CENTRAL CALIFORNIA DISTRICT COUNCIL | **FALL COUNCIL 2027**

LEGACY *Continued*

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DIOCESAN BISHOP

WELCOME TO THE CCDC



The Honorable Bishop Gentry W. Richardson, Jr.
Diocesan Bishop, Central California District Council

To our distinguished visiting Bishops, esteemed Pastors, Suffragan Bishops, Elders, Evangelists, Ministers, delegates, special guests, and the beloved constituency of the Central California District Council, I welcome you in the precious name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

It is with profound gratitude, great joy, and sincere humility that I welcome you to this November Council, a truly momentous and auspicious occasion in the history of the Central California District Council. We gather to honor our rich heritage, celebrate God's faithfulness, and embrace a new season of leadership, vision, and opportunity.

As I serve in the capacity of Diocesan Bishop, I do so with a humble heart, recognizing the weight of this sacred responsibility. I am deeply honored to lead this great body and ask for your continued prayers and support as we work together to fulfill God's purpose for the CCDC.

We pause to honor the foundation established by the late Bishop Robert T. Douglas and the distinguished leaders who served before him. Their sacrifices, leadership, and devotion helped shape the legacy we have inherited. We also acknowledge our former 1st Assistant Presider, Bishop Mark C. Tolbert for his guidance, support and faithful leadership during our transition, we are stronger because of his commitment to God and our Council.

To each visiting Bishop, Pastor, Minister, delegate, and guest, please accept my heartfelt appreciation for joining us. Your presence is an honor and a blessing, and your fellowship strengthens the bonds of our Apostolic family.

As we look toward the days ahead, I anticipate a Council marked by powerful worship, sound teaching, meaningful fellowship, renewed vision, and the unmistakable presence of God. May we leave strengthened in our faith, united in purpose, and equipped to advance the work of the Kingdom.

Once again, welcome to the November Council of the Central California District Council. May the Lord bless each of you abundantly, and may everything said and done bring honor and glory to His great name.

Welcome, and may God bless you!

The Honorable Bishop Gentry W. Richardson, Jr.
Diocesan Bishop
Central California District Council

CHAIRMAN

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME ADDRESS



Blessings and praise the Lord to everyone!

To our Diocesan Bishop, Gentry W. Richardson, Jr., our distinguished guests, the amazing Central California District Council constituency, and all who have gathered for this historic November Council, I welcome you with great joy and thanksgiving.

This week, we honor the leadership of our newly installed Diocesan Bishop, Gentry W. Richardson, Jr. We recognize the weight of this assignment and celebrate the grace of God upon his life. Bishop, we stand with you, we support you, and we are committed to moving this council forward together.

I also extend sincere appreciation to former First Assistant Presider, Bishop Mark C. Tolbert, for his leadership, support, and faithful service during this important season of transition. Your contributions have been invaluable, and we are grateful for the foundation you helped maintain.

To the pastors and constituents of the CCDC, thank you for your commitment, your dedication, your prayers, and your continued labor in the vineyard. The strength of this council is found in your faithfulness. Your willingness to serve, sacrifice, and stand together is what makes this fellowship strong.

We honor those who have gone before us, we celebrate those who serve today, and we embrace the responsibility of preparing the way for those who will come after us.

As we step into this new season, let us remain united in purpose, steadfast in faith, and bold in our expectation of what God will do.

The vision is before us. The foundation has been laid. The time is now!

CCDC, it is time to MANIFEST!

Manifest the vision. Manifest the promise. Manifest the power of God in our churches, in our communities, and throughout this council!

What God has spoken, we shall believe. What God has promised, we shall pursue. And what God has ordained, we shall see manifested!

Welcome to November Council 2026.

God bless you, and let us move forward together!

Suffragan Bishop Levon O. Mitchell, Jr.
Chairman
Central California District Council

VICE CHAIRMAN

VICE CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME



Grace and peace and Praise the Lord!

To our distinguished visiting Bishops, Suffragan Bishops, District Elders, guests and the beloved constituents of the Central California District Council, I want to welcome you to our November Council.

It is a privilege and an honor to worship with you during this significant and historic season in the life of our Council. I thank each of you for your presence, your prayers, and your unwavering support as we embrace this new chapter of leadership.

Today, we celebrate more than a transition. We celebrate the faithfulness of God, the strength of our fellowship, and the enduring foundation established by those who have faithfully served before us.

We pause to honor the legacy of great men, such as Bishop Henry L. Johnson and Bishop Robert T. Douglas! Their leadership and contributions helped establish a foundation upon which this council continues to stand. And now, we welcome and celebrate the leadership of our Diocesan Bishop, Gentry W. Richardson, Jr.

As we embrace this new season, we do so with gratitude for the past, confidence in the present, and great expectation for the future. We recognize that every generation has a responsibility to preserve what has been entrusted to us while faithfully advancing the work of the Kingdom.

To Bishop Richardson, we offer our prayers, our support, and our commitment to stand alongside you as we move forward together. We are excited about the vision God has placed before us and the possibilities that lie ahead.

To our pastors and constituents, thank you for your faithfulness, your dedication, and your continued commitment to the Central California District Council. Your presence here is a powerful reminder that the strength of this council is found not only in its leadership, but in the collective faith and service of its people.

