

**Zion District**  
Supt. Carlton E. Johnson, Sr.  
Missionary Sherry Hodge

**Rehoboth District**  
Superintendent Barry L. Ginyard, Jr.  
Missionary Brandy Freeman

**Deliverance District**  
Superintendent Delbert McFolley  
Missionary Rita Nabor

**Fresh Wind District**  
Superintendent Jimmie Rushing  
Missionary Natasha Wiley



**“ANSWERING THE CALL”  
– ACTS 16:9**