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PREFACE

The International Circle of Faith (ICOF) is a movement of the Holy Spirit, pursuing the continuation of the original apostolic message, authority, power, and anointing. ICOF has united ministers and ministries all around the world. **The goal is Unity - not further division.**

ICOF is churches, children, adults, ministers, choirs, music, mothers, fathers, sisters, and brothers. **ICOF IS YOU!** It may not have occurred to you that God's plan for leaders for His people is already in place and that you are one of those on whom the mantle of leadership has fallen. No one is going to lead us; we must be the ones who provide leadership. It is evident that as leaders we need each other. Let's join together for a journey into bringing great unity to the body of Christ. ICOF is a banner waving for the whole world to see that JESUS CHRIST has set us free. ICOF stands for spiritual FREEDOM. That, my friends, is the International Circle of Faith! For over 90 years we have been ministering to *whosoever will*. Come join us as we welcome the next wave of the Holy Spirit!



*Bishops Cornell, Wade and
Green with Sunday School
class circa 1950*

From the humblest of beginnings, **Apostolic Faith Church of God** began during the Great Depression in a store front building on the near west side of Cleveland, Ohio. The church grew over the next 30 years to one of the largest Apostolic Churches in the United States of America. From hungry people searching for something that would satisfy their souls Apostolic Faith Church of God built a powerful church family with a ministry that dominated their region of the country and had reach far beyond into nations around

the world. From the Philippines to the beginning of the Christian faith in Palestine.

Bishop Ray Cornell led the effort to continue the ministerial fellowship of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Jesus Christ when most white ministers left the fellowship to join an all-white group. Bishop Cornell was instrumental in the establishment of other bodies of fellowship including the Apostolic World Christian Fellowship, the Apostolic Churches of Jesus Christ, International Circle of Faith and more. It is the sound of a familiar refrain that echoes from this ministry to those afar off, **“Come and Dine, the Master calleth, Come and Dine!”**¹



Midway Tabernacle circa 1920. Bishop G. B. and Pastor Verbia Rowe center second row. Bishop R. O. Cornell front row 2 to the left of Bishop Rowe.



Revival services at Midway Tabernacle with Evangelist M. R. Tatman

¹ https://hymnary.org/text/jesus_has_a_table_spread

DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to those heroes of the faith that dared to dream of unity in a time of division. Notable among these are **Charles Fox and Sarah Parham** who were so focused on unity that they abhorred all partisan efforts in the nascent Apostolic Faith Movement. The Parhams considered denominations an enemy of Biblical unity. Others include Bishop Garfield Thomas (G.T.) Haywood, Bishop Glen Beecher (G.B.) Rowe, Bishop Joseph Morsell (J.M.) Turpin, Bishop Karl Smith, and more. These men championed unity when it was certainly not popular.



*Bishop Glen B. Rowe baptizing
Mishawaka Indiana 1922*

Among these heroes of the faith are **Bishop Raymond Oscar (R.O.) & Ruth Cornell**, Bishop Charles Bernard (C.B.) & Icy Dell Gillespie², Bishop Carl Angle, Bishop George A. & Lois Wade, **Bishop Jerome Campher**, Bishop Aniefiok Simonson, **Bishop J. Edgar Hughes**, Bishop Alfred & Beatrice Tembi, Bishop Oswaldo Arroyo, **Bishop Harold McFarland**, Pastor J D Charlot, Bishop Bernie and Dr. Daisy R. Wade, and many others. To God be the Glory!

² <https://mcculla.com/tribute/details/206/Rev-Bernard-Gillespie/obituary.html>

CHAPTER ONE

APOSTOLIC FAITH



Bishop G. B. Rowe, Bishop Karl Smith, Bishop G. T. Haywood, Bishop S. N. Hancock, and Elder J.A. Rayl.

“The Pentecostal power, when you sum it all up, is just more of God’s love. If it does not bring more love, it is simply a counterfeit.”

- William Seymour³

³ The Apostolic Faith. Goose Creek Texas. May 1921. Seymour was the evangelist that Charles Parham sent to Los Angeles. Seymour’s Azusa Street Mission was an integral part of the **Los Angeles Outpouring**

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he renowned Pastor, song writer and editor of Glad Tiding Publishing Company, **Thoro Harris** (spirit filled and baptized in Jesus' name) penned these



Thoro Harris

now famous lyrics:⁴ Harris' words have become the song learned by Sunday School children across America and around the world as children sing the words of this refrain, **JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN.**⁵ Harris is also the author of the song, ***Baptized in Jesus Name.***" The song was written in the throes of a white ministers battling over racism and using baptismal formula as the strawman to mask their racially oriented agenda.

Scriptural Baptism

Parham wrote explicitly in his book, ***A Voice Crying in the Wilderness,***⁶ that his decision to baptize in the name of Jesus Christ was one arrived at through fasting and prayer and based solely on the fact that the Apostles and the New Testament church baptized in the name of Jesus.⁷ Parham understood that the purpose of Baptism invoking the name of Jesus Christ on the life of the person being baptized was for the forgiveness of sins; only Christ Jesus holds the power to forgive sins.⁸ Scripture confirms this as important. True to his conviction, Parham did not make *baptismal formula a



*Ministers of the
PAJC from all
races*

⁴ <https://lights4god.wordpress.com/2015/03/31/thoro-harris/>

⁵ https://hymnary.org/text/in_the_lands_beyond_the_sea

⁶ https://www.google.com/books/edition/A_Voice_Crying_in_the_Wilderne/ss/ZU42lunZ2WoC?hl=en

⁷ 1 John 1:9.

⁸ Matthew 28:18-19 and Mark 2:1-12.

point of contention, but he was resolute that neither he nor his wife Sarah were ever baptized invoking a triune formula.⁹ Hundreds of Apostolic Faith Movement ministers were baptized in Jesus' name by Charles F. Parham including Lucy Farrow, William Pendleton,¹⁰ **Thoro Harris**, Bishop R. C. Lawson, Dr. Sipes and many of their disciples and followers.

The New Testament Church baptized all converts invoking the name of Jesus Christ. Pentecostal Historian Bishop M. E. Golder noted, "Bishop Charles Mason invited Bishop R.C. Lawson to preach the Church of God in Christ (COGIC) National Convention. His subject was, ***Jehovah of the Old was Jesus of the New***. When Lawson finished preaching, there were more than 450 people ready to be baptized in Jesus' Name. Bishop Mason himself was also baptized in Jesus' Name."¹¹ Bishop Mason would also publicly tell the story in 1920.¹² Water Baptism using the New Testament formula of *Jesus Christ* was widely used and accepted in the COGIC until late in the 1950s.

5 generations later, the posterity of those early 1900s Christ followers' number in the hundreds of millions with some 25% of the worlds Christians believing in the baptism of the Holy Spirit!

⁹ A Voice Crying in The Wilderness: Kol Kare Bomidbar (Pentecostal Pioneers Book 16). Charles F. Parham.

¹⁰ https://issuu.com/pawinc/docs/co-magazine-jan_feb2022-digital031422/s/15156442

¹¹ https://www.cooljc.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/Article_BishopLawsonPAW.pdf

¹² Apostolic Archives. Gary W. Garrett, DLitt. Historical Timeline. 1919

CHAPTER TWO

THE GREAT DEPRESSION



Dedication Service at Apostolic Faith Church of God (1936).

Front row: Bishop G.B. & Verbia Rowe, Pastor Ruth & Bishop Ray Cornell, also Pastor and Sister Washington are the black couple on the front row and Pastor Hungerford last seated on the right.

If you don't know where you are going, then any road will take you there.

- Bishop Bernie L. Wade

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he year was 1929 and **George and Lois Wade** were a young married couple with two infants, when the Great Depression started. **The Great Depression** (1929–1939) was an economic shock that impacted most countries across the world.

It was a period of economic depression that became evident after a major fall in stock prices in the United States.¹³

Shortly after the arrival of the Wade's to Cleveland Ohio, **Bishop Ray O. and Pastor Ruth T. Cornell** relocated from South Bend Indiana to Cleveland, Ohio. The Cornells were ministers in the Apostolic Faith Movement. Their pastors back in South Bend were the legendary **Bishop Glen Beecher (G. B.) & Verbia Rowe**.¹⁴ Rowe was a prominent Bishop in the original **Pentecostal Assemblies of the World** (P.A. of W. 1907-1931).¹⁵ He was a key leader in the Pentecostal Assemblies of Jesus Christ (PAJC) from 1931 to 1945. He joined the Board of the United Pentecostal Church after they absorbed the PAJC in 1945. He led the Indiana District of the UPC until his retirement.¹⁶



*Bishop Raymond
& Pastor Ruth
Cornell*

Bishop Ray Cornell baptized George Wade in the precious name of Jesus Christ at the AFCOG West 58th and Madison

¹³ John A. Garraty, *The Great Depression* (1986)

¹⁴ <http://apostolictemplechurch.com/content/view/43/113/> In the year of 1918, the late Bishop G.B. Rowe and his wife founded the Midway Gospel Tabernacle, now known as the Apostolic Temple Church, Inc.

¹⁵ <https://www.apostolictemplechurch.com/history/>

¹⁶ https://www.google.com/books/edition/Early_Interracial_Oneness_Pentecostalism/CRCQBAAAQBAJ?hl=en&gbpv=1&dq=g+b+rowe+and+the+indiana+district+of+the+UPCI&pg=PA208&printsec=frontcover



*Bishop Cornell,
Pastor Hungerford
and Pastor Steila*

store front church. Soon George's wife, Lois Wade, came to a church service where Evangelist **M. M. Hudson** was ministering.¹⁷ She also fell under conviction, was baptized with the Holy Ghost evidenced by speaking in other tongues and was baptized in water invoking the name of Jesus Christ. For the next 40 years the Wade's were pillars of the Apostolic Faith Church of God.

