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Episcopal Consecration

of

Reverend Simone P. Gibson

Reverend Jacqueline E. Saunders-Johnson

Reverend Demaries P. Jones

Reverend Michael M. Maybin

Reverend Antoine M. Montgomery

Reverend Brian J. Reid

to the office of

Bishop

Friday, the Third of July, in the Year of our Lord

Two Thousand Twenty-Six

at Seven o'clock in the evening

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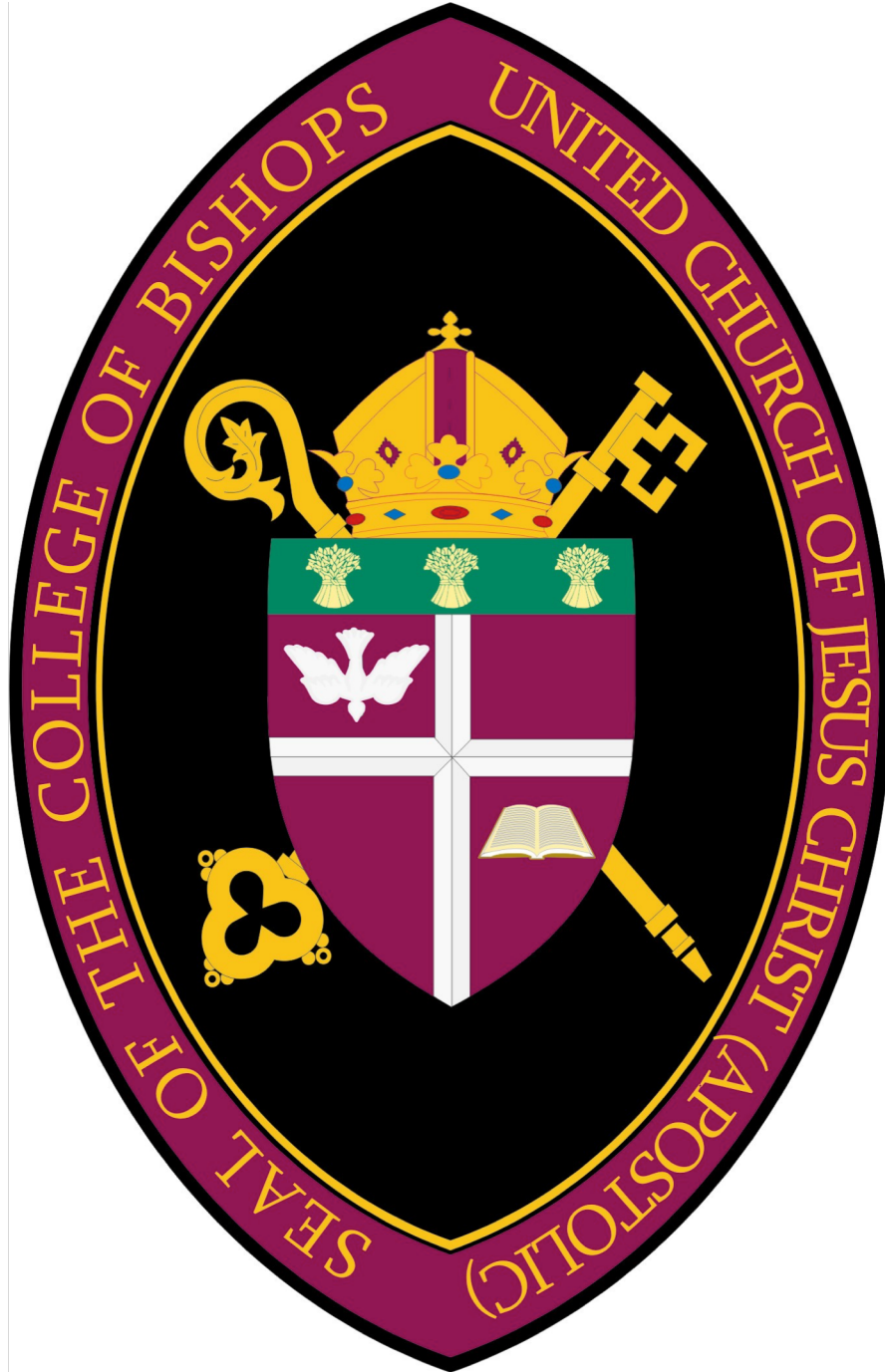
60th International Holy Convocation

of the

United Church of Jesus Christ (Apostolic)

Hilton Hotel BWI Airport

Linthicum Heights, MD





Bishop-elect Simone P. Gibson, D.Min.

Dr. Simone Gibson was born in the beautiful island of Jamaica, West Indies. She accepted Jesus Christ as her personal savior while watching a television broadcast in Jamaica and rededicated her life to the Lord and was baptized in Jesus' name and filled with the Holy Spirit during her junior year in college.

Believing in the importance of higher education and with the support of her family, Dr. Gibson has furthered her education. She has received a Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry from the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC), a Master's Degree in Spiritual & Pastoral Care from Loyola College in Baltimore and a Doctor of Ministry Degree from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio with a concentration in Preaching and Leadership.

Dr. Gibson has served for over 27 years at the Transformation Church of Jesus Christ first as the Executive Administrator. She currently serves as the Executive Assistant to Bishop Monroe Saunders, Jr., D.Min., (Senior Pastor of Transformation Church and Presiding Prelate of the United Church of Jesus Christ (Apostolic)). An ordained elder in the United Church of Jesus Christ (Apostolic), Dr. Gibson was elevated to Overseer in October 2016. At the 2025 International Holy Convocation, a Bull of Episcopal Intent was released for her consecration to the office of Bishop in July 2026. She has been a faithful member of the Transformation Church as well as the United Church of Jesus Christ (Apostolic) serving in a variety of ministries over the years.

Dr. Gibson is also civic minded, serving in various capacities in the community over the years. She is featured monthly on WEAA 88.9 FM in a segment called GracePoint during Instruments of Praise. She published ***GracePoint Moments***, a compilation of GracePoints, in February 2024. Additionally, in March 2020, she wrote and published a devotional journal called ***Because of Who You Are***.

