

## Overseer's Desk



“Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid” John 14:27.

I don't think anyone of us could have imagined that there would have been so many deaths in this year alone and we are only in the month of May. It's been one after the next. Before we can recoup and recover there comes the onslaught of another set of bad news, so much so that it almost seems overwhelming sometimes. However, in spite of all the bad news the twenty-first century church is sustained by a message of hope that goes beyond the grave and which keeps propelling us to hold on, no matter what comes our way.

Jesus fiercely admonishes the saints never to be afraid and never to succumb to needless worry and fear. He said “Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me” John 14:1. I choose to do like Jesus commands. May we never stop praying, believing and moving forward. Let us not be afraid.

## **BERMUDA MISSION IMPACT (March 29-April 5, 2016) –**

On March 29-April 5th an evangelistic team of nine was blessed to minister in two (2) homes for troubled teens, two (2) senior citizens homes, at the local church, and the highlight of the weekend was an outdoor/outreach evangelistic meeting in the downtown area of Bermuda. There are many testimonies of salvation and deliverance. With prayers and financial support from several across region, this was a very fruitful evangelistic trip. Please continue to pray for our local church in Bermuda.



Team Praying for the City of Bermuda

## **CHANGES IN BERMUDA LEADERSHIP**

Effective April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Bishop Earl McKay was appointed to serve as the interim pastor for the church at 3 Curving Avenue, Pembroke, Hamilton, Bermuda.

Our church there was pastored by Dwayne and Judy Simons for the past ten years. We are grateful for all the services and hard work rendered to the church by the Simons over these years and wish them only well as they continue on their journey for the Master.

Please continue to pray for our work and saints in Bermuda in this time of transition and moving forward. Bishop Earl and Lady Ella McKay have our prayers.

## **Friendship Evangelism Months - “April/May”**

The deadline for consolidated church reports/results for our regional evangelistic effort is June 6, 2016. The church recording the most in each category, will be recognized at their local church and in the July 2016 Northeast Regional Newsletter. Go to [www.cogop.org](http://www.cogop.org) for forms.

## **DISTRICT CONVENTION NEWS**

District Convention season 2016 was launched by the **Queens & Long Island** district on March 18-20 at the Jerusalem Avenue Church,. The theme of the convention was Spirit-Directed Ministry. From the very first session it was evident that the Spirit of the Lord was most present, inspiring and directing every aspect of the convention's program and activities. District Overseer, Bishop Carlton Chambers was most inspired as he preached with great liberty in the Spirit as we closed out on Sunday evening. To God be the glory!



Saints continue to worship as we partake of the Lord's Supper

The Convention of the churches in the **Brooklyn District** gathered under the unique theme of “Looking Back, Leaping Forward.” It was brought to a culmination on Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> were over 700 saints

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gathered for a time of celebration and praise in which the Lord Supper was observed. What a time of feasting throughout the entire weekend on His Word and presence.



CHURCH MARCHES

The **Capital & Hudson Valley** – For the first time met at the Middletown Church for convention and from all reports it was outstanding and spirit-filled. They met under the theme “From Brokenness to Wholeness.” The fellowship was great, the preaching anointed, the worship uplifting and many left charged and invigorated. Thank God for His powerful presence felt and experienced.



*Regional Bishop brings the Word on Saturday morning!*

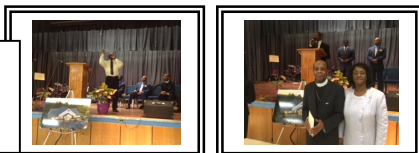
**Connecticut and Springfield, MA** – this two day convention lifted the hearts of the delegates present and reminded the saints in the most powerful way that “Jesus is indeed the Answer!” As the saints celebrated and worshipped the Spirit was felt in a most unusual way, especially on Sunday night. We were charged by District Overseer, Cecil D. Hume, Sr. to continue sharing this marvelous truth and reality with all we know and with whomsoever we come into contact.



Ladies Ministry – Appreciation Time - and Children's Program

The Saints of the **Westchester & Rockland District** came together for one power-packed inspirational night of Camp Meeting. The theme was “Experiencing the Power of God!” Many left the meeting blessed, lifted, stirred, inspired and revived. To God be all the praise and glory!

*A time to honor our District Bishop and a time for the Word!*



## DISTRICT CONVENTIONS STILL TO COME

**Massachusetts/Rhode Island** - May 19<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup>  
**Bronx/Manhattan/Bermuda** - May 25<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup>  
**Buffalo/Western New York** - June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>  
**Maine, NH, VT** - June 11<sup>th</sup> - Postponed



## Youth, Family and Friends Day: August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Our Youth, Family and Friends Day is scheduled for Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at our Camp Property, Camp Wildwood Acres: **Camp Wildwood Acres**  
**Directions: 1691 Rt. 81 Earlton, N.Y. 12058.**

Funds go to the clean-up and restoration projects. Go to [www.cogop.org](http://www.cogop.org) for more details.  
**God continue to bless you always!**

## SOPAS I at BRONX, NY – May 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>

It was with much joy and excitement that our second session of SOPAS was welcomed and overwhelmingly embraced in the Northeast Region. This time however, it was hosted by Bishop McKay at our Bronx church. Instead of just 55 students as was pre-registered our numbers jumped to 78. The Instructors, Elias Rodriguez, Mark Menke and Adrian Varlack all taught with great anointing and inspiration. There was such an atmosphere of wanting-to-know-more that permeated this class that many are now looking forward to the next session. We celebrate every student who made the sacrifice to make this venture a success.



For many who began the very first session of SOPAS last May at Jerusalem Avenue, they were ecstatic to be a part of this school again. Attendance at this school was 48 – unfortunately 14 at to drop out due

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to funerals and illness. Instructors were Mark Menke, Carswell Leonard and Adrian Varlack.

Many are still talking about the knowledge received and how blessed they were to be in these sessions. We continue to give God praise for the opportunity to learn and increase in knowledge concerning Him and His Word. We desire not just to be informed, but to be formed by Him into His image daily. Anticipation builds for the upcoming session in Boston, MA next month!



## Regional Youth & Young Adult Camps

(See attached flyer) – We have secured dates (July 29-31, 2016; July 31- August 5, 2016) for our annual youth and young adult camps. This year we are moving to a new location and launching a weekend Young Adult Camp for ages 19-25.



## YOUR REGION NEEDS YOU! REGIONAL HOME MISSION DRIVE

EVENT

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 2016  
Family Worship Center  
650 Blue Hills Road  
Hartford, CT



June 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> – Boston, MA – Term I  
9am – 5pm – Friday and Saturday  
2pm – 8:15pm - Sunday

## REGIONAL OVERSEER'S APPRECIATION – JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2016

## Children's Day Conference – Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> - Poughkeepsie



## REGIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2016

FRIDAY – OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup>,  
SATURDAY – OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>  
ALL PASTORS – ALL MINISTERS – ALL  
TREASURERS – ALL LEADERS

## INTERNATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

July 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Don't miss out make arrangements to attend the assembly - Go to [www.cogop.org](http://www.cogop.org) for more details!