Bishop and Sister Cornell lived a good life. They were modest in the way they conducted themselves. Bishop Cornell taught his people this simple way to pattern your life, **“Don't be anywhere; don't be doing anything or saying anything that you wouldn't want to be when the Lord returns.”** AFCOG was a church born through prayer. In 1971, **Bishop Ray Cornell** died. Like all of those who serve our Great God and Righteous King, there comes a time for a changing of the guard.



Pulpit view of the interior of Apostolic Faith Church of God 2050 West 55th Street Cleveland Ohio. Bishop G. B. & Sister Verbia Rowe to the left with Sister Ruth and Bishop R.O. Cornell next to them. Bishop George A. Wade is on the far right.

¹⁷ M. M. Hudson The Times-News (Twin Falls, ID October 3, 1952 pg. 2

CHAPTER THREE

APOSTOLIC TEMPLE



Bishop Sanford and Pastor Georgia Wade with Bernie & Brian at Apostolic Temple

“And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So, there will be one flock, one shepherd.”¹⁸

¹⁸ John 10:16

In 1968 **Bishop Sanford and Georgia Wade** began to plan a church plant in suburban Cleveland, Ohio. The Wade's were children of ministers. Bishop Sanford Wade was the son of Bishop George A. Wade and Pastor Georgia Wade was daughter to Minister George K. Gillespie. Church planting is not for the faint of heart.

Dream Team

In 1969, three generations of ministry leaders labored to establish this church. These included Bishop George and Lois Wade, Bishop Sanford, and Pastor Georgia Wade and two boys: Brian S. Wade and Bernie L. Wade. The Wade family planted **Apostolic Temple** during a national Spiritual outpouring that was later named the **Charismatic Revival**.¹⁹ Bishop Sanford Wade's brother **Berkley Wade**, his wife **Candace** and their family came to help, Bishop Milton Green's children (Adam Green and Louise Hunt) came. Pastor Jane (husband Theron) Kisner and Jewell (husband Jerry) Bresock came with their families. Apostolic Temple was a soul saving station. The people came. The power of the Holy Ghost joined them there. The services were powerful. Young people were coming and flocking to the altar. Many were being filled with the Holy Ghost.



Bishop George Wade installing theater seats in Apostolic Temple



Andrews Superette became Apostolic Temple after serious renovation.

¹⁹ P. D. Hocken, Art: Charismatic Movement, New International Dictionary of Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements.

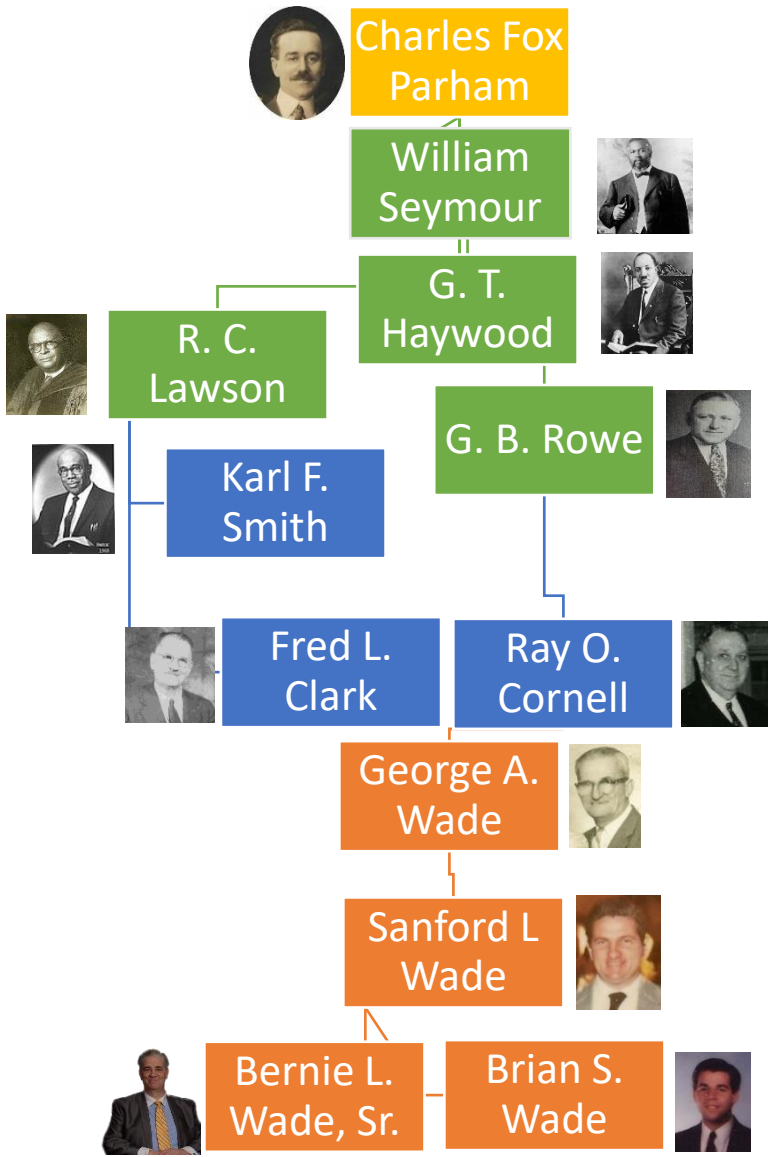
CHAPTER FOUR

CONCINNITY



Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.

1 Timothy 4:14



Spiritual Lineage from Charles Parham founder of the Apostolic Faith Movement to the transformation into the International Circle of Faith – ICOF. This chart could be much deeper and wider. We have only focused on the branch that impacts our ministry.

Concinnity is harmony or elegance of design especially of literary style in adaptation of parts to a whole or to each. This is the pattern of Jesus praying for his church to be one. Some have dreamed of His prayer coming to fruition. Unity is an oft spoken about subject. Until we all come of the unity of the faith!

Lineage is important to the Body of Christ. Nearly every prophet in the Bible gave his spiritual bona fides using his lineage. The Book of Acts gives us the spiritual lineage of Apostle Paul before it tells us his accomplishments.

According to the Pattern

Charles Fox Parham the father of the Apostolic Faith Movement had many sons and daughters in the gospel. Among these was **Bishop William Seymour.**

Parham and the Presbytery of the Apostolic Faith Movement consecrated, commissioned and sent him out. It was serious business and even when they disagreed, Seymour understood the importance of his lineage. When Seymour was being vilified in 1910 it was his spiritual father, Charles Parham, who came to his defense.



Bishop George Wade, Brother Freddy, Bishop Ray & Pastor Ruth Cornell, Bishop Pogue and others at Midway Tabernacle. Notice the sign says the speaker: R. F. Tobin

Bishop Seymour also had several spiritual sons. **Charles Harrison (C.H.) Mason** is likely the most prolific and **Bishop Garfield Thomas (G. T.) Haywood** the most revered by

those of the continued Apostolic Faith lineage. Bishop Haywood's spiritual sons included **Bishop Glen Beecher (G.B.) Rowe** (1925) and **Bishop Robert Clarence (R. C.) Lawson** (1919). Both left a noteworthy spiritual lineage and legacy. Among Bishop Lawson's spiritual sons was **Bishop Karl F. Smith** (1915). Bishop Karl F. Smith likely exceeded all expectations.

Bishop G.B. Rowe also had several spiritual sons including his own natural sons Bishops Worthy and David Rowe. Another spiritual son **Bishop Raymond Oscar (R.O.) Cornell** (1928) planted Apostolic Faith Church of God in Cleveland, Ohio. Sister Faith (Rowe) Barnaby noted, "*Ray Cornell was his own man, and he went his own way.*"²⁰ It is high praise for a man that left his footprints in the lives of millions.



Bishop Chris Gillespie, Bishop Bernard L. Gillespie, Elder Brian Wade, Bishop Bernie L. Wade, Bishop Sanford L. Wade, Pastor Bernard E. Gillespie & Pastor Jane Kisner

Spiritual Lineage

The genealogies in the Bible provide important records of historical succession, continuity, and legitimacy, but these lineages also provide unique insights for our families. Through family lineage, God exemplifies how He uses everyone to fulfill His purpose. We see controversial figures named in every genealogy in the Bible because, positive or negative, these



Fellowship time with the Cornells and their dear friend Bishop J. Edgar Hughes

²⁰ Interview with Faith Barnaby by Bishop Bernie L. Wade 2021.

individuals made an impact on society and shaped future prominent people. The same can apply to our own family trees. Each story, each generation, and each member of the genealogy points back to how God can work through us.²¹ When the dictates of the times went counter to his spiritual sense of well-being, Bishop Ray Cornell steered the course toward Biblical righteousness. Having been ordained in the multicultural original Pentecostal Assemblies of the World (P.A. of W.) by Bishop G. T. Haywood, Bishop G. B. Rowe, Bishop S. N. Hancock and others, Bishop Ray Cornell stayed anchored to his roots.

When Bishop Cornell ordained his spiritual son **Bishop George Arthur (G. A.) Wade (1947)** he enlisted the assistance of his fellow Bishops. Cornell's longtime friend, **Bishop Fred L. (F.L.) Clark** was the Chief Consecrator. In like manner, Bishop Cornell, Bishop George Wade, Bishop Charles Bernard (C.B.) Gillespie, Bishop Carl Angle were all part of the consecration of **Bishop Sanford L. Wade (1969)**. Bishop Sanford Wade was the Chief Consecrator of his sons **Bishop Bernie L. Wade and Brian S. Wade (1985)**.