She is blessed to have ministered in Canada, throughout the United States and the Caribbean. Dr. Gibson accepted by faith the call of God to pastor and established Eagle Restoration Ministries in Westminster, Maryland in January 2020. In February 2022, she was appointed Pastor of Pathway Fellowship FMC in Baltimore, Maryland. By faith, Dr. Gibson has accepted this additional assignment to serve God's people. She is also the Overseer for Awakening Ministries in Hartford, CT and Moments of Truth Ministries in South Carolina. She is the Founder and President of The Eagle Center, a 501 c3 Community Development Corporation.

Dr. Gibson has been blessed to be married to Elder Daniel Gibson for over 31 years. Her greatest desire is ***“to shew forth the praises of Him who hath called her out of darkness into His marvelous light”, to reveal God's glory in all that she says and does, and to be a blessing to His people.***



Bishop-elect Jacqueline E. Saunders-Johnson

Jacqueline Faye Saunders-Johnson, the eldest daughter to the early Chief Apostle, Dr. Monroe R. Saunders Sr., and the early Mother Alberta B. Saunders - founders of the United Church of Jesus Christ (Apostolic) comes from a religious family having been born the second in line of six children (3 sisters and 2 brothers).

She was educated in the Baltimore City Public School System, graduating with honors from Forest Park Senior High School and from Morgan State University with a Bachelor of Science in Music Education under the tutelage of Dr. Nathan Carter. Pastor Jackie (as she is affectionately called) has pursued graduate coursework from the College of Notre Dame, Baltimore, MD; the Loyola University Pastoral Care Program, Columbia, MD; and the Masters International School of Divinity, Indiana.

Pastor Jackie married Bishop Robert E. Johnson, Sr. on December 27, 1969 and from this union have come three wonderful children: Keturah Desiree (Ebin), Katherine Faye, and Robert Johnson, Jr., Esquire (Leslie). She is the proud grandmother of five wonderful grandchildren: Nicholas, Robert Monroe, Kennedy, Amaya, and Kamryn, and one great-grand (Kysten).

Pastor Jackie taught for many years in the Baltimore City Public School System as a music teacher. She retired from St. Mark Catholic School in Catonsville, MD in June of 2012, after serving as the vocal music teacher and the choir director for 14 years. She has served as the National Minister of Music for the United Church for many years. She has given concerts across this country, Europe, Canada, and Jamaica.

Pastor Jackie first heard the call to expand her ministry beyond the musical scales in 1977, and in 1985, she was consecrated as an evangelist. In 1996, she was ordained an Elder and became co-pastor with her husband of the New Jerusalem Praise Tabernacle (formerly known as New Jerusalem Deliverance Temple), where the Power is in the Love and the Deliverance is in your Praise. Upon the recommendation of her husband, Bishop Robert E. Johnson, Sr., Pastor Jackie was consecrated and installed as the Pastor of New Jerusalem Praise Tabernacle in July 2002. In 2016, Pastor Johnson was elevated to Overseer in the United Church of Jesus Christ (Apostolic). At the 2025 International Holy Convocation, a Bull of Episcopal Intent was released for her consecration to the office of Bishop in July 2026.

This anointed woman of God is chosen and sent by God to be a weapon against Satan. She is full of the Holy Spirit and Power that the Lord is using in these last days. She has the gift of laying on of hands and is known for her deliverance ministry and work at the altar. She is well qualified to preach and teach the Word of God, for she has a praying spirit and yields herself to the Lord. She has been a blessing to the United Church worldwide, her family, her local church, community, and the body of Christ.

In 2013, Pastor Johnson authored a powerful and well-received 12-month devotional entitled *Meditations From The Minstrel*. In this writing, she has again proven herself as a teacher, encourager, and anointed, insightful vessel for the Lord. Pastor Jackie released her second book in 2018, *'It Is Well With My Soul: Using Traditional Hymns To Heal Your Contemporary Heart.'* She explains the meaning and purpose behind older, traditional hymns and uses them to lead to healing for the 21st century heart.

Since March 2020, the Lord has created a new platform for Pastor Jackie. She ministers in music from her living room on her piano, using her iPhone/Facebook, and calls it "Hour of Praise." Her husband, Bishop Robert, assists her from 9 to 10. Pastor Jackie started this ministry in her home during COVID on March 28, 2020. Now she ministers two nights a week (Mondays and Fridays). God has blessed her to reach six continents (32 countries; 34 states; 194 cities).

Her foremost prayer is found in the words of the song: "Jesus use me, and Oh Lord don't refuse me - For surely there's a work that I must do. And even though it's humble, Lord help my will to crumble - And though the cost be great I'll work for you."

"The Power Is In The Unconditional Love!"



Bishop-elect Demaries “Peggy” Jones

Bishop-elect Demaries “Peggy” Jones is a devoted servant of God whose life demonstrates her commitment to faith, leadership, and promoting the growth of the Kingdom of God. Known for her wisdom, integrity, and compassionate spirit, she has faithfully dedicated her life to ministry, spiritual development, and strengthening the church community. Her leadership is characterized by wisdom, humility, and a strong focus on unity within the Body of Christ. She is a paragon of a Holy Ghost-filled woman of God whose behavior consistently reflects holiness. She is discreet, chaste, keeps a loving home, and honors her family. [Titus 2]

Bishop-elect Jones, the only daughter of the late Ernest and Bernice Boynton and sister to six brothers, was raised in a family grounded in faith, perseverance, and love - values that shaped her development and guide her life and ministry. Bishop-elect Jones showed a sincere love for God and a desire to serve His people early in life. At age 13, she received the gift of the Holy Ghost while worshipping under the leadership of the late Pastor Geneva Crudup at First Pentecostal Church in Neptune, New Jersey. This experience began her lifelong journey of faith and service. Several anointed and godly women mentored and poured wisdom into her life, including Evangelist Anna Mae Hurt, Pastor Betty Jones, Mother Barbara Jones, Mother Pauline Collins, Elect-Lady Alberta Saunders, her Retreat Ministry, and others who helped shape her spiritual foundation, prayer life, and commitment to holiness.

