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END OF YEAR MESSAGE 2025

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10 Major Environmental Disasters of 2025

From intensified cyclones to unprecedented wildfires, these disasters have claimed lives, destroyed ecosystems, and tested the limits of emergency response systems. The Trumpet of God is getting louder, warning through nature that the end of the Church age is here. This is certainly the terminal generation, a terribly perverse, vile and seducing generation.

Below is an overview of the ten most impactful environmental disasters of the year, including their human toll, economic damage, and recovery efforts.

1. Cyclone Heman – Bay of Bengal (May 2025)

A Category 5 super cyclone that struck the eastern coast of India and Bangladesh, bringing winds of over 270 km/h and storm surges.

- Casualties:** Over 1,200 confirmed dead, thousands
- Damage:** Estimated \$14 billion in infrastructure, homes, and agriculture; over 2 million displaced
- Recovery:** Massive UN and Red Cross response; India and Bangladesh launched joint rebuilding programs, focused on climate-resilient infrastructure

2. California Wildfires – United States (June to August 2025)

Unprecedented wildfires burned through Northern and Southern California due to record-breaking heatwaves and drought.

Casualties: 173 dead, 500+ injured; over 30,000 evacuated

Damage: \$16.5 billion in property losses, 1.3 million acres burned, widespread air quality crisis.

Recovery: Federal emergency declared; major reforestation and firebreak planning initiated by FEMA and state authorities

3. Amazon Rainforest Fires – Brazil (July 2025)

Deliberate deforestation and heatwaves triggered the worst fires in the Amazon since 2019.

Casualties: 47 reported deaths, indigenous communities severely affected

Damage: 5.7 million hectares lost, major biodiversity loss

Recovery: International environmental NGOs partnered with local groups to restore ecosystems; increased pressure on Brazilian government for forest protection laws

4. Flash Floods in Germany and Czech Republic (August 2025)

Relentless rainfall caused rivers to overflow, devastating towns in Central Europe.

Casualties: 212 dead, thousands homeless

Damage: \$9 billion in damages to infrastructure, agriculture, and heritage sites

Recovery: EU emergency funds activated; new flood management systems being developed

5. Mount Semeru Eruption – Indonesia (February 2025) The volcano erupted with little warning, sending ash plumes and lava flows across villages.

Casualties: 315 dead, over 1,100 injured.

Damage: Entire villages buried; \$3.2 billion in estimated damage.

Recovery: Temporary shelters established; Indonesia's disaster agency expanded early warning systems in volcanic zones

6. Earthquake and Tsunami – Papua New Guinea (March 2025)

A 7.8 magnitude quake triggered a tsunami, hitting coastal regions with little warning.

Casualties: Over 1,000 dead, many more missing

Damage: \$5.6 billion in destruction across coastal communities

Recovery: International aid sent in; Japan and Australia led rebuilding and education initiatives on tsunami preparedness

7. Heat Dome in the Middle East (July 2025)

Record temperatures exceeding 55°C (131°F) across parts of Saudi Arabia, Iraq, and Iran led to infrastructure failures and health emergencies.

Casualties: 3,000+ heat-related deaths reported across region

Damage: Massive power outages, agricultural losses estimated at \$4.3 billion

Recovery: Investment in heat-resilient infrastructure and early heatwave warning systems

8. East Africa Locust Invasion – Kenya, Ethiopia, Somalia (January-April 2025)

Unusual rainfall patterns contributed to the worst locust outbreak in decades, devastating crops.

Casualties: Widespread hunger and malnutrition affected over 7 million people.

Damage: Billions lost in food production; famine declared in parts of Somalia

Recovery: UN FAO coordinated aerial pesticide campaigns and offered seed relief for farmers.

9. Typhoon Misaki – Philippines and Taiwan (September 2025)

This powerful typhoon tore through the western Pacific, flattening towns and triggering landslides.

Casualties: 680 dead, 2,400 injured

Damage: Estimated \$12 billion in damage to coastal infrastructure

Recovery: Rapid international disaster response; Taiwan and the Philippines working to fortify coastal defenses

10. Landslides in Nepal – Monsoon Season (July 2025)

Torrential rains triggered fatal [landslides](#) across hilly districts, wiping out villages.

- **Casualties:** Over 850 lives lost, many missing
- **Damage:** Roads, bridges, and homes destroyed across mountainous regions
- **Recovery:** Nepali Army led search and rescue; international donors supported rural relocation and geotechnical surveys

These 10 disasters have shaken communities and exposed the growing vulnerabilities to climate change and environmental degradation. While recovery is underway in many areas, these tragedies serve as urgent reminders of the need for global cooperation, sustainable development, and investment in early warning and resilience systems.

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.

National Convention: The 7th USA Diocese National Convention – tagged " USA Restoration 2024 Convention" held on Thursday May 16 - May 19, 2024 at Indianapolis Marriott East Hotel. 7202 E 21ST Street, Indianapolis IN 46219 was a resounding success. 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 8th National Convention – tagged "USA National Convention of Ascension" is scheduled to hold on Thursday April 30 - May 03, 2026.

Venue: Crowne Plaza Hotel, (5- Star+) 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 levies through their regional Secretaries or the regional assigned officers or pay into the Convention account stated below on or before January 31, 2026. You may reach the chief officers of the Convention on:

AVSE Victor Adewusi- Convention Chairman: Tel. #401-345-4435. Email vadewusi@yahoo.com.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.

The Convention is 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 during the 7th Convention. The 8th Convention coming will process and resolve a number of more complex and controversial issues.

Annual Pilgrimage to the Holy Land of Israel:

The 8th annual Pilgrimage to the holy land of Israel was not held this 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 this coming year 2026. 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 – 2025.

An all important/ mandatory National Training Retreat/Workshop of all shepherds, church workers and their wives, Corps of Compliance officers was held on May 1 to May 4, 2025 at the Marriot Hotel Ewing/Voice OF Grace Parish NJ tagged La Stigmata. It was a highly informative, educative and pragmatic Exposition attended by 102 participants. A follow-up zoomed session attended by 84 participants was also held in November to close the year 2025.

We want to re-emphasize the compelling need for every shepherd and registered church worker to take training as crucial if they must be successful in their ministries during this dynamic age of advanced Technology and Social Media challenges.

USA Imeko Property Development: The diocese will be back at the Drawing Board to resume construction in the new year by His grace.

The Harvest Convocation of this year was largely successful and peaceful. On the balance of judgment, the 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.

Home Return: We cannot conclude this message without remembering the various members that have been recalled back home during this outgoing year. We pray that their Souls will continue to rejoice in the glories and beauties of heaven. At the resurrection of the righteous may they all be counted among the chosen. Our prayers also remain with the families left behind for God's mercy, grace, fortitude and everlasting blessing.

As we are preparing to celebrate another Christmas in the land of the living, let us remember that Christ is Love, Christ is Peace, Christ is Humility; He is the only Way, the only Truth and the only Giver of Life. Imbibe Him, live in Him, live for Him and let your life remain an Epistle of His Teachings. Remember all His goodness and benefits unto you during this outgoing year and come unto Him with your thanks-offering in appreciation of His awesome grace and love. Also remember the less privileged and the Lord of reciprocity will remember you in His mercy.

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 2026.

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 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
DIOCESE OF UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - DECEMBER 12, 2025**