*Charles Bernard
(C.B.) Gillespie*



²¹ <https://thesignatry.com/genealogies-in-the-bible/>

CHAPTER FIVE

TRANSFORMATION



Apostolic Faith Church of God 1958 Adult Sunday school. Front Row (L to R) Elder Jesse and Sister Miner, Volie and Bishop Milton Green. Bishop Ray & Pastor Ruth Cornell. Sister Lois and Bishop George A. Wade, Sister and Bishop Author Leslie. Second row: Marge Anderson, not sure, Sister Joan Nemeth, Sister Thelma Murphy, Sister Lillian Pazdernick, Mother Pollack, Sister Householder, Sister Betty Cornell, Sister Ethel Olsen. Third row: Bro. Hallberg, Bishop Lecil Pollack, Delcie Pollack, Sister Mae Boyce, Sister Peggy Nemeth, not sure, Sister Yvonne Victor and son Ronnie, Sister Staten, Sister Tucker, Sister Ruth Shoppe. Fourth Row: Bishop David Cornell, Sister Coleman, Sister Peggy, not sure, Sister Bobby Cooper, Sister Jean McDaniel, Sister Mildred Bailey, Bro. Joe, Bro. Coleman. Back Row (L to R) Bernie Tucker, Bishop France Thompson, Bro. Bill Nemath, not sure, Bro. Amos McDaniel, Bro. Bill Carmichael, Bro. Don David, Bro. Harold Anderson.

... Until we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ...

- Apostle Paul

Called to the Nations

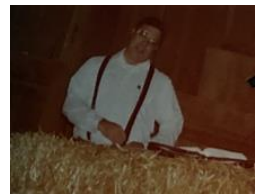
Bishop Bernie & Dr. Daisy Wade ministered from their home base in rural Louisville, Kentucky. They worked with ministries in Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, West Virginia and beyond. Soon they extended their reach to the rest of the United States, Canada, and Central America. Then on to other nations. The Christian school they helped start in Cleveland became a foundation for a larger vision. Today, that school is Harvard High School International www.hhsi.education.



*Bishop Frank Bozeman,
Bishop Bernie Wade &
Dr. John Alford*

Barn Meetings

Bishop Bernie Wade and his brother, Pastor Brian S. Wade promoted a myriad of efforts to bring the people of God into unity. They hosted Camp Meetings, Prayer Conferences, Old Fashioned Brush Arbor meetings and the like. The 1990's saw the birth of an annual Barn Meeting that reminisced the old brush harbors from yesteryear. Ministers from around the United States and the World came to these old-



Evang. Doug Dernier

fashioned meetings that were billed *Gathering of Eagles*. The saints sat on bales of straw and the pulpit was a stack of straw bales. God was being glorified. The seed of what was planted in the early 1900s was growing into a forest. As Bishop Ronald Konkle (Missionary to the Eastern Block)²²

²² <https://www.titusfuneralhome.com/obituaries/rev-ronald-konkle>

noted: *the acorns that had been planted were now manifesting as mighty oak trees.*

In 2001, Bishop Bernie Wade called for a **Gathering of Eagles** in Cleveland, Ohio. To this gathering came ministers from Africa, Asia, Europe, Australia, North and South America. The vision was very clear. This diverse group realized that their ***Unity in Diversity*** could be the catalyst for bringing **Jesus Christ to every man, woman, and child.**

The International Circle of Faith (ICOF) identifies 7 areas of division that we must strive to oppose:

- Personality. I Corinthians 1:12
- Groupism / Organizational structure. III John 9, 10.
- Racial Difference. Acts 6:1.
- Educational difference. Romans 1:14
- Financial Status difference. Romans 1:14.
- National / Language difference. Romans 1:14
- Man-made doctrinal difference. Acts 15:1.

In casting vision for the International Circle of Faith, Bishop Bernie Wade and his team visualize a big tent for fellowship. A fellowship where sectarian division is unwelcome. They continue the dream of a fellowship where those with other agendas are not comfortable. They dare to expect their alliance will oppose racism, nationalism, personality driven cults, man-made doctrines, and organizational sanctions.

Jesus Forbids Sectarianism

“Now John answered Him, saying, “Teacher, we saw someone who does not follow us casting out demons in Your name, and we forbade him because he does not follow us.” But Jesus said, “Do not forbid him, for no one who works a miracle in My name can soon afterward speak evil of Me.

For he who is not against us is on our side. For whoever gives you a cup of water to drink in My name, because you belong to Christ, assuredly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward (Mark 9:38-41). Bishop Bernie Wade often reminds the leaders “If they are not against us, then they are for us.” **“Wherever the Body Is, There the Eagles Will Be Gathered Together” ...²³**

International Gathering of Eagles

The **1st International Gathering of Eagles** in Cleveland, Ohio USA used the theme Psalms 50:5 ***Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.*** Ministers from around the world gathered. One of the points shared by the attendees is that the Body of Christ is fractured and divided by man-made walls. For too long we have been divided from our brothers and sisters in Christ based on a myriad of ideas, dogmas, legalism, authoritarianism, and more. Too often people of color and women are the victims of these divisive groups and their tactics.



*Bishop Ward &
President Bill
Clinton*

The leaders that gathered in that historic Cleveland, Ohio meeting, agreed to formally reorganize the historic multi-cultural vision of the Apostolic Faith Church of God and adopted the name change to *International Circle of Faith* – ICOF. In the first business meeting, Bishop Bernie L. Wade was the unanimous choice to be the Presiding Bishop. **Dr. Jerome Campher** was selected as Assistant Presiding Bishop. Bishop Aniefiok Simonson selected as Bishop of Nigeria; **Bishop Larry T. Smith** was selected as Bishop of



²³ Matthew 24:28 KJV.

the United States. The group determined that they did not want to focus their time railing against other groups “doctrine, dogma or creed.”²⁴ Instead they agreed to fight valiantly and desperately against Spiritual starvation, poverty of the Word Incarnate, and the chaos of division!”²⁵ Bishop Bernie Wade often references a 3-dimensional puzzle of the globe. He points out, **“Each of us has one piece of the puzzle. We need each other. The more pieces that come together in unity the more visible the vision becomes.”**

International Circle of Faith

- **OFFICERS:** Presiding Bishop: Bernie L. Wade, Sr., International Bishops Oswaldo Arroyo (deceased) and Harold McFarland (deceased), Assistant Presiding Bishops – Bishop Jerome Campher, Bishop John R. Crist, Bishop Barney P. Phillips. Bishop of the United States - Larry T. Smith. Bishop of Canada – Daniel Reimer. Bishop of Ireland – Marcus Benson. Bishop of the United Kingdom – Juan Nuevo. Bishop of Cameroon – Andrew Mbongo.
- **General Counsel** – Attorney Julian McPhillips
- **Secretary General** – Bishop David Ngwa – Africa, Kanwal Sohail – Asia
- **MOTTO: Jesus in the heart of every man, woman and child.**²⁶
- **THEME SONG: There is One God and One Mediator: The Man Christ Jesus!**



*Apostle
Larry T. Smith*

²⁴ Ibid. Crist.

²⁵ Ibid. Crist.

²⁶ Taking their cue from the success of the motto of the Coca Cola Company, “A Coke in the hands of every man, woman and child. The leaders of the International Circle of Faith modified and adopted Jesus in the heart of every man, woman and child as their goal.

THERE IS ONE GOD AND ONE MEDIATOR BETWEEN GOD AND MAN

THERE IS ONE GOD AND ONE MEDIATOR BETWEEN GOD AND MAN

THERE IS ONE GOD AND ONE MEDIATOR THE MAN: CHRIST JESUS!

Since then, many countries have held Gatherings of Eagles including Canada, Cameroon, Chile, Congo, England, Ghana, India, Ireland, Kenya, Nigeria, Pakistan, The United States and more. The leaders pledged to work together to bring unity to every place in the world. From the foundation as a continuation of the Apostolic Faith Movement in 1932 to present, the International Circle of Faith has grown from one church family to a global fellowship of like-minded men and women of God. From a handful in our beginning to networking tens of thousands of ministers impacting nearly *every nation under the heavens*. ICOF became what *some call the largest Apostolic movement in history*.



Julian McPhillips

Presbytery

At the **1st European Gathering of Eagles** five men led those who share the dreamed bringing unity to the Body of Christ. They set out to establish a leadership team that would leave a legacy to their posterity. Knowing that everything rises and falls on leadership they focused on bringing together men and women of God who would bring lasting leadership to the Body of Christ. Apostle Paul admonished his spiritual sons to appoint elders in every church and in every area. The Greek word *presbuteros* means elder or senior, although many in



(L to R) Bishop Marcus Benson, Bishop Gilsen Levi, Bishop Harold C. McFarlane, Bishop Bernie L. Wade Sr., and Bishop Barney Philips.

the Christian antiquity would understand *presbuteros* to refer to the bishop functioning as overseer.²⁷

A Presbytery is a body of Church elders and ministers, especially an administrative body representing all the local congregations of a district or region. The idea of the Presbytery is to join hands and hearts, to make a difference together. In areas all over the country (and the world) ICOF remains committed to the formation of national Presbyteries to give all a forum to work together. ICOF has saved a seat at the table for you. What you will find is people just like you who are hungry for the movement of the Holy Spirit. Fellowship lays the groundwork for **relationship**. Together we can accomplish so much more than we could ever do with just our piece of the puzzle alone. It is God 's plan for His creation to live, learn and play together as family, regardless of race, culture, or creed.²⁸

ICOF International Presbytery (2024-2028)



President / Presiding Bishop – Bernie L. Wade, Sr., PhD. As Presiding Bishop, he sees the leadership role as *first among equals*.



Executive Vice President Missions - Bishop Barney P. Phillips, PhD is focused on missions around the World. From the ICOF perspective Missions is wholistic transformation.