In July 1980, she married Bishop David Antonio Carroll and relocated to Baltimore, Maryland, where they began building their life together in service to God and community, under the leadership of the late Bishop Monroe R. Saunders, Sr., at the First United Church. Alongside her commitment to ministry and family, Bishop-elect Jones faithfully served for 42 years with Verizon Communications-MD. She retired as manager after an exemplary career of service and professionalism. Even in retirement, her spirit of service continues. She is currently employed with Witke Funeral Home in Columbia, Maryland, where she compassionately serves families during their most difficult moments. Bishop-elect Jones studied Business Administration at the College of Notre Dame in Baltimore, Maryland, and at Liberty University Online in Lynchburg, Virginia. She has received several Certificates of Completion for ministerial courses studied at the United Church of Jesus Christ (Apostolic) School of Ministry.

After the sudden passing of her husband, Bishop David Antonio Carroll, in 2007, Bishop-elect Jones prayerfully answered the call to pastoral leadership in June 2008 and was consecrated Pastor of Mount Calvary Holy Evangelistic Church, Washington, DC, which she currently pastors. Bishop-elect Jones has held various leadership roles within the church and has mentored leaders, supported pastors, and strengthened ministries. In October 2017, she was appointed Overseer in the 1st Episcopal Diocese, where she has served as Women’s President, Youth and Young Adult Advisor, and, in October 2025, Diocesan Bishop. She currently serves on the United Church of Jesus Christ (Apostolic) International Female Pastor Consortium as Secretary, Chaplain of the Women of Royalty, Overseer of the Elders Board, and a member of Foreign Missions and Pastor’s Board.

She has earned the respect, admiration, and love of those inside and outside of the community of faith. The ministry of evangelism and deliverance is at the heart of Bishop-elect Jones. She is dedicated to community involvement and consistently advocates for the Church’s active role beyond its “four walls.” Through her teaching and preaching, she prioritizes equipping members with the skills necessary to share the Gospel effectively with those in need of hope. She walks her talk by not only encouraging others to walk in faith, pursue holiness, and remain steadfast in their calling, but also participating in outreach.

Bishop-elect Jones was a devoted wife for 28-1/2 years to the late Bishop David Antonio Carroll until his sudden death in 2007. During this new phase, similar to Anna, she dedicated her life fully to the service of the Lord. After 13 years, the Lord saw that it was not good for her to be alone; so, He blessed her to meet “her Boaz”, Elder Jimmy Jones, to whom she wed on April 10, 2019. This union has brought her much blissful love and happiness. She is a joyful wife and loving mother to her children, Danielle Alease and Donovan Alexander Carroll, and a doting grandmother to Amaya Alexandria, the apple of her eye. Bishop-elect Jones gives all glory to God for His love, goodness, grace, and favor. She is a passionate soul who will often say from her heart, “I love this Man Jesus” or sing her testimony, “I love you Jesus, I worship and adore You, and I just want to tell You... that I love You... more than anything!”

As she continues her journey in ministry, Bishop-elect Demaries “Peggy” Jones remains committed to advancing the mission of the church, equipping leaders, and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Her life stands as a testimony of God’s grace, faithfulness, and the power of a life fully surrendered to His will.

“Hitherto hath the Lord helped her” — 1 Samuel 7:12



Bishop-elect Michael M. Maybin

Bishop-elect Michael M. Maybin was born on June 6, 1961, to Mr. and Mrs. James Maybin, as one of fourteen children. He received his early education in the Baltimore City Public School System. Following his graduation from high school, he pursued higher education at The Pennsylvania State University and later continued his studies at the University of Maryland, College Park.

Bishop-elect Maybin is married to Elder Violette L. Maybin, and together they are the proud parents of four children: Aaron, Constance, Luke, and Thillah (pronounced tie-heal-lah).

In 1984, Bishop-elect Maybin began his professional career as an Account Executive in radio advertising sales with several Baltimore-area stations. He later transitioned to cable television sales before answering a call to public service in 1990, joining the Baltimore City Fire Department. Over the course of his distinguished career, he served with honor and excellence as a Firefighter, Fire Inspector, and Chief Public Information Officer. He has since retired after years of faithful service to the city of Baltimore.

Bishop-elect Maybin received the baptism of the Holy Ghost on January 29, 1992, during a Youth Department “Cost of Power” seminar. While on retreat on April 24, 1993, he received and accepted the divine call to ministry. He was licensed to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ on June 20, 1997, and was ordained an Elder on June 26, 1999.

Bishop-elect Maybin is widely recognized for his anointed and authoritative ministry to men. He has served as Local and Diocesan National Brotherhood President of the United Church of Jesus Christ (Apostolic), and currently as Advisor to the National Men’s Department. His ministry challenges men to move beyond the periphery of religious experience and into the depths of spiritual maturity and sonship. He has boldly declared war against neutrality in Christ and passivity in worship, calling believers to lives of consecration, conviction, and Kingdom purpose.

The hand of the Lord rests mightily upon the life and ministry of Bishop-elect Michael M. Maybin. He has ministered extensively throughout the United States, Canada, England, St. Croix (U.S. Virgin Islands), and Jamaica, West Indies. His deep love for the presence of God and his unwavering passion for the people of God are evident through his intense worship, sound doctrine, and powerful, uncompromising preaching.

In July 2010, by the leading of the Holy Spirit, Bishop-elect Maybin relocated with his family to Bluffton, South Carolina. In February 2011, he founded Kingdom Seekers Family Worship Center, where he and his wife faithfully serve as Senior Pastors, providing visionary leadership, apostolic teaching, and pastoral care.



