



NATIONAL CONVOCATION
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
26th Biennial Business Session

Virtual

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Saturday, August 15, 2020

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OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)
IN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA**

SATURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2020

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CALL TO ORDER

Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillett II, President

WELCOME AND OCCASION

Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillett II, President

Regions, Convocations, Conventions, and Fellowships

Alabama-Northwest Florida Regional Convocation,
Kentucky Christian Missionary Convention,
Michigan African-American Convocation,
Mid-America African-American Convocation,
Mississippi Christian Missionary Convention,
MOKAN Fellowship [Missouri-Kansas],
Northeast Regional African-American Convocation,
Ohio African-American Northern & South Kingdoms,
Oklahoma African-American Convocation,
Pacifica Southwest African-American Convocation,
Piedmont District Convention, South Carolina Convention,
And Texas Christian Missionary Fellowship.

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GREETINGS

Rev. Dr. Timothy M. James,
Associate General Minister & Administrative Secretary
AND
Rev. Teresa “Terri” Hord Owens,
General Minister & President

DEVOTION

Meditation | Rev. Dr. Irie Session
Scripture |

Affirmation of Faith | Lead by Rev. Teresa “Terri” Hord Owens,
General Minister & President

The “Affirmation of Faith”

As members of the Christian Church, We confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, and proclaim him Lord and Savior of the world.

In Christ’s name and by his grace we accept our mission of witness and service to all people. We rejoice in God, maker of heaven and earth, and in God’s covenant of love which binds us to God and to one another.

Through baptism into Christ we enter into newness of life and are made one with the whole people of God. In the communion of the Holy Spirit we are joined together in discipleship and in obedience to Christ. At the Table of the Lord we celebrate with thanksgiving the saving acts and presence of Christ. Within the universal church we receive the gift of ministry and the light of scripture. In the bonds of Christian faith, we yield ourselves to God that we may serve the One whose kingdom has no end.

Blessing, glory, and honor be to God forever. Amen.

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MEETING PROTOCOLS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillett II, President

BUSINESS ITEMS

- I. Reading of the 25th Biennial Session Minutes**
Presented by | Mrs. Pamela DuBose, Secretary

- II. 2019 Financial Audit Report**
Presented by | Rev. James Vertreese, Treasurer

- III. Amendments to the Articles of Operation**
Rationale | Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillett II, President
First Reading by | Ms. Britanni Bullock

- IV. Report of the Nominating Committee**
Presented by | Rev. Dr. Delesslyn Kennebrew
 - **Election of Nominated Officers** (Class of 2022–2024)
President-Elect – Rev. Dr. William Crowder
Vice President – Mrs. Tera Daniels
Secretary – Rev. Dr. Joanne Flowers
Treasurer – Rev. Orlando Scott

 - **Election of Nominated Members At-Large** (Class of 2020–2024)
Rev. Aaron Smith, Decatur, GA
Ms. Anne Sowell, Cleveland, OH
Rev. Dr. Darren Phelps, Melbourne, FL
Dr. Megan Lowe, Cordova, TN

BUSINESS ITEMS

- V. Amendments to the Articles of Operation | Second Reading**
Read by | Ms. Britanni Bullock
- VI. Strategic Plan, Vision & Mission Statement**
Presented by | Rev. R. Wayne Calhoun, Sr. & Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillett II
- VII. Amendments to the Articles of Operation | Third Reading**
Presented by | Mrs. Pamela DuBose
- Article III.** Membership
 - Article IV.** Officers
 - Article V.** Meetings
 - Article VI.** Trustees
 - Article VII.** Executive Committee
 - Article VIII.** Administrative Secretary
 - Article IX.** Business
 - Article X.** Electronic Meetings
 - Article XI.** Parliamentary Authority
 - Article XII.** Amendments to the Articles of Operation
 - Addendum:** Policy for Replacement and Removal of Officers
 - Addendum:** Administrative Secretary Search Process
- VIII. Report of the Advisory Committee**
Presented by | Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillett II
- IX. Report of the Time & Place**
Presented by | Rev. Dr. Timothy M. James
- X. Report of the Administrative Secretary**
Presented by | Rev. Dr. Timothy M. James

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- 5 MINUTES BREAK -

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS & MEMBERS AT-LARGE

Rev. Teresa “Terri” Hord-Owens & Rev. Dr. Timothy M. James

Officers

Class 2020 - 2022

Rev. Dr. Irie Session, President

Rev. Dr. William Crowder, Vice President

Rev. Shannon Dycus, Secretary

Rev. James Vertreese, Treasurer

Members-At-Large

Class 2020 - 2024

Rev. Aaron Smith, Decatur, GA

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COMMUNION SERVICE

We invite all who love Jesus Christ to share in this meal

Invitation to The Table | Rev. Dr. Irie Session, President

Words of Institution | Rev. Dr. William Crowder, Vice President

Blessing of the Bread | Rev. Shannon Dycus, Secretary

Blessing of the Cup | Ms. Yolanda Smith, Treasurer

Hymn | Let Us Break Bread Together

Lead by Rev. Eugene James

Announcements | Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillett II

Benediction | Rev. Dr. Timothy M. James