

## **Overseer's Desk**



The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Church must continue to place great emphasis on the poor, the oppressed, the marginalized, the outcast, the downtrodden and the victimized. We remain inspired by Jesus' philosophy of ministry – "For even the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many" Mark 10:45.

When asked to verify his credentials for John the Baptist, Jesus poignantly reminded them to tell John, ". . . and to the poor the gospel is preached" Luke 7:22.

It is quite evident that Jesus' ministry of evangelism involved not only the meeting of spiritual needs but it included social justice and addressing the physical needs of humankind. It went exceedingly beyond the good news of the personal forgiveness of sins. It encompassed the spiritual, social and physical.

It was not just about saving souls and giving them an eschatological future. It also incorporated physical healing of the body and the meeting of their socio-economic needs. Matthew 9:35 verifies this. It states, "And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and disease among the people." He taught, preached and healed. There was much emphasis placed on the coming kingdom, but He also acknowledged that right here and now people are hurting and in need of healing and deliverance. His message was truly holistic.

The Church here in the Northeast Region can do no less. Let us always remember who sent us and to whom we are sent – sent to preach the whole gospel to a broken world in order to make them every whit whole in Jesus' name.

## **Refreshing Mountain, Retreat -**

### **WINTER RETREAT 2015**

The weekend of January 23<sup>rd</sup> will be indelibly imprinted upon the minds of all those that made the sacrifice to attend this retreat, sponsored by the South Ozone Park church. The Retreat was the

brainchild of Pastor Linval Hendricks who vividly remembers what the Almighty did in his life many years ago in Winter Retreat. The theme of the retreat was "Refueling." As each presenter spoke and ministered the sweet aroma of Jesus seemed to charge and fill the very atmosphere. On Sunday morning as the saints gathered for the last session there was such an impartation of the Spirit as many prayed, reached out and were slain by the power of the Holy Spirit. Indeed what a time of refueling for all the ministers, leaders, workers and members who were blessed to attend. Thanks to ministers, Morais Cassell, Viveen Murray, John Lee and others who were instrumental in coordinating this event. It was also a blessing to have our new regional Overseer and wife in attendance.

## **South Ozone Church**

It was such a blessing to have our Regional Overseer and wife pay an official visit to our local church at South Ozone Park, Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. As usual the church was packed to capacity and the glory of God came down and filled our souls. Although there was a winter storm warning in effect many did not seem in a hurry to leave the altar. Souls were refreshed, converted and one was baptized in the Holy Spirit! In a special dinner after service held in our Overseer's honor the local leaders and workers were introduced to their Bishop and First Lady by Pastor Hendricks. Continue to pray for South Ozone Park. Our greatest most urgent need presently is for new and larger facilities. We thank God for the growth of our local church and for the spirit of revival that prevails.

## **Stamford, CT - Making Ministry to Men a Priority!**

On January 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, the Stamford, CT church, under the vision of Pastor Eulalee Hall and Bro. Montel Ricks (local Men's Ministry Director), began 2015 by hosting their first ever 2-day Men's Revival/Workshop with guest Minister Morais Cassell. On Friday night, the men were challenged to be men of prayer and to value their integrity. On Saturday, through the workshop session and open discussion, the men were given tools that empowered/encouraged them to be victorious in all areas of their lives. The local church was grateful to have the support of Regional Men's Ministry Director,

Minister Herchell Blackwood along with Brothers Ron Cooper and Devon Blackwood from the New York area.

## **Friendship Evangelism Months**

The Northeast Region is placing a heavy emphasis on evangelism in our local churches by setting aside **April/May** as **Friendship Evangelism Months**. Enclosed is information and resources to get everyone (adults and youth) involved with this vital evangelistic effort (please copy, post and make the forms available in your local churches). The region hopes to recognize local churches who have made significant evangelistic impacts during April/May at our Northeast Regional Convention, July 16-18, 2015. More information and resources on evangelism can be found on our regional website [www.cogopner.org](http://www.cogopner.org)

## **Across the Region –**

Lady Chris and I have been blessed to have visited the Middletown, Albany and Poughkeepsie churches. We look forward to travelling across the Region and getting to know the brethren. Please visit the Regional webpage for photos and highlights [www.cogopner.org](http://www.cogopner.org).

## **Prayer Requests**

**Continue to pray for:**

- **Bishop Edwin Newkirk**
- **Bishop Eric Leamy**
- **Miracles & Financial Breakthrough**
- **Regional Convention**

## **Website Launch**

We are happy to announce that the Northeast Regional website is up and running. Special thanks goes out to Fitz-Arthur Brown of the Bronx Church, (Bishop Earl McKay-Pastor) who has worked untiringly to get the website LIVE!!! Thank you Fitz-Arthur!!! Please visit [www.cogopner.org](http://www.cogopner.org) and let us know what you think!

## **Northeast Regional Convention**

*new date - new time – new location!*

**Theme:**

**Thursday July 16<sup>th</sup> -**

**7:00 pm**

**Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup> -**

**9:00am – 10:00 pm**

**Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00am – 1:00 pm**

### **Grace Fellowship Church**

20 Delatour Road #1, Watervliet, NY 12189  
(518) 785-4959



### **Mission Breakfast – 7:00 – 9:00 am**

**Theme: “Transformation Breakthrough through Prayer”**

Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> THE DESMOND HOTEL  
660 Albany Shaker Road, Albany, NY 12211  
(518) 869-8100

Tickets are available – see webpage for details  
[www.cogopner.org](http://www.cogopner.org).

## **CONVENTION HOTELS**

Visit the website at [www.cogopner.org](http://www.cogopner.org)

We invite you back to our Region’s capital. This year the convention is back in the Albany area. The available hotels are listed on the website.

## **SUMMER CAMP 2015**

**August 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Camp Manahaim,  
257 Old White Lake  
Turnpike, Swan, NY  
Cost: 150**



**COMING SOON**



**Gordon Conwell Rally – April 22<sup>nd</sup>  
SOPAS – May 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>**