

MICHIGAN GREAT LAKES FIRST JURISDICTION



EARLY RAIN MINISTERS & WORKERS

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

OFFICIAL NIGHT | MARCH 13 | 7:30 PM

BISHOP MICHAEL E. HILL, SR.

Jurisdictional Prelate:
General Board Member, COGIC, Inc.

THANK YOU!

My heart is truly overflowing as we share in the fellowship of this Early Rain Ministers & Workers Meeting 2026. I am continually moved and humbled by your steadfast commitment to the work of this jurisdiction. While the past few years have brought unique challenges and shifts to our communities, your dedication to the ministry has never wavered. You have remained faithful to the divine charge to serve one another in love, and your presence and support during these sessions are a powerful testament to that truth.

As we move forward into this new season of ministry, we do so sustained by God's grace and fortified by your prayers. I thank the Lord every day for the honor of leading such a remarkable body of believers. Your many expressions of love and the diverse gifts you bring to this mission will not be forgotten. I pray that the favor God has placed on my life would rest on each of you. May His love guide your steps, His peace go before you, and His protection cover you and your families all the days of your life. Thank you for standing with me as we strive together to fulfill the will of God. I love you all dearly and pray that God's choicest blessings are multiplied in your lives.

In Service to Him,

Bishop Michael E. Hill, Sr.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH IN THE BIBLE

We believe the Bible to be the inspired and only infallible written Word of God.

WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH IN GOD

We believe that there is only One God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son and, God the Holy Spirit.

WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH IN THE CHURCH

We believe in the Blessed Hope, which is the rapture of the Church of God, which is in Christ, at His return.

WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH CONCERNING SIN

We believe that the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious Blood of Jesus Christ.

WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH IN SALVATION

We believe that regeneration by the Holy Ghost is absolutely essential for personal salvation.

WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH IN CHRIST

We believe that the redemptive work of Christ on the Cross provides healing for the human body in answer to believing prayer.

WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH IN THE HOLY GHOST

We believe that the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, according to Acts 2:4, is given to believers who ask for it.

WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH CONCERNING SANCTIFICATION

We believe in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy and separated life in the present world. AMEN

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2026 | OFFICIAL NIGHT

ORDER OF SERVICE

Worship Leader: Administrative Assistant Eric C. Bogan
Superintendent, Koinonia 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

The Invocation. Superintendent Jimmie L. Rushing
Fresh Wind District

The Old Testament (Joel 2:23-27). Pastor Sam B. Knolton, Jr.
President, Evangelism Department

The New Testament (Romans 10:13-15). Administrative Assistant Michael A. Elder, Sr.
Superintendent, Greater Harvest District

The Affirmation of Faith. Administrative Assistant Anthony E. Houston, Sr.
Superintendent, Progressive District

The Praise and Worship. Jurisdictional Music Department

The Official Greetings. Mother Dianne Marie Bogan
Supervisor, Jurisdictional Department of Women

The Ministry of Music. Jurisdictional Music Department

The Ministry of Giving. Bishop Robert E. Garner
Superintendent, Breakthrough District

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

The Introduction of Jurisdictional Bishop. Administrative Assistant Delbert E. McFolley
Superintendent, Deliverance District

The Sermonic Selection. Jurisdictional Music Department

THE VOICE OF OUR LEADER & PREACHED WORD

Bishop Michael E. Hill, Sr.

*Prelate, Michigan Great Lakes First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction
Assistant Secretary, General Board, Church of God in Christ, Inc.*

The Call to Discipleship & Benediction

LEADERSHIP

BISHOP MICHAEL E. HILL, SR.
Jurisdictional Prelate

MOTHER DIANNE M. BOGAN
Jurisdictional Supervisor

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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

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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

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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

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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