Bishop-elect Antoine M. Montgomery

Bishop-elect Antoine Montgomery, Sr. is a distinguished pastor and community leader hailing from Boston, Massachusetts. As the current pastor of Life Changing Church (LCC) - a vibrant ministry originally founded by the late Bishop Raymond Murray as Prayer Tower Apostolic Church (PTAC) and subsequently bequeathed to the late Pastor Pearl Bobbitt - Bishop-elect Montgomery has embraced his calling to uplift and transform lives through faith.

A proud graduate of Dorchester High School, Bishop-elect Montgomery earned a full basketball scholarship to Alabama State University. However, life took an unexpected turn when he enlisted in the United States Army following the passing of his father in 1989, serving bravely during Gulf War action known as Desert Storm. His spiritual journey flourished at New Rehoboth Bethel Apostolic Church under Bishop Luther Washington, Sr., where he was nurtured in faith since childhood and received Jesus Christ along with the precious gift of the Holy Ghost.

For over three decades, Bishop-elect Montgomery has dedicated himself as an instrument of God within the church. His journey includes becoming a licensed Evangelist in 1996 under New Rehoboth Bethel Apostolic Church and later being ordained as Elder at the United Church of Jesus Christ (Apostolic) convocation in 2000. In recognition of his leadership capabilities, he was appointed Overseer of the 13th Episcopal Diocese by Diocesan Bishop Vivian Grubb in 2022. At the 2025 International Holy Convocation, a Bull of Episcopal Intent was released for his consecration to the office of Bishop in July 2026.

Yet life and ministry has not been without challenges; in 2008, after suffering a major stroke that hindered his ability to walk or talk—leaving him with communication difficulties (aphasia) - he defied all medical expectations and emerged stronger than ever through divine intervention. With unwavering faith and determination, he now walks and speaks again "in Jesus's name," proclaiming God's glory with renewed vigor.

In 2015, inspired by a vision from God to foster unity among churches regardless of denomination, Bishop-elect Montgomery founded "The Bridge Christian Fellowship." To date, eleven churches have joined this powerful movement aimed at empowering God's people spiritually, physically, intellectually, relationally, and emotionally—a mission centered on changing lives for the better.

Demonstrating exceptional civic engagement alongside his pastoral duties, Bishop-elect Montgomery actively participates in community affairs through various roles: serving on the board for TNT Neighbors United; as an executive board member of Boston Project Ministries; president of Bridge Christian Fellowship; as well as partnering with Friends of the Unborn - a women's shelter for young pregnant women and their children - and being a member of NAACP Boston Branch. These roles and engagements are all testaments to his commitment to fostering positive change within society.

Under his visionary leadership, Life Changing Church underwent rebranding from its former name while continuing its mission: transforming lives through God's power and dedication to service. Joined by his beloved wife Evangelist Sonja Montgomery - a partnership spanning three decades - they collectively have seven children: Tykeida, Adryonna, Antoine Jr., Ashlee, Anaiya, Auri, and Aaron.

Bishop-elect Antoine Montgomery embodies love for God's people with every endeavor undertaken. He is an anointed leader equipped with profound biblical knowledge who inspires countless individuals toward salvation while igniting passion within communities everywhere! As he continues this incredible journey fueled by faith and resilience, the message remains clear: no obstacle is insurmountable when you walk hand-in-hand with God! The light within him shines brightly as both a beacon and a catalyst for transformation, a reminder that even amidst storms we can rise up victorious!



Bishop-elect Brian J. Reid

Dr. Brian Reid, Th.D., was born on the island of Jamaica, West Indies. In 1990, he accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior, beginning a lifelong commitment to Christian ministry and service.

In 1995, he was united in marriage, and together with his wife and two sons, he has served in ministry across Jamaica, the United States, Canada, the Bahamas, and other regions, ministering to diverse congregations and communities.

In 1999, Dr. Reid became a licensed minister of the Gospel and has since progressed in ministry leadership. He has served as an Elder for over 10 years at True Holy Apostolic Church (now Faith Forward), under the leadership of Bishop V. Grubb. Along with his wife, he is the pioneer pastor of Glad Tidings Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ International Inc., where he has faithfully served and led the congregation.

As he is being presented for consecration to the office of bishop, Dr. Reid is deeply honored by this calling. As an ordained minister, he currently provides direct oversight of several ministries and offers guidance to other Apostolic organizations, supporting their spiritual growth and development.

Dr. Reid presently serves as Branch President of Ambassador Bible College, a position he has held for the past four years. In this role, he is committed to theological education, leadership development, and equipping ministers and believers through structured biblical instruction. His primary focus is teaching, discipleship, and empowering others through the systematic study of the Word of God.

Academically, Dr. Reid currently holds the following degrees: Bachelor's degrees in Psychology and Theology, Master's degrees in Counseling and Theology, and a Doctorate in Theology. His theological and academic training includes studies at Parkersburg Bible College in West Virginia, as well as biblical language and Near Eastern studies through the Hebrew University of Jerusalem via the eTeacher Biblical program, where he completed Level 1 Hebrew, Level 1 Greek, and related coursework.

He is also the author of the book *Jesus Christ, the Supreme Sacrifice*, reflecting his continued commitment to Christ-centered teaching, doctrinal clarity, and biblical exposition.

In his professional career, Dr. Reid holds a Diploma in Restaurant and Hotel Management, reflecting additional experience in organizational leadership and the hospitality industry.

Dr. Reid is a devoted teacher, preacher, and mentor, humbled by his calling and preparing to step into the office of bishop. His life's mission is to empower others through the Word of God, strengthen the body of Christ, and develop leaders grounded in sound biblical doctrine.



Presiding Bishop Monroe Saunders, Jr., D.Min.

Bishop Monroe Saunders, Jr. a native of Baltimore, Maryland, furthered his formal educational pursuits at Morgan State University, where he received a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology and Social Welfare and later received a Master's Degree from Howard University in Religion & Education and the Doctor of Ministry Degree from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio.

