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END OF YEAR MESSAGE 2024

December 12, 2024

Catastrophic weather claimed the lives of hundreds of people in 2024 as increasingly severe natural disasters ripped across the world indiscriminately.

A rash of tornados pounded the United States in the spring while earthquakes and floods brought mass casualties to the Middle East, Asia and the Western Pacific. Summer heat waves were followed by an onslaught of hurricanes that disrupted life in the southeastern United States and a Category 5 super typhoon killed nearly 600 people across southeastern Asia. The year is on track to be the hottest on record, according to the [World Meteorological Organization](#). For the first nine months of the year, the average temperature was more than 1.5 degrees Celsius above the pre-industrial level.

Pastoral Visit: On August 09, 2024, his eminence, the pastor and spiritual head of the Church, Pastor EMF Oshoffa was in USA for his annual Missionary journey. During the visit a number of harvest convocations were blessed, new church Cathedrals were dedicated and apostolic ministrations were administered. His two weeks ministration this time was concentrated on the Great Lakes and Minneapolis– region B

National Convention: The 7th USA Diocese National Convention – tagged “ USA Restoration 2024 Convention” was successfully held on Thursday May 16 - May 19, 2024 at Indianapolis Marriott East Hotel. 7202 E 21ST Street, Indianapolis IN 46219. It was attended by 550 delegates and a total Contributions and donations of \$133,858 was realized against a total Overhead of \$130.987. The Convention was a mechanism instituted to address the challenges, both contemporary and otherwise, facing or plaguing the church with a view to engineering appropriate solutions. Thoroughly researched papers on Social Media, Women Empowerment, Membership beyond African in Diaspora, Re-defining the Evangelical Ministry, Youth Development and high Profile House-Keeping Imperatives were processed into blue-prints and filtered into the Diocese’s Bye-Laws and Manual of Instruction after the Congress/Convention approval.

Parishes are required to implement all the Resolutions/Communique emanating from the Convention on or before April 30, 2025.

The next 2026 National Convention – tagged “USA National Convention of Ascension” is scheduled to hold on Thursday April 30 - May 03, 2026.

Venue: Crowne Plaza Hotel, 801 Greenwich Avenue, Warwick, Rhode Island 02886.

Parishes are required to pay their levy of \$600.00, \$750.00 or \$1000.00. (depending on the chosen category of each parish).

Adults (24 and above) Registration fee: \$150.00

Youth (18-23) Registration fee: \$100.00

Ages 10 – 18: \$50.00.

Ages 0 – 10: Free

National Convention Board Members: \$1000.00

EXCO. Members: \$250.00

The Chairman of the Ascension Convention 2026 is AVSE Victor Adewusi – Tel. #401-345-4435

Parishes are required to pay their levy through their regional Secretaries or the regional assigned officers or pay into the Convention account stated below on or before October 31, 2025. You may reach the chief officer of the Convention on:

AVSE Victor Adewusi- Convention Chairman: Tel. #401-345-4435. Email vadewusi@yahoo.com and MC (Dr) Adedayo Pelote –Convention Secretary: Tel. #508813 4596, Email : addey911@gmail.com. You may pay directly into the Convention Account and communicate same to the Convention Treasurer -MC (Dr) Sidikat Susan Amusan: 240-481-9029

Bank of America.

Celestial Church of Christ, Diocese of USA Convention Account, Account No 381057618630.

Annual Pilgrimage to the Holy Land of Israel:

The 8th annual Pilgrimage to the holy land of Israel will not hold next year owing to the security risk posed by the on-going conflict between Israel, the Palestine and Hezbollah in Lebanon. We are, however, in discussion with our Tour Company for a substitute pilgrimage to Greece and Italy- the Basilica. You will be appropriately notified when the cost is agreed. Please call Sister Ijeoma Umoru at (973) 476-4336 or email her at handmaidathisfeet@gmail.com for details of the next trip.

Shepherds and Church workers Retreat – 2024.

Owing to the 7th Convention held in May this year an in-house Shepherds Retreat could not be held. However, an all important/ mandatory National Training Retreat/Workshop of all shepherds, church workers and their wives, Corps of Compliance officers has been scheduled to hold on May 1 to May 4, 2024 at the Voice OF Grace New House of Worship in NJ.

We are writing to re-emphasize the compelling need for every shepherd and registered church worker to be at this crucial Workshop/conference where issues of lasting consequence will be discussed. It is important to recognize that Knowledge revolution is now under 2 years. Those who regard training as privileged eccentricity run the risk of becoming obsolete tools. Training and refresher courses remain indispensable to cope with contemporary challenges.

The Harvest Convocation of this year was largely successful and peaceful . On the balance of judgment, the Harvest Services were gloriously robust and were devoid of any rancor, misfortune or any reported incident. May we have the grace to celebrate many more harvests in the land of the living in love and oneness of spirit and be counted among the chosen at the end-time HARVEST.

Christmas is the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, the giver of life, the author of Salvation, the only source of enduring joy, and peace. Please be reminded that at Christmas you are required by the Scripture to appear before the Lord with your thanks-offering in appreciation of His awesome grace, love and mercy. As a true believer, remember to provide friendly gifts that are truly reflective of divine love, peace and hope to someone in your family, in your neighborhood and in your church. Let the less fortunate, the handicapped, the orphans, widows and the laborers in the Vineyard know that you care, and so store up treasures for yourselves in heaven.

As usual, we are taking advantage of this Season to express our most profound gratitude for the wonderful support, and cooperation received from all parishioners, officers, and shepherds by the states, regional, diocesan, and pastoral administrations of this great church during the outgoing year. We also appreciate your unflinching faith in CCC as the end-time Vessel of Salvation. May the good God of reciprocity keep you & give you peace.

On behalf of the Pastor and Spiritual Head of the Church, Pastor EM Oshoffa, the Board of Trustees, and the Diocese of USA, the Council wishes all members a Merry Christmas and a most peaceful, fulfilling, prosperous and joyous 2025.

And unto Him who has made it possible for us to see the year end in good health, peace, joy and freedom, the Almighty God of all Creations, King of immortality, Everlasting Holy Father, His beloved Son, Lord & Savior Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit be the glory, honor, majesty, power and dominion now and forevermore. Amen. THE

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