²⁷ Presbyter. Wikipedia

²⁸ International Circle of Faith Manual. 1932-2023. ICOF Vision. Page 6.



Bishop Tembi Alfred Tembi, PhD is instrumental in leading ICOF ministry operations in Africa. His primary area of responsibility is the nation of Cameroon. His primary focus is Christian Education.



Daisy R. Wade, PhD – Not everyone who serves the Lord through the mission of ICOF is a Bishop. In fact, most are not Bishops. With so many women ministers in ICOF, Dr. Daisy Wade is in good company. She has a consistent commitment to prayer and education.



Bishop David Ngwa – serves the International Circle of Faith as the Secretary General of Africa. His steady leadership has brought growth and stability to his native country of Cameroon and his commitment to the Body of Christ has been felt around the world.



Bishop Marcus Benson – has been a long-standing minister of the Gospel serving with the ICOF leading Ireland since his ordination as a Bishop at the historic first **European Gathering of Eagles** in London England.



Apostle Obidozie Williams has a powerful international ministry and currently serves ICOF as one of the Ambassadors to Nigeria. He and his family are church planters with a current assignment in Houston, Texas.



Anibal Peralta is a committed missionary to his native Peru. He is a valued member of the International Circle of Faith Presbytery and serves Peru as ICOF Ambassador to Peru.



Pastor Kanwal Sohail is a man with rare vision to bring the body to unity. He serves ICOF as Director of Social Affairs for ICOF Pakistan.



Pastor Ian Hanna is an evangelist with a passion to reach people from all walks of life from the streets of Saint Louis to the streets of Kenya.



Pastor Rosalie Mitchell brings unique gifting to the body of Christ as a teacher with artistic flair.



Bishop Lesly Bertrand serves as ICOF Ambassador to Haiti. He is a powerfully anointed man of God who oversees churches in both Haiti and the Dominican Republic. He is a frequent speaker at Life Fest Gathering of Eagles.



Bishop Luonne Abram Rouse is the Co-Chair of the **American Clergy Conference (ACLIC)**. He has rare gifting that manifests in a passion to bring unprecedented unity to the body of Christ.



Pastor Antonio Wells brings to the International Presbytery a passion for the teaching of sound Bible Doctrine and a love for Apostolic history.



Pastor Riaz Sadiq is a powerful man of God. He and his wife Agnes and their three children lead a powerful ministry based in Lahore, Pakistan.



Dr. Beatrice Tembi works hand in hand with her husband Bishop Alfred Tembi in the far-reaching ministry in Cameroon. She serves as Chancellor for Life College in Cameroon.



Bishop D. B. Paul is a highly sought after International Evangelist with a heart for Christian Education. He and his family live in Brazil, South America.



Bishop Joseph Freeson was instrumental in organizing ICOF in Ghana West Africa. He founded the first Bible College affiliated with ICOF CSU.



Apostle Stephen Strader leads a powerful ministry that includes Ignite Church in Lakeland, Florida. He is a frequent speaker at ministry events around the world.



Prophet Michael Otobong is the Managing Director at Word of Healing Logistics Founder, Director, CEO at OtoMike Foundation and an ICOF Ambassador to Nigeria.



Pastor Summar Zaman pastors a network of churches and serves as Chairman of the ICOF Pakistan National Presbytery.



Pastor Enoch Grant is a graduate of Life College and serves as an international evangelist and member of the ICOF International Presbytery.



Bishop Robert "Bob" Bartlett is the founding pastor of Living Waters in Phoenix and also Living Waters International. He has ministered the gospel in over 120 countries.



Dr. K. Sam Matthews is the Director of New Life School of Mission in Faith City, Andhra Pradesh, India.



Pastor R. A. Zaragoza serves the Apostolic Church of the Lord Jesus Christ International Phil. Inc. (ACJCII), and Pastor at Jesus Apostolic Revival Church.

Jesus told us, *“Greater things than these you WILL do!”* It is evident that we are destined to see the glory of the latter house be greater than the glory of the former house.

WOMEN AND THE INTERNATIONAL CIRCLE OF FAITH

Soon afterward he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him, and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out and Joanna out, the wife of Chuza, Herod's household manager, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their means.²⁹



Ministers Melissa and James Kody

There is no suggestion in Scripture that the gifts of the Spirit are distributed along gender lines. Women are not given token positions at ICOF. They actively participate. serving in all aspects of fivefold ministry, Apostles, Prophets, Teachers, Pastors and Evangelists. Women serve on the International Presbytery. Women held prominent leadership positions during the first century. Junia was an apostle (Rom 16:7), Phoebe was a deaconess (Rom 16:1-2), and Paul considered Priscilla one of his coworkers (Rom 16:3; Acts 18:24-26).



Pastor Kanwal Sohail with other ministers in Pakistan



Pastor Blanca Wade ministering at Pastor Pursers church in Smyrna, Tennessee

This means that any universal bans on women in ministry are *postbiblical developments*.

²⁹ Luke 8:1-3.

License and Ordination

In the beginning it was not the prerogative of ICOF to offer licensing as most of the ministers held licenses with other groups and unity is the paramount goal. However, it became apparent that there were some who did not have a group to offer them license and ordination. So, the ICOF began offering this service to ministers. There remains no interest in duplication. Ministers who are already licensed with other groups do not need to duplicate the effort. They are welcome to continue with the group they already have license. Joining with the ICOF should add value; not create petty competition. Being credentialled with another group is not a conflict for the International Circle of Faith (ICOF).



Bishop Donald Crouser from Oregon led the effort to offer ministerial licensing as Chairman of the **Credentials Committee** licensing tens of thousands of ministers. Many were not credentialled because they were not aligned with some American group or could not afford the fees related to credentials. No one is denied licensure because of ability to pay.



As the ICOF has grown, a concerted effort has been made to bring more ministers into fellowship and to create groups of ministers for fellowship in each nation. Initially ICOF appointed Bishops over areas or nations. This created a challenge that ICOF was not expecting. It created a feeling or expectation that everyone in that area was expected to be beneath that person. In some cases, the person appointed behaved in a



Bishops Durgan & Wade at ICOF ordination service

manner as though they expected everyone in their area was subject to them. The International Presbytery revised the approach. It is not the role of the ICOF to make people Bishops. Rather, it is the goal of the ICOF to recognize the gifting and calling on the people of God.

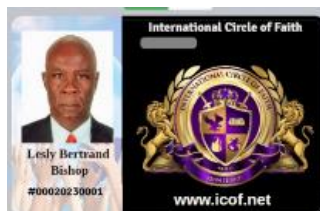
Today, those who are appointed to assist in an area are referred to as Ambassadors. Thus, an ICOF Ambassador to an area, group, purpose, etc. There are Bishops in the ICOF and the ICOF does have a path for ministers to genuinely be recognized as Bishops. However, ICOF is not an alternate path for those who are already in an organization to just gain a title.

Wall and Pocket Credentials

ICOF does offer licensing to those who have the need as well as ordination. Licensed ministers are eligible for wall credentials as well as pocket credentials with their name and information. These pocket credentials were designed to serve as ID for ministers who need such. For example, at hospitals or prisons.

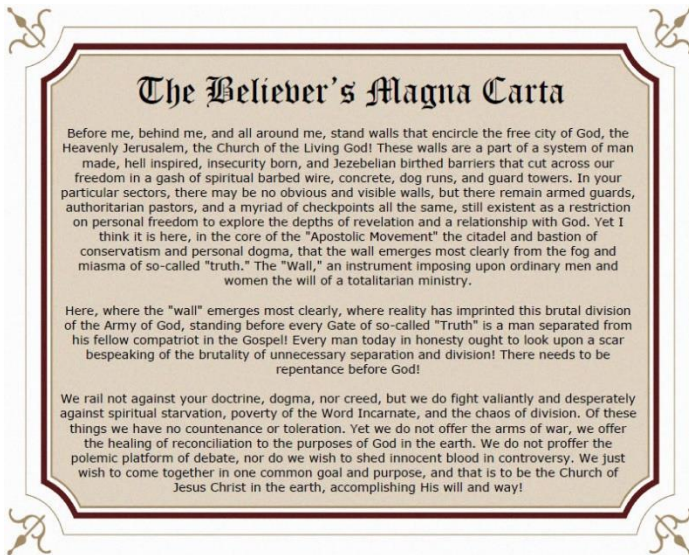


Your Ministerial credentials will be unique and feature your photo, position/title and membership number. International Circle of Faith wants to join hearts and hands with you.



CHAPTER SIX

International Circle of Faith Timetable of Key Events



And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written everyone, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.

– The Gospel of John 21:25

1930 Winter. **Ray and Ruth Cornell** moved from South Bend, Indiana to Cleveland Ohio. They attend the **Apostolic** church pastored by Brother and Sister Hungerford on the east end of Cleveland.

1930 January 31. **Apostolic Faith Church of God** is incorporated in the state of Ohio.



1932 **Pastor Ray Cornell** becomes the **District Elder** for the merged organizations of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World (PAW) and the Apostolic Churches of Jesus Christ (AC of JC) which formed the **Pentecostal Assemblies of Jesus Christ (PAJC)**.³⁰

1934 **Apostolic Faith Church of God** acquires a former foundry and factory building on the near west side of Cleveland, Ohio at 2050 West 55th Street. It is the middle of the Great Depression, and the Church raised \$11470.00 to make the purchase!³¹

1936 April 8. The first official service in the new Apostolic Faith Church of God facility.

1936 May. Apostolic Faith Church of God hosts a 3-day dedication service in their new building. **Bishop G. B. Rowe** was the featured speakers.