May this Council be a time of renewal, unity, fellowship, and spiritual impartation. May we continue to build upon the foundation laid before us and remain committed to the work God has called us to do.

Thank you for being here. Thank you for your support. And thank you for believing in the future of the Central California District Council.

Suffragan Bishop Kyron Shorter
Vice Chairman
Central California District Council

LEGACY *Continued*

THE HISTORY OF THE CENTRAL CALIFORNIA DISTRICT COUNCIL

A LEGACY OF FAITH, LEADERSHIP, AND KINGDOM ADVANCEMENT

The history of the Central California District Council (CCDC) is rooted in the vision, faith, and leadership of those who labored to advance the Apostolic faith throughout California.

The CCDC is a product of the California District Council (CDC), which flourished under the leadership of Bishop Henry L. Johnson. As the work continued to grow and the Council began to increase throughout the state, the size of California presented an opportunity to expand ecclesiastical leadership and strengthen the support provided to churches and constituents.

Following the earthly transition of Bishop Johnson, Bishop Charles H. Ellis, III, Presiding Bishop of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc., at the time, made the historic decision to divide California into three district councils. From this decision emerged the Northern California District Council (NCDC), Southern California District Council (SCDC), and Central California District Council (CCDC).

This historic decision established a new structure for the continued growth, fellowship, and spiritual advancement of the Apostolic church in California.

THE INAUGURAL DIOCESAN BISHOP

Bishop Robert T. Douglas was the inaugural Diocesan Bishop of the Central California District Council. Entrusted with the responsibility of establishing the newly formed Council, Bishop Douglas laid the foundation upon which the CCDC continues to stand today.

His leadership, commitment, and contributions helped shape the identity and direction of the Council. We honor Bishop Douglas for his faithful service and recognize that the work established under his leadership remains an integral part of our history.

A LEGACY CONTINUED

Throughout its history, the Central California District Council has been strengthened by the dedication of its Bishops, Pastors, Ministers, Churches, and constituents. Their collective commitment has sustained the Council through seasons of growth and transition.

In order to appreciate where the Council is today, we must acknowledge Bishop Mark C. Tolbert, for his valued leadership and support during a significant season, the transition of Diocesan Bishop, Robert T. Douglas, Sr.

Today, we celebrate a new chapter in the life of the CCDC with the installation of Bishop Gentry W. Richardson, Jr., as Diocesan Bishop.

Bishop Richardson assumes this sacred assignment standing upon the foundation established by Bishop Henry L. Johnson, Bishop Robert T. Douglas, and the faithful service of those who have labored throughout the Council's history.

As we embrace this new season, we remain committed to strengthening our fellowship, supporting our local churches, developing future leaders, and advancing the work of the Kingdom.

We honor our past, celebrate our present, and look toward our future with great expectation. The foundation has been laid. The legacy continues. The vision is alive.

The Central California District Council moves forward in faith, united in purpose, and committed to the advancement of the Kingdom of God.

"One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts."
Psalm 145:4 (KJV)



SUFFRAGAN BISHOP

Thomas ALEXANDER SR.

JUNE 26, 1940 - OCTOBER 18, 2026

Honoring the life, legacy, and enduring impact of Suffragan Bishop Thomas Alexander Sr., whose unwavering dedication, faithful service, and commitment to the Central California District Council will forever be remembered. His legacy will continue to inspire generations to come.

ORDER OF Service

OFFICIAL INSTALLATION SERVICE • NOVEMBER 13, 2026

SCAN FOR LITURGY

6:00PM	**Clergy & First Ladies Seated**
6:15PM	**Opening Devotion:** Chaplain
6:30PM	**Ecclesiatical Procession** Bishop William Benson, Southern California District Council
6:45PM	**Minister in Charge** Bishop James Daniel, Louisiana State Council
6:50PM	**Prayer:** Bishop Edgar Usher
6:55PM	**Old Testament: Isaiah 61:1-3** Bishop Vanuel C. Little, Jr. **New Testament: 1 Peter 5:1-4** Bishop Delmar Jackson
6:58PM	**Welcome and History** Suffragan Bishop Levon O. Mitchell, Jr.– Chairman of the CCDC
7:03PM	**Choir Selection**
7:13PM	**Commendations & Recognition**
7:15PM	**Acknowledgement of Bishops –** MC Bishop James Daniel
7:20PM	**Offering:** Bishop Mark C. Tolbert; Choir Selection
7:30PM	**Guest Representation** **Bishop Ricky Johnson,** Shield of Faith Churches **Apostle Craig Brown** Presiding Bishop & Chief Apostle, Christ Holy Sanctified Church **PAW Representation** Bishop Lance Foster
7:35PM	**Introduction of Speaker** Former Presider of the PAW, INC., Bishop Charles H. Ellis, III
7:40PM	**Sermonic Selection** – Sis. Charlene Dawkins
7:45PM	**Word of God** – 1st Assistant Presider, Bishop A. Glenn Brady
8:10PM	**Official Installation** – 1st Assistant Presider, Bishop A. Glenn Brady
8:45PM	**Appointed Staff**
8:55PM	**Remarks & Dismissal** Diocesan The Honorable Bishop Gentry W. Richardson, Jr. & Elect Lady Denise Richardson



SCAN TO VIEW FULL SCHEDULE

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