



President's Report

to the Church of Christ (Holiness) USA



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I love the Gospel Victory March, the present theme song for the Church of Christ (Holiness) U.S.A. -- especially the lyric in the chorus "Christ our Captain goes before us, truth's bright flag is floating over us, Victory, Victory, Victory glorious shall be ours through Christ our King!" The visual is arresting: picture the Saints of God going out to battle, not retreating but taking the fight to the enemy on all fronts, and winning! Of course, the Bible [as well as the song] teaches that we are victorious, not because of our own prowess, but because "Christ our Captain goes before us!" I Corinthians 15:57. All year long, this theme song has provided inspiration to move forward, to conquer, to reclaim territory the enemy has tried to take, all for the glory of God. And the Lord has been faithful, as we have implemented R.I.S.E. and the new national initiatives have taken effect. Our prayer is that the Lord would continue to go before us as we exercise the awesome privilege of working to advance his kingdom.

Acknowledgments

First and foremost, we thank the Lord for all he has done. He has continued to provide vision, continued to provide resources, continued to inspire gifted saints to work with his agenda, and continued to provide us with health and strength to do his will. God is good and his praises should continually be in our mouths." Ps. 34:1. I also want to acknowledge our Senior Bishop, Dr. Dale Cudjoe who continues to serve faithfully and effectively. It is indeed a pleasure to work with leadership dedicated to being used of God to do his will. I also want to acknowledge and thank the Board of Bishops, the National Executive Board, Counsel of District Chairmen, Pastors, Ministers, Missionaries and, as Bishop Cudjoe would say "All of God's Children." Finally, a special "shout out" is due to the lovely and gracious Tiffany Castilla for her love and support throughout the year.

COCHUSA RISE Initiative

COCHUSA RISE is the implementation plan for this administration. All of COCHUSA should know, publish and assist with execution of this overall initiative. For anyone yet in the dark about the meaning of the acronym, here is R.I.S.E. again:

R — Reclaim

We must reclaim what has been lost, especially during the pandemic. The \$300,000 Thriving Congregations Grant is specifically designed to help our churches reclaim what has been lost.

I — Invest

We must invest in what we already have, especially our school, Christ Missionary and Industrial College (CM&I) and the Master Plan. In order for us to be blessed with more, we must do something with what we already have!

S — Service

We must serve our community, especially the "least of these." Saints on Standby (SOS), Operation GIVEBACK and our National Missionaries and National Evangelists are leading us in these endeavors.

E — Evangelism

Our mission statement proclaims that we exist to promulgate the gospel of Jesus Christ. Our Senior Bishop has made evangelism a centerpiece of his leadership. Our National Convention and Board of Bishops has stressed its importance. We have required every church in our denomination to provide an evangelism plan. As such, evangelism must be considered our top priority.

COCHUSA RISE — Four New Offices

COCHUSA RISE is at base a comprehensive implementation plan. We originally established four new offices to more effectively implement COCHUSA RISE.

Office of Communications (now NOAH)

This office, led by Sis. Felicia Momon, has been vital in bringing COCHUSA into the 21st Century. In addition to providing designated email addresses for all National Executive Board members, the National Office of Communications has developed a COCHUSA rebranding kit, obtained a Microsoft grant, appointed social media content coordinator, revamped the COCHUSA website, coordinated gathering data for clergy ID badge rollout, developed an Emergency Management Framework, developed a portal for receiving BAM reports and facilitated enhanced digital presence taking paper processes digital, helped with videos, flyers and PowerPoints for leaders, collaborated with teams on various plans and assisted with administrative tasks, among many other things. Due to the great work of this office, our communication has become more efficient, our branding has been upgraded, our social media presence has been enhanced, and we are able to more consistently present in a way which reflects the excellence we are called to exhibit. *The office has been renamed NOAH, National Office of Operations and Administrative Help to better reflect the holistic approach to the support they currently give.*

Office of Evangelism Support

Led by Elder Tony Parker and Missionary Cynthia Broxton, this office is responsible for making sure we take the call to evangelism from just a good idea to actual implementation. This office has been responsible for personally challenging pastors and other leaders, creating local church evangelism plans and following up to ensure implementation. Incredibly, this office has been responsible for getting a plurality of our churches to develop evangelism plans! Some dioceses have reported 100% compliance. The goal is for every church in the denomination to submit an evangelism plan. Great progress has been made and there is definitely more to come. After receipt of the plans from every church, the Evangelism Team will work with churches to implement the evangelism plans. As a result of this approach, we expect our churches to flourish, both spiritually and numerically.