1947 January 3. **Bishop George A. Wade** is ordained into the Bishopric of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Jesus Christ. Chief Consecrator was Bishop Cornell's friend from the re-organized PAW, Bishop Fred L. Clark.³²



1950 Bishop Ray Cornell officially became Chairman in the PAJC in a service attended by Pastor Charles Bernard

³⁰https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pentecostal_Assemblies_of_Jesus_Christ#:~:text=The%20Pentecostal%20Outlook%20is%20the,It%20is%20published%20bi%2Dmonthly

³¹ <https://raycornell.wordpress.com/history-of-the-pastor-and-church/>

³² Bishop Wade's original credentials.

Gillespie, Pastor Bernard L. Gillespie, Pastor George A. Wade, Pastor William B. Pogue, Pastor John Steila³³ and many others at **Apostolic Faith Church of God.**³⁴



- 1963 June 29. Bernie Lee Wade is born in Lakewood, Ohio to Sanford and Georgia Wade. He was born on the birthday of Bishop G.B. Rowe. Dedicated by Bishop Ray O. Cornell and Bishop George A. Wade.
- 1965 September 6. Sanford Wade is elevated to Elder in the PAJC. Bishop Lecil Pollack and Bishop Harold Anderson endorse his credentials.
- 1967 January 1. **Apostolic Faith Church of God**, 35th Anniversary (1932-1967).
- 1968 Bishop Sanford and Pastor Georgia Wade plant a church in Columbia Station, Ohio.
- 1971 April 1. Homegoing for **Bishop Raymond Oscar (R.O.) Cornell.**³⁵ The service is officiated by **Pastor John Stella.**³⁶
- 1984 October. **Bishop George Arthur Wade** homegoing. **Bishop Billy McCool** preached his funeral.
- 1984 **Bishop Sanford and Georgia Wade** and their son Bernie begin the restoration of their home church, Apostolic Faith Church of God. The Wades began a Christian school named Lighthouse Academy. Today it is called Harvard High School International.³⁷



³³<https://cplorg.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p16014coll29/id/51724/>

³⁴ Interview with Bishop Sanford L. Wade. 6/22/23.

³⁵https://issuu.com/charismata/docs/history_of_apostolic_faith_church_of_god/29

³⁶ Per Bishop Sanford Wade via conversation 6/21/2023.

³⁷ www.hhsi.education

1985 July 10. Cleveland, Ohio. Bernie Wade and Daisy Kotouch are married at Apostolic Lighthouse. Bishop Sanford Wade officiated.

1985 Elders Bernie and Brian Wade are both ordained by Bishop Sanford Wade and other ministers at Apostolic Lighthouse on Clark Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio.

1985 **Bishop Rowe** turns the leadership of Apostolic Temple Church to **Pastors Peter D. and Paul T. Rowe.**³⁸

1995 **Bishop Bernie Wade** publishes, *Baptism According to Matthew 28:19.*³⁹

1996 Bishop Bernie Wade leads the team that plants **Church in the Warehouse** on Clark Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio. **Bishop Oswaldo Arroyo** joins as the Associate Pastor and leads the Hispanic Churches & Outreach.



Oswaldo Arroyo

1997 Bishop Bernie Wade joins **Reverend Bruce Hawthorn** at Christian Brotherhood Newsletter (CBN) serving as the Chief Operations Officer (COO). **Bishop Bernie Wade** becomes Executive Director of Barberton Rescue Mission.

1998 Bernie Wade joins former President of the Bank of New York and Wall Street Financier, **James (Jim) B. Gould**, in casting the vision for Christian World Network (CWN).



Jim Gould

1999 Gathering of Eagles. Orange Texas. Bishop Wade leads a team that includes Bishops John & Jonathan Crist. After a powerful series of meetings, Evangelist Jonathan Crist & Evangelist Bernie Wade II returned.



³⁸ Apostolic World Christian Fellowship Clarion. Vol. XVI. No 1. Pg. 18.

³⁹ Baptism According to Matthew 28:19. Truth, Liberty and Freedom Press. Page 4.

Nearly 40 youth are filled with the Holy Spirit and baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.



*ICOF logo
designed by
Bishop Jerome
Campher*

2000 Bishop Bernie L. and Daisy Wade and their children Bernie II and Rebecca plant Life Church in Kentucky.

2001 Cleveland, Ohio. First International Gathering of Eagles.

2003 **First European Gathering of Eagles** is hosted by Bishop Harold McFarland at Built on the Rock in historic Bethnal Green, England.⁴⁰



*Bishops Johnson, Wade and
McFarlane at the 1st
European Gathering of
Eagles*

2003 **Bishop Bernie L. Wade & Bernie Wade II** travel from the European Gathering of Eagles and continue to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia for a 10-day missionary journey.

2003 **Bishop Harold McFarlane** leads a team to India. In route he meets with Bishop Bernie Wade, Pastor Bernie Wade II, and leaders in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

2003 Bishop Bernie L. Wade, Sr. and Pastor Bernie L. Wade, minister for **Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus**.⁴¹ Many are divinely healed and delivered.⁴² The team meets with **Bishop Teklemariam & Sister Mary Gehagneze** at the Apostolic Church of Ethiopia (ACE). The ICOF lists them in their publications and media as **Friends of ICOF**.



*Bishop Teklemariam
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⁴⁰ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bethnal_Green

⁴¹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ethiopian_Evangelical_Church_Mekane_Yesus

⁴² <https://www.academia.edu/15028661>

2004 While in Canada ministering Bishop Bernie L. Wade receives a phone call from the White House. **President George W. Bush** extended an invitation to the White House for a briefing.



2004 June 4. Historic ICOF Business Meeting. Attendees: Bishop B. Wade, **Bishop Harold McFarlane**, Bishop Juan Nuevo, Pastor Ian Harrison-Robshaw, Bishop Donald Crouser, Bishop E.J. McKenzie, Bishop Dan Reimer, **Bishop Ani Simonson**, District Elder Desmond Greaves, Evangelist Harding.

2004 June 2 – 4. Gathering of Eagles. Carrollton, Kentucky. Speakers included **Bishop Teklemariam Gehagneze**, Mark Hanby, Bishop Harold McFarland, Bishop E. J. McKenzie, Bishop Juan Nuevo, and Bishop Bernie Wade.



Teklemariam Gehagneze

2005 May. 1st Nigerian Gathering of Eagles (Lagos, Abia State, Imo State, Port Harcourt and more). **Bishop Barney Phillips, Bishop Bernie L. Wade** lead the team hosted by **Bishop Aniefiok Simonson and Bishop Richard Iwatt**. International Circle of Faith Chaplaincy is inaugurated.



Bishop Simonson & Bishop Wade – GOE Nigeria

2005 Indianapolis, Indiana. **Bishop Harold McFarlane** keynotes a team of ministers at the International GOE. His message to Bishop Bernie L. Wade about the International Circle of Faith – “Thou Art Jephthah.”

2005 May 15. **Bishop Barney Phillips** leads a team to minister at the MOSI (Manifestation of Sons International) Conference in Nigeria. Bishop Bernie Wade is the Keynote Speaker for the event.



2005 First Canadian Gathering on Eagles hosted by Bishop Dan Reimer. Speakers included Bishop Bernie L. Wade and **Sister Marilyn Gazowsky**.



2005 November 15-20. 2nd European **Gathering of Eagles**. Bishop Harold McFarland and BOTR host.

2008 Bishop Bernie L. Wade, Sr. and Pastor Bernie Wade II minister at the **European Gathering of Eagles**.

2009 Thursday, October 29. Homegoing for Pastor Lois Wade. **Bishop Billy McCool** and her Grandson, Bishop Bernie L. Wade, Sr. minister.⁴³ Bishop Wade's title, **Mamaw's Kitchen Ministry**.

2009 December 15. Homegoing for **Bishop Mbongo Andrew**. ICOF Bishop of Cameroon.⁴⁴

2010 May. **Pastor David Ngwa** appointed as Executive Vice President of Ministry Operations – Cameroon.⁴⁵

2010 **Gathering of Eagles**. Nigeria. Bishop Bernie Wade visits 5 states in Nigeria where ICOF Nigeria is conducting a series of meeting in each state.



2010 June. **Attorney Julian McPhillips**⁴⁶ agrees to serve as General Counsel for International Circle of Faith.

2010 June 24. **Riaz Sadiq** appointed to the ICOF Presbytery.

2010 July 30. Homegoing. **Bishop Carl Angle**.⁴⁷ Tuesday, August 3, 2010, 1 p.m. service at the First Apostolic

⁴³ <https://obits.cleveland.com/us/obituaries/cleveland/name/lois-wade-obituary?id=15935537>

⁴⁴ <http://tabernacle.jcami.org/memoriain.html>

⁴⁵ International Circle of Faith News. Constant Contact. May 5. 2010.

⁴⁶ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Julian_L._McPhillips

⁴⁷ <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/tennessean/name/carl-angle-obituary?id=23155886>

Church in Nashville, TN. Bro. Samuel Pruitt, Rev. Billy Shoulders, and Rev. Larry Mills officiated.

2010 August 25. **Dr. David C. Ngwa**, Executive VP of Ministry Operations in Cameroon announces the upcoming visit of Dr. Bernie L. Wade and his team.



2010 August 28. **ICOF CSU Commencement.** Good Hope Church, Wetumpka, Alabama.



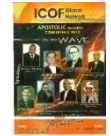
*Bishops
Iwatt &
Phillips*

2010 September 11. Cameroon, West Africa. Planning Meeting at the Revival Gospel Radio Molyko, Buea.

2010 **Joan Hunter Ministries**⁴⁸ partners with International Circle of Faith and Life College. Joan Hunter receives her Doctoral degree from Life College.