Bishop Saunders has held two prior pastorates; First United Church of Jesus Christ in Detroit, Michigan and the Capitol Hill United Church of Jesus Christ in Washington DC. Currently he pastors the Transformation Ministries of the United Church of Jesus Christ, Baltimore, Maryland, a ministry founded by his father the late Bishop Monroe Saunders, Sr., D.Min. as the First United Church of Jesus Christ (Apostolic) in 1965.

Among his many accomplishments and responsibilities, Bishop Saunders serves as:

- Presiding Prelate of the United Church of Jesus Christ (Apostolic).
- President of the Center for More Abundant Life which encompasses two Section 8 housing projects for the disabled and elderly
- Member of the Multi-cultural Prayer Movement

Bishop Saunders is also very civic minded and strives to be active in community affairs. He has served in the following capacities:

- Board member of the Transplant Resource Center of Baltimore
- Executive board member of the Howard County Housing Commission
- Member of the Board of Directors of the Mayfield Avenue Community Association
- Board Member of the National Conference of Christian Jews – State chapter
- Diocesan Bishop for the 6th Episcopal Diocese – Florida & 8th Episcopal Diocese – Canada
- Executive Board member of the Joint College of African American Pentecostal Bishops
- Executive Board Member American Heart Association
- Executive Director of the Center for Creative Learning, an institution providing academic excellence for children, grades pre-K through 5th grade

Bishop Saunders is the author of three books, *A Journey to Faith: Barren with a Promise*, a book written to encourage those who are going through barren moments in their lives to build their faith, because out of barrenness, the seed of promise can break forth and *A Journey to Transformation, Seeing the World Through a Different Lens*. His recent publication released in June 2019 is *Unbearable Truth Spirituality and Ministry in the 21st Century*. He was also featured in the Fall 2009 issue of "The African American Pulpit", a quarterly journal that serves as a repository for the very best of African American preaching. All his accomplishments and responsibilities are too numerous to mention here but one can see he is dedicated and committed to all that the Lord gives him to do.

As the eldest son of one of the country's most prominent Apostolic ministers, his call to the ministry at the age of 17 was neither unexpected nor unwelcomed. From 1980 until December 1992, Bishop Saunders, Jr. served as Executive Pastor of the First United Church and in March of 1993 he was officially installed as Pastor. Since becoming Pastor, Bishop Saunders, Jr. has strived to teach and preach the recovering of lost souls for the kingdom of God, and the equipping of saints for the work of the ministry. Pastor Saunders senses the urgency for unity in the body of Christ and the need for transformative spiritual development. He is endeavoring to move as the Spirit of the Lord directs him to enable their fulfillment. The Spirit of God's anointing is felt by those around the world who are touched by his outstanding preaching and teaching ministry, and he has more recently been recognized as an Apostolic Father.

His wife, First Lady, Elder Winsome R. Saunders, and his family make the love and joy of his life complete. The Transformation Church is blessed to have as Pastor, Bishop Monroe Saunders, Jr., a visionary and leader of spiritual transformation during this critical time in our history.

Service
of
Episcopal Consecration
(The Programme)

The Order of Consecration

+ (Where indicated, please stand)

Musical Prelude

Medley of Melodies, Hymns and Spiritual Songs

Praise and Worship

The First Procession

The Episcopal Honor Guards (bearing colors)
The Cross Bearer
The United Church of Jesus Christ (Apostolic) Missionaries
The United Church of Jesus Christ (Apostolic) Adjutants
+ The Visiting Prelates and Visiting Clergy

+ The Second Processional

The United Church of Jesus Christ (Apostolic) Diaconate
The United Church of Jesus Christ (Apostolic) Elders and Ministers
The United Church of Jesus Christ (Apostolic) Pastors
The Episcopal Cross Bearer
The United Church of Jesus Christ (Apostolic) General Board of Bishops
The United Church of Jesus Christ (Apostolic) Executive Board of Bishops
The Bishop-elects (with Episcopal Escorts)
The Consecrator

All will remain standing and sing the Hymn of Adoration:

Hymn of Adoration

“All Hail the Power of Jesus Name”
(Hymn Sheet Enclosed - Page 27)

The Scripture of Consecration

I Kings 1:39-40

When all have reached their places and attention is given to the Main Altar, all will sing:

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”
(Hymn Sheet Enclosed - Page 28)

+ The Invocation

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

All are seated while an Overseer and Pastor reads the scriptures. Afterward, all will stand for the reading from the Gospels.

A Lesson from the Old Testament Scriptures

Isaiah 42:1-9

Lector: The Word of the Lord.
People: **"Thanks be to God."**

A Reading from the Epistles

Hebrews 5:1-10

Lector: The Word of the Lord.
People: **"Thanks be to God."**

The People stand to sing with the choir

"I've Decided (To Make Jesus My Choice)"
(Hymn Sheet Enclosed - Page 30)

The People remain standing as the Bishop says:

+ Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
+ People: **"Glory to you, Lord Christ."**

St. John 17:1-9, 18-21

After the reading of the Gospel, the Bishop shall say:

+ Gospeler: This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ
+ People: **"Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ."**

The Anthem The Convocation International Mass Chorale

The Sermon Presiding Bishop Monroe Saunders, Jr., D.Min.

THE PRESENTATION

The Bishops and People will sit. The representative from The Board of Bishops of the United Church of Jesus Christ (Apostolic) will stand before the Presiding Bishop and present the Bishop-elects, saying:

Your Grace, esteemed Presiding Bishop of the United Church of Jesus Christ (Apostolic), the Board of Bishops, trusting the guidance of the Holy Spirit, did elect Reverend Simone P. Gibson, Reverend Jacqueline F. Johnson, Reverend Demaries P. Jones, Reverend Michael M. Maybin, Reverend Antoine M. Montgomery and Reverend Brian J. Reid to be Bishops in the Lord's Church. On behalf of the Bishops of this church, both here and abroad, we present them to you this day and call upon you to lay your hands upon them and, in the power of the Holy Spirit, to consecrate them to this lofty office as Bishop.

The Presiding Bishop then directs that the Certificate of Election be read:

The Presiding Bishop then requires the following promise from the Bishop-elects:

"In the name of Jesus Christ, Who is God Almighty I, state your name, solemnly declare that I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and to contain all things necessary to salvation; and it is my solemn promise that I will continue the doctrine, discipline, and worship of this Church.