Office of Church Plant Support

Led by Elder Dr. David Kennebrew, this office was established to elevate church planting to the paramount place of importance it deserves. Effective evangelism in the 21st Century must entail church planning. Dr. David Kennebrew, a Church Planner himself, has helped to establish new churches, communicated with other national church planters and endeavors to identify and provide necessary training for COCHUSA church planters. The Board of Bishops recently approved a plan to provide financial support of \$30,000 per year for church plants. The Office of Church Plant Support will develop the process and procedure for distribution of the funds.

Office of Master Plan and Development

This office, led by Deacon Henry Jenkins, is tasked with oversight and development of the valuable property the Lord gave to us through [visionary] Bishop M.R. Conic. We are excited about the work that has already been done. A new gate, which announces for all the world to see that the property belongs to COCHUSA has been installed. The lake is ready for some fishing. The standing pavilion has been upgraded (with bathrooms and kitchen area now operational). Indeed, the site is now ready to host outings. Deacon Jenkins and his committee are already working on Phase II, which involves further upgrades and a campaign to invite entities outside COCHUSA to use the facilities.

Presidential Travels

Listen, Learn & Lift Tour

- January 11, Faith Tabernacle, Louisville, MS
- February 22, Greater Damascus, Hazelhurst, MS
- March 14, First Church COCHUSA, Norfolk, VA
- April 11-12, Western Diocese, Southern District Meeting, Los Angeles, CA
- April 18-19, NCD Training Session, St. Louis, MO
- May 14, Saint on Standby (SOS) Ministry, Bogue Chitto, MS
- May 17, Brotherhood Meeting, New Lake COCHUSA, Jackson, MS

Other Travels

- April 17, Bettye Brooks funeral, Little Rock, AK
- April 25, Sis. Barbara Magee funeral, Houston, TX
- April 26, House of Prayer, Orlando, FL

Auxiliary Highlights

National Sunday School and HYM Congress

- The Congress has made great strides in improving our children's ministries through the Kid's Connect Program.
- The Congress has published its first Teen Devotional.
- This year's Congress Program features a 20 under 40 segment, spotlighting achievements of some of our young people.

United Christians Women's Ministry

- Continues to establish and build UCWM Band outside the continental USA.
- Published Volume II of the outstanding devotional, Lord It's My Prayer.
- Working with NOAH to launch a women's speaker directory and business catalog.

National Brotherhood Ministries

- Continues to stress mentoring young men.
- Members have been helpful with Saints on Standby (SOS) and other ministries.

Other Exciting Developments

1. National Office of Operations and Administrative Help (NOAH)

The National office of Communications was established to handle and assist with matters pertaining to communications. The team discovered, however, that many, if not most of the requests, pertained to general administrative matters and operational support, as opposed to communications. Therefore, we have established the NOAH, an office dedicated to handling and assisting with administrative and operational needs (as opposed to strictly communication) matters.

2. Lilly Endowment Exploring Christian Practices Grant

We have applied for another grant from the Lily Endowment Fund. If our proposal is accepted (our expectation) then we will provide funds to existing BAMS with a view toward helping "seekers" connect with our church by engaging in authentic worship practices.

3. Wesley Global Alliance Collaboration

Over the years, we have attended Wesley Global Alliance meetings. This past November, we were introduced to the Wesleyan Investment Foundation, a financial entity dedicated to providing financial assistance to worthy applicants. WIF has already committed to providing much needed loan assistance to one of our churches!

4. COCHUSA Forward

Under the direction of Sis. Angela Pierre, the COCHUSA Forward program has already helped 13 of our churches begin to thrive again in the post COVID era. Participating churches receive technological equipment in addition to dedicated teaching and training from COCHUSA facilitators. An additional 12 churches have enlisted for dynamic teaching, training and free resources. After this cohort, another 29 churches will comprise a new cohort.

What Does COCHUSA Offer?

I am often asked the question "What does COCHUSA give back to its members?" While it may seem that the offerings are sparse, that's actually not the case. A survey of what's offered by the Church and its auxiliaries reveals a plethora of grants, awards and special recognitions. Here are a few:

- **Deacon Tony Ross Local Church Ministry Grant**

Provides financial support for local church ministry initiatives.

- **New Church Start Support**

Provides support for launching new churches.
Contact Church Plant Support for more information

- **National Young Adult Ministry Grant**

Supports the mission and ministry activities of local churches in developing, enhancing and maintaining Young Adult Ministries.