2010 October 28 – November 7. Bishop Wade ministers in Chile with **Bishop Mike Sheffield.**

2010 November 24-28. Bishop Ngwa, Bishop Wade and Bishop Ubonabasi highlight an Apostolic and Prophetic Conference.



2010 December 14th-17, 2010 - First Meeting with ICOF Congress of Cameroon. Inauguration of ICOF Cameroon and Installation of Congress and Degrees Award.

2011 April 10. **Dr. Garnett Budge** from Australia former director for the **Australian Fellowship of Faith Churches and Ministers International or AFFCMI**⁴⁹ join ICOF.

2011 July 11. Homegoing Service Eminence Ky - **Pastor Georgia A. Wade.** For over 40 years she served as a pastor's wife, teacher, evangelist, singer and musician.

⁴⁸ <https://joanhunter.org/>

⁴⁹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Australian_Fellowship_of_Faith_Churches_and_Ministers_International

2011 September 3. **Rev. Samson Natibe** joined ICOF Chaplains. ICOF Chaplain NATIBE ETUBE SAMPSON visit the Buea central prison.

2012 January 12. **Dr. John Rogers** brings a new level of focus to the International Circle of Faith Executive Session of the International Presbytery.



2012 Bishop Bernie L. Wade leads a team to establish a church in Henry, Oldham and Trimble Country Kentucky.⁵⁰
www.lifechurchkentucky.com

2012 **Bishop Marcus Benson** ministers in a series of meeting at Life Church in Sulphur, KY.

2012 February 4. Homegoing for **Dr. Garnett Maitland Budge**.⁵¹

2012 April 10-15. Nigeria. Dr. Barney Phillips leads a team for a **Gathering of Eagles**.

2012 May 23 & 24. **Gathering of Eagles**. Carrollton, USA. Bishop Bernie L. Wade is the keynote speaker.

2012 Saturday June 9th. **Dr. Gary W. Garrett** receives the Doctor of Literature from Life College at Commencement for **Heritage University** in Joplin, Mo.



2012 June. Bishop Tembi Alfred Tembi hosts a Apostolic and Prophetic Conference in Cameroon headlined by Dr. David Ngwa and Dr. Victory Balinga and Bishop Bernie L. Wade.



2013 November 16. ICOF Network of Churches is officially launches at **Life Church**.⁵²



⁵⁰ www.lifechurchkentucky.com

⁵¹ <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/legacyremembers/garnet-budge-obituary?id=45274026>

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2014 April 20. Life Church moves into a new campus at LaGrange Presbyterian Ministry Center. The 1 PM Gathering becomes the nexus of weekly worship and impartation.⁵³



2014 May 30 – June 1. LaGrange, KY. **Life Church** hosts the Gathering of Eagles.

2014 December 3rd-7th. Accra, Ghana. Gathering of Eagles hosted by **Bishop Joseph Freeson**.



2015 **Blanca E. Wade** becomes pastor of Life Church in LaGrange, Kentucky.⁵⁴

2016 March 8-11. Ghana. Bishop Joseph Freeson hosts **Jesus Save Ghana**.

2016 June 25. Grand Opening. The Rock Worship Centre. **Apostle Harold C. McFarlane**.



2016 August 20. ICOF Ghana Presbyters meeting.

2017 April 22. In the Bamenda in the Northwest region of Cameroon: **Apostle Enow Tabi Martin** receives his Doctoral Degree in Systematic Theology from ICOF.



2017 May 14. Cameroon. 8th Commencement Meeting led by Bishop Alfred Tembi.



2018 Life Fest 2018. September 7-9. Hosted by Life Church.

2018 November 30. Homegoing for Dr. John Alford who passed from this life on November 19, 2018.⁵⁵ Alford formerly served as President of Life College and Seminary.

⁵³ www.lifechurchkentucky.com

⁵⁴ www.lifechurchkentucky.com

⁵⁵ <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/montgomeryadvertiser/name/john-alford-obituary?id=9146906>

2020 Wednesday August 5. Homegoing for Bishop Harold McFarlane, former International Presiding Bishop of International Circle of Faith - ICOF. Bishop McFarlane, a senior leader within the **Bible Way Church of our Lord Jesus Christ** denomination. He served as International Bishop for ICOF from 2002 to 2012.⁵⁶

2021 November. Cameroon. National Revival.



2022 January 29. International Circle of Faith Cameroon. **Pastors and Leaders Conference.**

2022 May. 13th Graduation for ICOF Colleges in Cameroon, West Africa



2022 May. Church in Community Project is launched with Bishop Barney Phillips as the keynote speaker.



2022 Dr. Sylvester Taylor Homegoing.⁵⁷ Taylor served in the initial leadership of International Circle of Faith in Canada and hosted the 1st Canadian Gathering of Eagles at his church.

2022 July 30. Cameroon. Bishop Tembi Alfred Tembi leads ICOF Cameroon in an Ordination and Consecration Service.



2022 September. Life Fest 2022. Gathering of Eagles. Crestwood Kentucky. Keynote speakers: Bishop Samuel L. Smith, Dr. Joseph Girdler, Dr. Yong, Bishop Gary W. Garrett, Dr. Don Hughes and others. **Pastor Rosalie Mitchell** is ordained. **Joshua Phillips** is set aside.

2022 September. **Pastor Betty McCool** receives an honorary Doctor of Christian Education from Life College.



⁵⁶ <https://www.keepthefaith.co.uk/2020/07/23/bishop-mcfarlane-passes/>

⁵⁷ <https://necrocanada.com/obituaries-2022/dr-sylvester-alexander-taylor-2022/>

- 2022 September 3rd. Cameroon. Pastors and Leaders Summit led by Bishop Alfred Tembi. 
- 2022 September 11. Cameroon. Life College. Matriculation of WORBI students.
- 2023 Louisville, KY. Apostle and 1st Lady Williams and **Pastor Timothy and Mrs. Garnio 8th Ministry Anniversary.** 
- 2023 June 31-July 1. Gathering of Eagles. Cameroon. West Africa. Bishop Alfred Tembi is the Host. 
- 2023 July 4. Bishop Bernie Wade's book, **LEGACY, Charles Fox and Sarah Elizabeth Parham and the Racial Roots of the Pentecostal Movement in America**, is released by Dreamer Realm.
- 2023 July 20. ICOF Presbyter, Ian Hanna leads a team of ministers to Kenya to encourage local pastors. Arise Rural Kenya Conference.. 
- 2023 August 30. Annual Life Fest Fishing Charter sponsored by Louisville Family Church. August 31 – Sept 2. Life Fest 2023. 
- 2023 September 14. Pakistan. 
- 2024 March. Cameroon. Historic Gathering of Eagles. Hosted by Bishop Tembi Alfred and 1st Lady Beatrice. Speakers include Bishop Bernie L. Wade, Bishop Barney Phillips, Bishop & Evangelist Goodman, Apostle Peter Kulu and others
- 2024 Crestwood, KY. August 29-31. International Gathering of Eagles.

CHAPTER SEVEN

EDUCATION



"The men that will change the colleges and seminaries here represented are the men that will spend the most time alone with God. It takes time for the fires to burn. It takes time for God to draw near and for us to know that He is there. It takes time to assimilate His truth. You ask me, How much time? I do not know. I know it means time enough to forget time." - John Mott

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Bishop Bernie Wade with Dottie Peoples

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- Gary W. Garrett, DLitt** - Heritage University
- Daisy R. Wade, PhD** - Harvard High School
- Bishop Lesly Bertrand** - Life University – Haiti
- Bishop Marcus Benson** - ICOF Ambassador to the UK
- Bishop Joseph Freeson** - ICOF Ambassador to Ghana
- Apostle Don Hughes** - RHSOM
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*Bishops Simonson, Wade
and McFarland.*



*Bishop Bernie Wade
with Leslie McPhillips*



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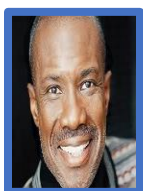


Dr. Daisy Wade, Bishop Bernie Wade, Pastor Enoch Grant, Pastor Florence Brooks, Dr. Cindy Coates, Evangelist Rebecca Goins at Life College Commencement 2021

Since inception, **Life College & Seminary** and our partners have been blessed to provide Christian Education to more than ten thousand. These Alumni come from a wide segment of society. We feature just a few of those in this section (listed in alphabetical order).



Gary W. Garrett, PhD (Class of 2012) Ordained in 1977 Apostolic Ministers Fellowship (AMF). Pastor of Grace Church Joplin, MO. Holds doctoral degrees Ministry, Divinity, Literature, Church History, and Philosophy in Religion.



Bishop Noel Jones, PhD (Class of 2003) is an American minister and Bishop in the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World (PAW). He is senior pastor of City of Refuge Church in Gardena, California, which has about 17,000 members.



Bishop Leo Lewis (Class of 2003),⁵⁸ Pastor of Macedonia Miracle Kingdom and Worship Center.⁵⁹ Founder/Presiding Prelate of Prophetic Miracle Ministries Worldwide, Inc.⁶⁰



Pastor Betty McCool (Class of 2022) is the 1st Lady of First Apostolic Knoxville, TN She should 1st Lady of Education for all of Knoxville for her contribution to Christian Education.



Julian McPhillips, Jr. (Class of 2005). Julian is a U.S. lawyer. He has served as General Counsel for International Circle of Faith since 2008.⁶¹

Lesley McPhillips (Class of 2010) is Founder of the Scott & Zelda Fitzgerald Museum.⁶²

⁵⁸ <https://www.facebook.com/apostleleolewisministries/>

⁵⁹ <http://macedoniamiraclekingdom.org/>

⁶⁰ <https://twitter.com/apostleleolewis?lang=en>

⁶¹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Julian_L._McPhillips

⁶² <https://exploringmontgomery.com/the-scott-and-zelda-fitzgerald-museum/>



A Akbar Mohammed (Class of 2005), International representative of the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan and the Nation of Islam.