I declare that I will continue the faith once delivered to the saints, which is built upon the Prophets and Apostles, with Jesus Christ being the Chief Cornerstone. I further declare to lead others of like precious faith throughout the world, promoting global evangelism in the unity of the faith, through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

The Bishop-elects sign the above Declaration (Bishop’s Vows) in the sight of all present. The witnesses will also add their signatures.

All Bishops of the United Church of Jesus Christ (Apostolic) shall stand. The Presiding Bishop says the following, and asks the response of the Bishops:

“My fellow bishops in Christ Jesus, you have heard the testimony given that Simone, Jacqueline, Demaries, Michael, Antoine, and Brian have been duly and lawfully appointed and elected to be Bishops in the Lord’s Church and to serve the Church by perpetuating the ministry of the Church of Jesus Christ throughout the world. You have been assured of their suitability and that the collective leadership of the Church has approved them for this sacred responsibility. Further, they have solemnly declared and affirmed their personal faith and promise to continue the ministry of this Church in the Apostolic Tradition. Nevertheless, if any of you know of any reason why we should not proceed, let it now be made known.”

Given there is no objection, the Presiding Bishop continues:

Is it your will that we proceed to consecrate Simone Gibson, Jacqueline Johnson, Demaries Jones, Michael Maybin, Antoine Montgomery, and Brian Reid as Bishops in the Lord’s Church?

The Bishops respond:

“That is our Will”

The Presiding Bishop then says:

“The Scriptures tell us that our Savior Jesus Christ spent the whole night in prayer before He chose and sent forth His twelve apostles. Likewise, the apostles prayed before they appointed Matthias to be one of their number. Let us therefore, follow their examples, and offer our prayers to Almighty God before we confirm and consecrate these Bishops for the work to which we trust the Holy Ghost has called them.

All Stand.

Prayer

Member of the Board

Selection

The Convocation International Mass Chorale

THE EXAMINATION

After the choir selection, the consecration continues with all seated except the Bishop-elects, who stand facing the College of Bishops.

The Consecration Assistant addresses the Bishop-elects:

“My sisters and brothers, as an ordained elder in God’s holy Church, you are called to proclaim Christ’s resurrection and interpret the Gospel, and to testify to Christ’s sovereignty as Lord of lords and King of kings.

You are called to guard the faith, unity, and discipline of the Church; to celebrate and to provide for the administration of the sacraments of the New Covenant; to be in all things a wholesome example for the entire flock of Christ.

With your fellow bishops you will share in the leadership of the Church throughout the world. Your heritage is the faith of patriarchs, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and those of every generation who have looked to God in hope. Your joy will be to follow Him who came, not to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

The Bishop: Are you persuaded that God has placed this ministry upon you to be a leader in this Church?

Answer: I am persuaded.

The following questions are then addressed to the Bishop-elects by the members of the Board of Bishops of the United Church of Jesus Christ (Apostolic)

Bishop: Will you accept this call and fulfill this trust in obedience to Christ?

Answer: I will obey Christ, and will serve in His Name.

Bishop: Will you be faithful in prayer, and in the study of Holy Scripture, that you may have the mind of Christ?

Answer: I will, for He is my help.

Bishop: Will you boldly proclaim and interpret the Gospel of Christ, enlightening the minds and stirring up the consciences of your people?

Answer: I will, in the power of the Spirit.

Bishop: As a Bishop, will you encourage and support all baptized people in their gifts and ministries, nourish them from the riches of God’s grace, pray for them without ceasing, and celebrate with them the sacraments of our redemption?

Answer: I will, in the Name of Christ, the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls.

Bishop: Will you guard the faith, unity and discipline of the Church?

Answer: I will.

Bishop: Will you share with your fellow bishops in the government of the whole Church; will you sustain your fellow presbyters and take counsel with them; will you guide and strengthen the deacons and all others who minister in the Church?

Answer: I will, by the grace given me.

Bishop: Will you do the work of missions, be merciful to all, show compassion to the poor and strangers, and defend those who have no helper?

Answer: I will, for the sake of Christ Jesus our Lord.

+THE ACT OF CONSECRATION

The Bishop-elects shall kneel before the Presiding Bishop in their roman purple cassock (the garment of servanthood) signifying their new office.

The people led by the Presiding Bishop, begin to chant with the choir the Lord's Prayer with the Davidic Request; "Let the words of my mouth..."

Let the words of my mouth
Let the words of my mouth
And the meditations of my heart
Be acceptable, In thy sight.
Wilt Thou Teach Me How to Serve Thee
Wilt Thou Teach Me How to Pray.

"Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

A period of silent prayer follows. The People still standing.

The Presiding Bishop then begins this Prayer of Consecration or some other, according to the Holy Spirit's leading:

"God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Father of mercies and God of all comfort, dwelling on high but having regard for the lowly, knowing all things before they come to pass; We give you thanks that from the beginning you have gathered and prepared a people to be heirs of the covenant of Abraham, and have raised up prophets, kings and priests, never leaving your temple unattended. We praise you also that from the creation you have graciously accepted the ministry of those whom you have chosen."

At this point the Presiding Bishop along with the College of Bishops lay their hands upon the head of the Bishop-elects saying together:

“Therefore, Father anoint Simone, Jacqueline, Demaries, Michael, Antoine, and Brian for this lofty Episcopal office in your Church. Pour out upon them your Holy Spirit, Whom You bestowed upon Your Beloved Son Jesus Christ, with Whom He endowed the apostles, and by Whom your Church is built up in every place, to the glory and unceasing praise of your name.”

As the other Bishops stand back at their places, the Presiding Bishop continues the prayer, by anointing the heads and feet of the Bishop-elects. The people respond in a loud voice... ”Amen. ”

The people are seated and the new Bishops arise from their knees.