- **K.J. Allen Scholarship**

Awards partial scholarships to students with the intent to eventually provide full scholarships for quality education of our Christian youth.

- **COCHUSA Forward Grants**

Equips churches with technology, training, and resources to thrive in the post-COVID era.

- **CEBEEP Grant**

Provides financial support for church planters.

- **Family Ministry Grant**

Provides funding to support and strengthen family ministry programs within local churches.

- **Woman of the Year Award**

Celebrates women who have made outstanding contributions to their church, community, and the COCHUSA fellowship.

- **Saints on Standby (SOS) Grants**

For those who have suffered from natural disasters.

- **O.W. McGuinness Evangelism Grants**

Supports evangelism efforts and outreach within COCHUSA churches.

- **Pastoral Leadership Recognition**

Honors pastors who have demonstrated exemplary leadership and service to their congregation and community.

- **Naomi Doles Mitchell Sellers Youth Missionary Grant**

Helps young people reach the mission field by defraying some of the costs associated with short term mission trips.

Missions Conference 2026

This year's National Convention features the first National Missions Conference! Sponsored by the World Mission Board, this promises to be an exciting, spiritually uplifting and denominationally challenging event, the effects of which will reverberate in and beyond COCHUSA for years to come. We are expecting missionaries from around the globe, in addition to teaching, training and inspiration from the WMB and their invited guests. Moreover, we'll get to experience 'A Taste of the World' and view ethnic garb from around the world. It is shaping up as a grand, grand time that will ignite us to take seriously our call to evangelism.

National Project Highlight: Clergy ID Badges

As part of our continuing effort to strengthen consistency and professionalism across our organization, we are prepared to roll out official clergy badges to all ordained ministers and pastors during the National Convention 2026. These badges are being provided to support your access to hospitals, correctional facilities, and other institutions that require proper identification for entry. While there is no universal law mandating clergy badges, many hospitals, jails, and similar facilities have their own security and verification policies.

Why Clergy Badges Matter

- Be easily recognized as legitimate clergy by facility staff
- Comply with institutional security procedures
- Avoid delays or complications when offering pastoral care
- Strengthen the professionalism and integrity of our clergy presence

These badges were created, at the request of Senior Bishop Cudjoe, to help our ministers continue their work smoothly and without hindrance, especially in sensitive environments where immediate access can be essential to providing spiritual support. **If you did not submit your photo and information requested by NOAH by the deadline, you can provide the information at the 2026 National Convention.**

Collaboration Highlight: NOAH & UCWM

NOAH is collaborating with UCWM to develop a system that helps COCHUSA **invest in what we already have** by creating platforms that increase the visibility of women leaders and women entrepreneurs within our fellowship. Planned initiatives include:

1

Women's Leadership & Speakers Directory

To connect churches and organizations with gifted women speakers and ministry leaders.

2

Women-Owned Business Catalog

To showcase businesses and professional services operated by women within COCHUSA.

These efforts are designed to strengthen internal connections, expand opportunities for engagement, and encourage the denomination to support and invest in the gifts, expertise, and businesses already existing within our community.

**NOAH provides consultative support to all BAMs upon request; including meetings and planning guidance. NOAH does not implement your plan. If activation or execution support is needed, additional resources can be provided/sourced; pass-through fees apply.*

Building with Intention: Emergency Management Framework

A NOAH-led initiative to establish a mandated Emergency Response Protocol framework for all COCHUSA local churches, conventions, and national events. NOAH team member, **Trevor Speech serves as Incident Commander under the direct leadership of Deacon Anthony Tucker.**



Sacred Responsibility

Every person who walks through our doors is under our care. That is a responsibility we should take more seriously in our planning.



Preparedness as Ministry

Training safety teams and coordinating with law enforcement is an act of love for our congregants and convention attendees.



Wisdom Over Fear

Watchfulness is not paranoia. We do not live in fear, but we do live in wisdom. *(1 Peter 5:8)*



FEMA-Aligned Framework

Developed in alignment with FEMA's National Incident Management System (NIMS) and Incident Command System (ICS).

Note: NOAH owns the plan and communication. The Convention Coordination Team owns execution during conventions. This framework will also be utilized to build guidelines and safety protocols for all local churches.



Join the Team

We are looking for team members to lead critical areas during the National Conventions. Please contact Anthony Tucker at tuckfive@comcast.net if you are interested in helping us build.