Paul Sylvester Morton American Baptist pastor. Senior pastor **Changing a Generation Full Gospel Baptist Church** and founder of Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship, Intl.⁶³



Jeanie Munsey (Class of 2014) is a Pastor in Joel Osteen's Champions Network. Jeannie and her husband, Pastor Phil Munsey pioneered Life Church in Orange County, California.



Phil Munsey (Class of 2014) is a friend to Pastors. He is a powerful influencer, Phil Munsey's motto in life is "You can touch the world if you don't care who gets the credit."



Joel Scott Osteen (Class of 2014). Joel Osteen became pastor of Lakewood Church, in 1999. In 2014 he brought his Night of Hope to Louisville, KY which coincided with ICOF's 2014 Gathering of Eagles.

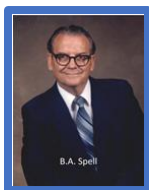


Victoria Osteen (Class of 2014) is an American author and the co-pastor of Lakewood Church in Houston, Texas. She is the mother of 2 and the author of children's books.

⁶³ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paul_S._Morton



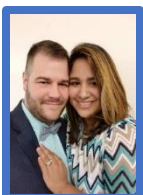
Dottie Peoples Gospel vocalist, songwriter, producer, tour director, businesswoman, and spokesperson, a star in the gospel music industry for more than 30 years. **Dottie Peoples** is known as the **Songbird of the South**.⁶⁴



B. A. Spell (Class of 2019) is the founder of Life Tabernacle in Baton Rouge LA. He served as Chairman, Director of Missions and on the Board of Elders for the Apostolic Ministerial Fellowship.



Ben Tankard (Class of 2014) is an American Pastor, gospel/smooth jazz musician, producer, reality-tv Dad, author and motivational speaker from Daytona Beach, Florida.



Blanca E. Wade (Class of 2009) and her husband (Bernie) are key leaders of Life Church in LaGrange, KY. She focuses on helping people improve their lives, their marriages, and families.



Paula White-Cain (Class of 2003) is a celebrated author and teacher, beloved grandmother, mother and mentor, popular TV personality, and spirit-led preacher.⁶⁵



Chungsik Yong (Class of 2022) is a leader in the Holy Spirit Association. He was born in Korea and has lived and provided leadership in a plethora of countries.

⁶⁴ New Georgia Encyclopedia. Dottie Peoples.

⁶⁵ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paula_White

CHAPTER EIGHT

LIFE FEST™ GATHERING OF EAGLES™



Bishop Donald Crouser, Lester and Joyce Thompson, Dr. Daisy R and Bishop Bernie Wade, Sister Mary David, Bishop Aniefiok Simonson, Pastor Thelma Johnson, Rev. Bruce Hawthorn, Bishop Jerome Campher and others at the historic First International Gathering of Eagles in Cleveland, Ohio

Gather my saints together unto me; Those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice. And the heavens shall declare his righteousness: For God is judge himself.

Psalms 50:5



fter decades of similar meetings, Bishop Bernie Wade called for a Gathering of Eagles in 2001. Ministers

from every continent participated.



Bishop Wade at Gathering of Eagles in Orange, TX

Bishop Harold McFarlane joined ICOF with his Built on the Rock International Ministries (BOTRIM). He was a seasoned minister with considerable experience. He came at a much-needed time and assumed the responsibilities of Bishop Oswaldo Arroyo who had unexpectedly passed away. Bishop McFarlane as International Bishop brought Missions to a new level in the International Circle of Faith. He spearheaded Missions trips to India, Pakistan, Kenya, and other countries.

In 2005, **Bishop Harold McFarlane** hosted the 1st European Gathering of Eagles. Bishop Bernie L. Wade, Bishop McFarlane, Bishop Juan Nuevo, Bishop Marcus Benson and Bishop Gilson-Levi, **Bishop Wesley Johnson** and others ministered in this GOE. Bishop Bernie Wade spoke about Dreamers. Bishop Wade referenced the *I Have a Dream Speech*⁶⁶ of Dr. Martin Luther King and then outlined his own dream that the people of God would come together to



Bishop Wesley Johnson, Bishop Bernie Wade and Bishop Harold McFarlane at the 1st European Gathering of Eagles.



Bishop McFarlane at Gathering of Eagles in India

⁶⁶ <https://www.npr.org/2010/01/18/122701268/i-have-a-dream-speech-in-its-entirety>

fulfill the prayer that Jesus Christ prayed for His Church that we would all be one!

“I have a dream my Brothers and Sisters that one day we will see the end of petty differences and come together as the people of God fulfilling the prayer that Jesus prayed that we would all be one!”



Like Martin Luther nailing his 95 Thesis⁶⁷ to the door of the church, Bishop Wade took the occasion to challenge all to come together in the unity of the Spirit. Fly like an Eagle!

Many countries have hosted Gatherings of Eagles. Here are some of the highlights.

Gathering of Eagles – Canada



Pastor Taylor

In 2005 Bishop Daniel Reimer organized the 1st Canadian Gathering of Eagles. Pastor Sylvester Taylor hosted the gathering at his church in Calgary Alberta, Showers of Blessings Apostolic Church.⁶⁸ Speakers for the gathering were Pastor

Marilyn Gazowski, Bishop Wade’s keynote address was **Grace – The Final Frontier.**

Gathering of Eagles – Nigeria

In 2001, **Bishop Aniefiok Simonson** made the pilgrimage to the 1st International GOE. Once Bishop Simonson returned to Nigeria, he wasted no time putting a plan in place to host a Gathering of Eagles in Nigeria.

Bishop Richard Iwatt hosted this historic event. Bishop Bernie L. Wade was the keynote speaker.



Bishop Wade with attendees at the 1st GOE in Nigeria

⁶⁷ <https://www.luther.de/en/95thesen.html>

⁶⁸ <https://showersofblessingchurch.com/our-history/>

Gathering of Eagles – India

Bishop Harold McFarlane carried the vision of Gathering of Eagles to India with the 1st India Gathering of Eagles in 2006. Bishop McFarlane was committed to making an impact. The International Circle of Faith raised the funds to send 22 bicycles to ministers in India that same year.

The Gatherings of Eagles provides a catalyst for the International Circle of Faith (ICOF) to partner with ministries around the world. Today ICOF partners with some 40,000 ministers representing about 30,000 churches signifying over 25 million people! ICOF has been called the fastest growing movement in church history. United under the ICOF banner are hundreds of groups.

In 2006 members of the **Apostolic Church of Ethiopia** joined Presiding Bishop, **Teklemariam Gehagneze** at the International Gathering of Eagles.

In that same meeting **Dr. Mark Hanby** ministered about having the whole Gospel. He spoke about the eternal importance of repentance, baptism in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and the infilling of the Holy Ghost evidenced by speaking in other tongues.



Bishop McFarlane with Bishop Teklemariam, Sister Mary and others



Bishop Barney Phillips with Bishop and Sister Teklemariam



Bishop Desmond Greaves with Bishop Teklemariam and Sister Mary



Bishops Wade, Nuevo, McFarlane, Elder Greaves, Bishop Phillips and Pastor Rabshaw

Gathering of Eagles – Ghana

In 2010 Bishop Joseph Freeson hosted the 1st Ghana Gathering of Eagles near Accra, Ghana. The power of the Holy Ghost was evident from the very first meeting with people even on the nearby streets being impacted. Bishop Wade was received at the airport in Accra, Ghana by representatives from the Ghana President John Atta Mills. President Mills is a graduate of a Bible College that is part of the Life College network.



Bishop Bernie Wade washing feet at the Gathering of Eagles in Ghana



The Gathering of Eagles is purposed with bringing ministers of like precious faith together in fellowship. Yet, that is only the beginning. Often, we see ministers attend meetings but *then what?* The **then what** for the Gathering of Eagles is the real purpose. The purpose is to use these Gatherings to introduce ministers to each other, to find the commonality and to see how we might work together. Imagine what we can accomplish working together.

Why International Circle of Faith?

To quote Dr. John R. Crist: *“Before me, behind me, and all around me, stand walls that encircle the free city of God, the Heavenly Jerusalem, the Church of the Living God! These walls are a part of a system of man-made, hell inspired, insecurity born,*



Bishop Barney Phillips with children

and Jezebelian birthed barriers that cut across our freedom in a gash of spiritual barbed wire, concrete, dog runs, and guard towers. In your particular sectors, there may be no and visible walls, but there remain armed guards, authoritarian pastors, and a of checkpoints all the same, still existent as a restriction on personal freedom to explore the depths of revelation and a relationship with God.

Yet I think it is here, in the core of the "Apostolic Movement" the citadel and bastion of conservatism and personal dogma, that the wall emerges most clearly from the fog and miasma of so-called "truth." The "Wall," an instrument imposing upon ordinary men and women the will of a totalitarian ministry.



The Hanbys with Bishop Wade

Those who join ICOF find their ministry maintains local autonomy. They find Covering, Conferences, Forums, Accessible Leadership, Education, Christian College, Women's Leadership, Youth ministries, children ministries, Conferences, Intercessory Prayer network, etc.

LIFE FEST

The vision that began as The Gathering of Eagles has grown in depth and clarity. In 2014 adjustments were implemented.

ICOF Leadership hoped for an event that was more impacting and uplifting but retained the emphasis on the power of the Holy Spirit. Something that was bigger in scope than the ICOF.

Something that represented a larger tent that celebrated Jesus Christ the Giver of Life. The expectation is creating a more intimate meeting environment. So many times, ministers, especially pastors & lay ministers, attend meetings hoping to gain help or clarity for specific needs or challenges



they or their congregation are facing, only to leave the meeting wondering why they went. The leaders of Life Fest determined to create a forum where pastors and other leaders would have opportunities to ask questions so that they could benefit from the vast experience of so many Leaders.