The new Bishops are now vested according to the order of Bishops:

A White Rochet is presented with these words:

“Receive this rochet as a garment of priesthood.” It is a symbol of Aaron’s white linen ephod. The rochet is a symbol of the role of the Bishop as celebrant of the sacraments and chief worship leader among God’s people. The color white symbolizes purity and cleanliness.”

A Chimere is presented with these words:

“Receive this Chimere, symbolizing the prophetic mantle. The chimere is a long sleeveless vest-like gown derived from a twelfth-century riding cloak. It is the upper robe of the Bishop. The chimere is only worn by a Bishop. It signifies him as the chief proclaimer and defender of the apostolic faith.”

The Bishop’s scarf or tippet is presented with these words:

“Receive this tippet as a symbol of the garment of the preacher. The Bishop’s scarf is worn over the chimere and is wide and has inside pockets. The Bishop’s scarf is wider than the Elder’s tippet.”

The Zuchetto is placed upon the Bishop’s head with these words:

“Receive this Zucchetto as a symbol of Episcopal dignity indicating the Bishop’s rank by color – roman purple.”

A bible is presented, by opening it at the Gospels and placing it upon the head of the new Bishops with these words:

“Receive the Holy Scriptures. Continue to feed the flock of Christ committed to your charge, guard and defend them in truth, and be a faithful steward of His Holy Word and Sacraments. Trust it for your wisdom and guide in this Apostolic ministry.”

Other symbols of the office are now given.

The Cross is presented with these words:

“Receive this cross as a sign of our Lord’s triumph and the banner of our salvation. Be one with the apostles in proclaiming Christ’s resurrection and His sovereignty as Lord and Savior. The cross depicts the instruments of suffering upon which Christ died to redeem the world. Unlike the crucifix, depicting that Christ is still on the cross, the Pectoral cross represents the victorious risen Savior.”

The Bishop’s Ring is presented with these words:

“Receive this ring as a symbol of royal sonship and episcopal collegiality. This ring is usually signet or jeweled. It is worn on the right hand, ring finger. When it is worn, no other ring is proper except the Wedding Rings for those Bishops who are married.”

The Presiding Bishop then presents the new Bishops to the People. The clergy and the people offer their acclamation and applause in response to this consecration.

The Presentation of:

Bishop Simone P. Gibson, Bishop Jacqueline E. Johnson, Bishop Demaries P. Jones
Bishop Michael M. Maybin, Bishop Antoine M. Montgomery, Bishop Brian J. Reid

The spouses of the new Bishops may approach the altar and greet their spouse – Bishop in the tradition of receiving a Bishop. As they remain beside their spouse, they will receive words of wisdom from the Leading Lady.

The Co-Labor’s Charge:

From First Lady, Elder Winsome Ricketts Saunders

Selection

The Convocation International Mass Chorale

Retirement of Colors

THE RECESSIONAL AND BENEDICTION

All will stand in their places until the clergy has recessed. When the Presiding Bishop has reached the door, he will then pronounce the Benediction on the people.