Preview of Things to Come

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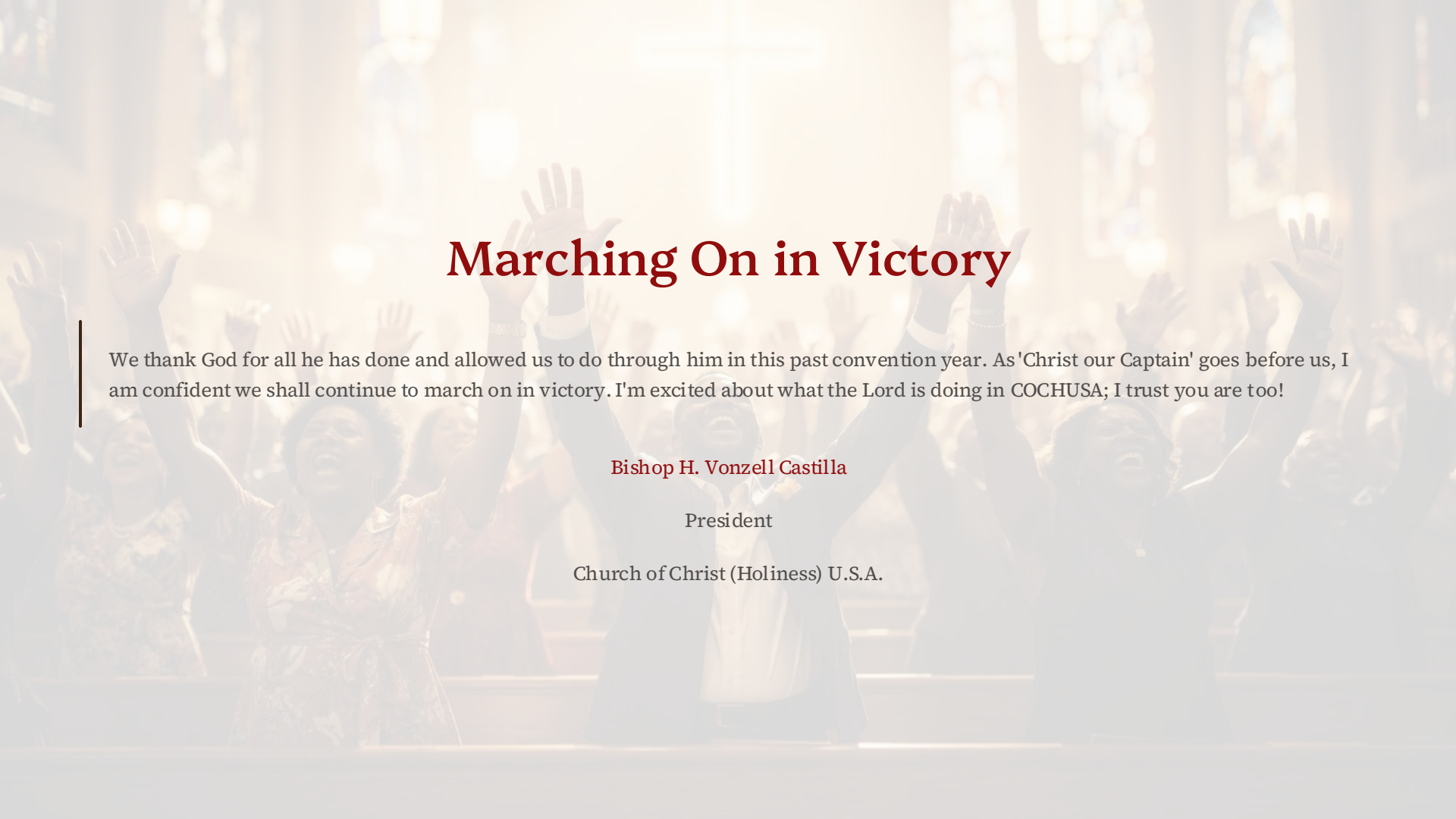
National Convention

Our National Convention will be held in Atlanta, Georgia in 2027 and Chicago, Illinois in 2028. Start making preparations now for these great gatherings in these great cities.

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Select Committee on Funding National Convention

Under the direction of Deacon Alveno Castilla, Esq., a Blue-Ribbon Panel has been assembled to examine our finances and to determine the best way to raise funds for COCHUSA in the future.

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Marching On in Victory

We thank God for all he has done and allowed us to do through him in this past convention year. As 'Christ our Captain' goes before us, I am confident we shall continue to march on in victory. I'm excited about what the Lord is doing in COCHUSA; I trust you are too!

Bishop H. Vonzell Castilla

President

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