***“Grace, Mercy and Peace, from God our Father,
Through our Lord Jesus Christ be with each of you. Amen.”***

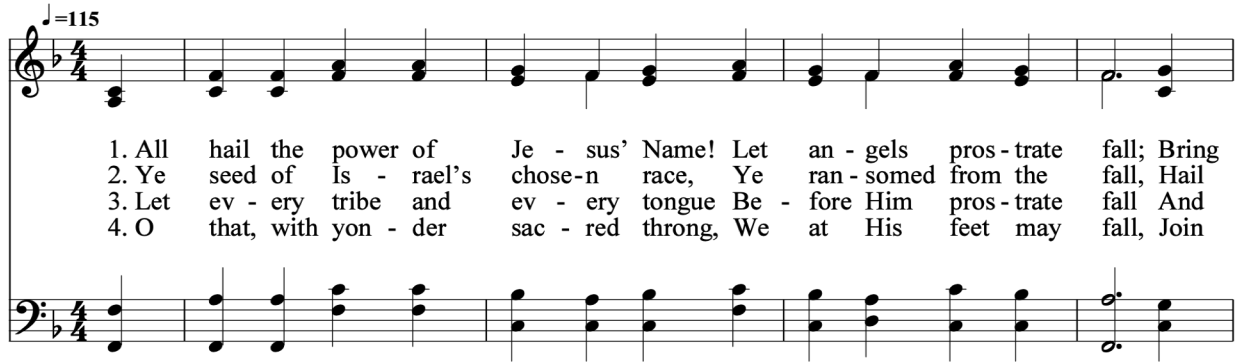
The Hymns

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

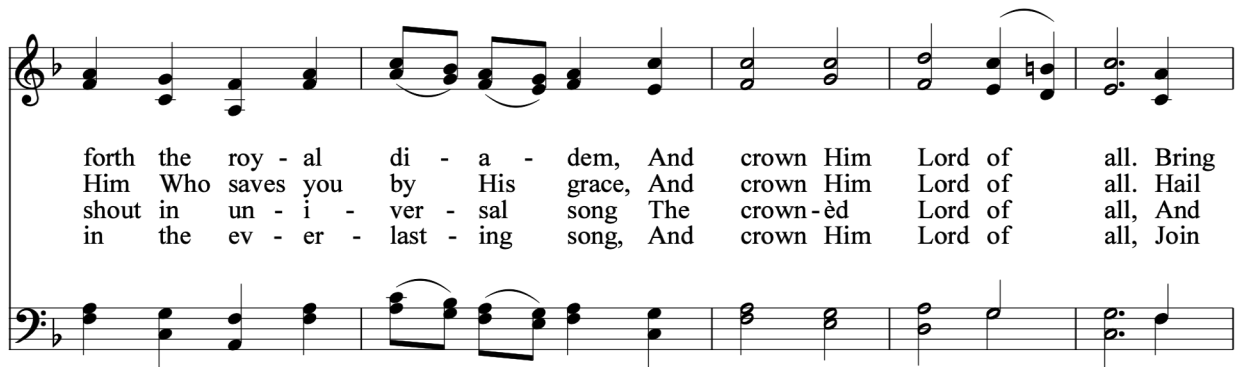
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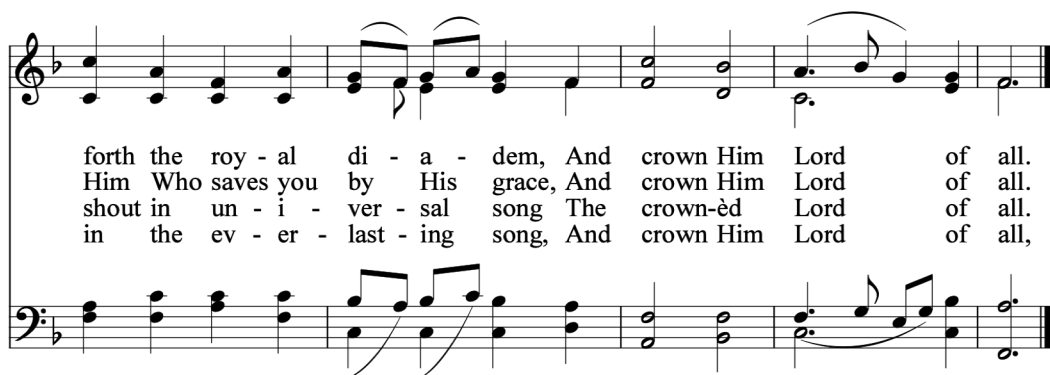
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1. All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall; Bring
 2. Ye seed of Is - rael's chose - n race, Ye ran - somed from the fall, Hail
 3. Let ev - ery tribe and ev - ery tongue Be - fore Him pros - trate fall And
 4. O that, with yon - der sac - red throng, We at His feet may fall, Join



forth the roy - al di - a - dem, And crown Him Lord of all. Bring
 Him Who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all. Hail
 shout in un - i - ver - sal song The crown - ed Lord of all, And
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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*It is of Jehovah's lovingkindnesses that we are not consumed
because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning;
great is thy faithfulness. - Lam. 3:22-23*

E♭ - 3 - MI

T. O. Chisholm

William M. Runyan, 1923

The musical score is written for a three-part setting (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor/Bass) in E-flat major and 3/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1. "Great is Thy faith - ful - ness," O God my Fa - ther,
2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee;
Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
Thy own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

Thou chang - est not, Thy com - pas - sion, they fail not,
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness *(continued)*

Chorus

"Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!"

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed,—

Rall.

"Great is Thy faith - ful - ness," Lord, un - to me!

I've Decided to Make Jesus My Choice

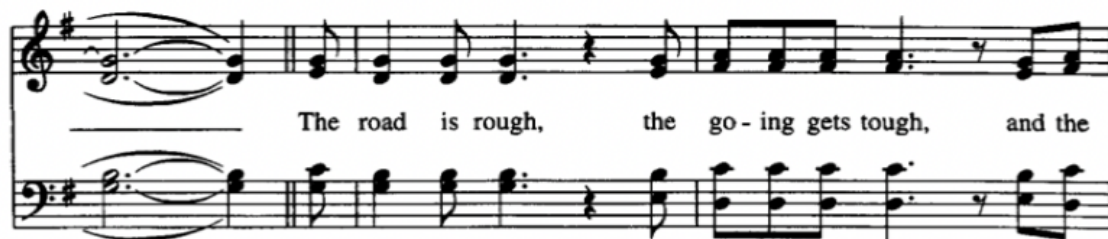
1. Some folk would rather have houses and land.
2. These clothes may be ragged that I'm wearing.

1. Some folk choose silver and gold.
2. Heavy is the load that I'm bearing.

1. These things they treasure and forget about their
2. These old burdens that I'm carrying.

1. soul; I've decided to make Jesus my choice.
2. rying

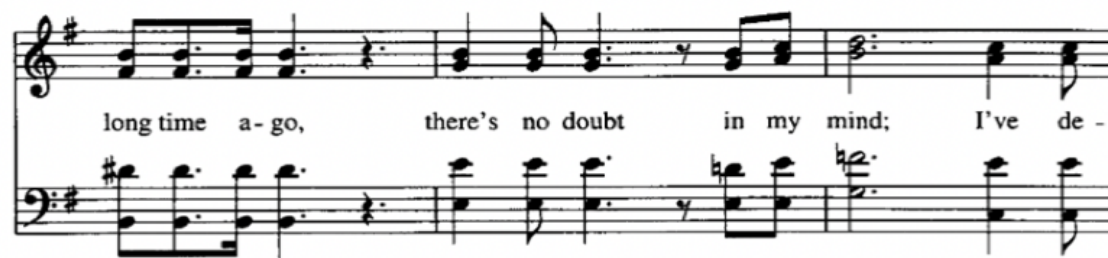
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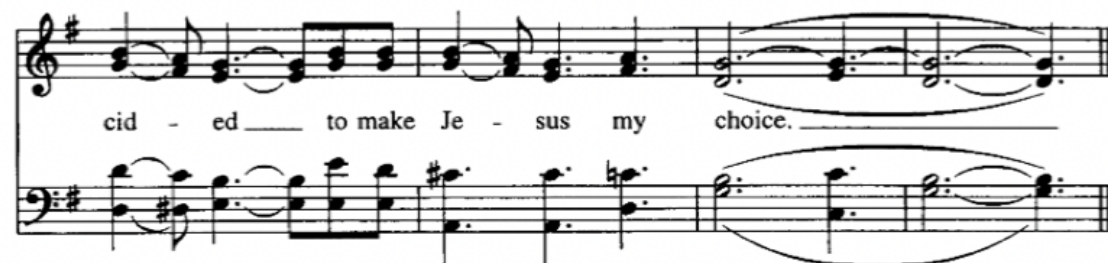
The road is rough, the go - ing gets tough, and the



hills are hard to climb, I've start - ed out a



long time a - go, there's no doubt in my mind; I've de -



cid - ed to make Je - sus my choice.