The first **Life Fest International Gathering of Eagles** was in 2014. Life Church hosted the meeting at their new location in Lagrange, Kentucky. The speakers included **Pastor Phil Munsey, Pastors Ben and Jewell Tankard** and others.



Men worshipping at Life Fest

One of the highlights of the 2014 event was on Friday night when **Pastors Joel and Victoria Osteen** held their Night of Hope at the Yum Center in Louisville, KY.⁶⁹ At the Louisville, Ky **Night of Hope**, Bishop Bernie Wade joined Pastor Joel Osteen on the platform and prayed for the local, state, and National government.

On that Saturday and Sunday **Pastor Phil Munsey, Ed Delph** of Nation Strategy⁷⁰ and others ministered. The Life Church facility was fine for meetings and meals but there was a hope that lodging could be nearby. This would give the meeting more closeness. In 2016 Life Fest Gathering of Eagles moved to Camp Crestwood in nearby Crestwood, KY. The facility is the home of the Kentucky Ministry Network.



*Life Fest 2014.
Pastor Phil
Munsey is
presented his Life
College Doctor of
Literature by
Bishop Wade*

⁶⁹ <https://www.courier-journal.com/story/life/faith/2014/09/01/joel-osteen-coming-louisville/14824519/>

⁷⁰ <https://www.nationstrategy.com/>

Other ministers include Jim and Melissa Kody, Jeremiah Johnson, Enoch Grant, Apostle B J Riley, Apostle Pete Aldrich, Pastor Pamela Jo Baker, Dr. Roy Smith, Pastor Rosalie Mitchell, Rev. Reiko Jenkins, Dr. Luonne Rouse, Bishop Jesse Edwards, Pastor Norm Presley, Dr. Gary W. Garrett, Bishop Lesly Bertrand, Dr. Ralph Day, and many more.



Pastor Jack Harford and Kazuo Takami, David Powell and several of their friends and wives came to Life Fest 2021. They were instantly part of the Life Fest family. One of the highlights of Life Fest 2021 was Dr. Don Hughes memorable message on *Transformers*.

The 2022 Life Fest was highlighted by the Thursday night service where first Bishop Samuel Smith made his inaugural address to Life Fest on the topic of **Lukewarm**. Bishop Smith said he had just flown in from the Philippines. While in Manilla the Lord spoke to him and said, “Go home to America and preach about the one thing the American people will not repent of; LUKEWARMNESS!” It was a powerful message that left the congregation on their faces crying out to God.



Dr. Yong with Bishop Bernie & Dr. Daisy Wade, Sun Willett, Director Kazuo Takami. Pastor Jack Harford, Pastor Norm Presley, Pastor David Powell



Pastor Joe Girdler and Bishop Samuel Smith at Life Fest 2022

Following Bishop Smith’s powerful word was Pastor Joseph Girdler, Super of the AG in Kentucky USA. It was also his inaugural address to

Life Fest. It was a night to remember. Bishop Wade later commented that it was the most powerful single service he had ever witnessed.

Earlier on that same Thursday, Life fest held a panel discussion about **Racism and the Church**. It was a suggestion by Dr. Don Hughes to utilize the very diverse group of ministers that attend Life Fest.

Among the panelists were Pastor Blanca Wade, Evangelist Dee Garrett, Pastor Barry Cook, Dr. Don Hughes, Pastor Deddrick Perry, Dr. Lounne Rouse, Director Kazio Takami, and Bishop Bernie L. Wade, Sr.



Panel discussion on racism and the church at Life Fest 2022

Other speakers at Life Fest 2022 were Bishop Jesse Edwards, Dr. Tanya Edwards, Dr. Yong, Bishop Gary W. Garrett, Bishop Bernie L. Wade, Sr., Pastor Blanca Wade, Prophet Bernie L. Wade II, Bishop Lesly Bertrand, Apostle Pete Aldrich, Apostle B. J. Riley, Pastor Rosalie Mitchell, Pastor Deborah Garrett, Pastor Barry Cook, Dr. Don Hughes and more. Dr. Youn ministered about ***Living Your Life for the Sake of Others***. He also ministered in a couples only marriage workshop.



Bishop Jesse Edward ministering to Bernie II and Blanca Wade, Melissa Kody

Ordination



Each year at Life Fest and other events there is time reserved for setting aside those who feel called to ministry and for ordaining those who have already been set aside. Ordination is serious. It is God's business, and the ministers of Life Fest are sincere in their representation, participation, and impartation to other ministers.

What you will learn.

By being ordained with International Circle of Faith you will learn how to be directed by the power of the Holy Spirit beyond the 4 walls of the church and into the 4 corners of the earth. We will equip you to see signs, wonders and miracles happen by:

- opening your eyes to see the needs around you.
- teaching you how to be effective in prayers and action.
- giving you a proven process to be effective in the ministry.
- building/developing your ministry.
- expanding the support of your ministry.

What you will receive.

- Learning more than 40 years of hands-on real-life experience
- practical application.
- supernatural authority.
- Biblical revelation.
- impartation of passion and compassion.
- opportunity to ask leaders in the ministry questions.

Why ordination?

As a legally ordained minister you can:

- Perform wedding ceremonies.
- Share your personal religious beliefs with others.
- Qualify for tax free status as religious order.
- Lead, (even create your own) religious ceremonies and rites.
- Legally ordained member of the clergy.
- Open a church to spread the fellowship of believers.
- Visit prisons to bring hope and faith to those within.
- Conduct funeral ceremonies.

Repent, be Baptized and Receive the Holy Ghost



The Gathering of Eagles always produces an atmosphere of new birth! There is always a sensitivity to the movement of the Holy Spirit. The ministers who come to Life Fest never fail to reach those who need

Transformation! Over the years many souls have been born of the water and of the Spirit during Life Fest Gathering of Eagles meetings. There is always time to pray. Prayer for the sick, prayer for healing, prayer for deliverance and much more. Those needing prayer are never interrupted. Rather, those needing prayer are part of the purpose of Life Fest. Midnight prayer meetings led by Dr. Daisy R. Wade have become a Life Fest tradition.

Water baptism is mission critical to followers of Jesus Christ. Since Apostle Peter on the Day of Pentecost compelled those in his hearing to Repent, be baptized invoking the name of Jesus Christ and be filled with the Holy Spirit



Isabella Wade being baptized at Life Fest 2022

evidenced by speaking in other tongues baptism has been essential to those who follow Jesus Christ. Each year there are those who come to Life Fest who are water baptized invoking the precious name of Jesus Christ. It is wonderful to see people born into the Kingdom. People of all ages have been baptized at Life Fest Gathering of Eagles.



Joshua Phillips baptism

Worship is Essential



Pastor Pamela Jo Baker at Life Fest

Life Fest is always worship focused. Worship is not optional. We were created to praise our God and Life Fest brings that opportunity. Life Fest leaders have no interest in entertainment. We come together to worship our God.

Over the years Worship has been led by many ministers including **Pamela Jo Baker, Rooted Worship, Devoted Worship, Hands of Praise, Pastor Blanca Wade, Silent Praise, Jim and Melissa Kody, Pastor Ben Tankard, Adoration, Bishop Bernie Wade** and too many others to mention.



Silent Praise and **Hands of Praise** are very special ministries. They minister to the deaf and hearing impaired. Each year the participants at Life Fest are blessed by these ministries.



Silent Praise

Food and Fellowship

Everyone seems to talk about the food – both Spiritual and natural - at Life Fest Gathering of Eagles. On Friday at noon during Life Fest we have separate Banquets for the Men and the Women.



Life Fest is not always Kentucky home cooking. In recent years we have been privileged to have cooks from various countries giving of their time, talent, and treasure. We have been blessed to have a wide variety of meals and cuisine styles including Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Mexican, Chilean, Soul food, Italian and more!



Our dedicated cooks are so appreciated! When you are at Life Fest, please be sure to thank the cooks and thank the Lord for the cooks! Fellowship throughout the meeting and around the dining hall is without question.



Other places fellowship happens is around at the Concession Stand and around the campfire. One of the traditions of Life Fest has become the nightly fellowship and worship around the campfire. Smores and hotdogs, guitars and worship, fun and freedom are all part of the campfire mix. Children, teens, and adults all participate.



Women's Banquet

The Women's Banquet is a time for the women who attend the International Gathering of Eagles to fellowship and listen to speakers who are focused specifically on challenges and encouragement for women. Some years the event has been billed a Ladies Tea! It always has a Kentucky home flavor and usually the hats associated with events like the Kentucky Derby.



Minister Melissa Kody with one of her nieces.



Each year a different minister takes the responsibility of being the host and everyone helps make the banquet special. Speakers have included **Pastor Deborah Garrett, Minister Reiko Jenkins, Minister Melissa Kody, Pastor Blanca Wade, Rev. Tanya Edwards** and others.



Men's Luncheon

Originally, the idea of the Women's Banquet was somewhat of a stand-alone event. It was the kickoff for the International Gathering of Eagles but there were no other activities before or during. So, the Men's Fellowship Luncheon began.



It is a time for men to fellowship with each other and to hear Godly instruction directed to men. Generally, the men



have a meal together and fellowship and then move to Activity Upper to worship and hear some Bible based instruction. Men's speakers have included **Dr. Don Hughes, Pastor Enoch Grant, Bishop Bernie L. Wade, George Saliba, Bishop Barney Phillips** and others.

Breakout Sessions

One of the focuses of Life Fest is teaching. To teach most effectively there are several scheduled breakout sessions at each Life Fest.



The topics include family, life, marriage, baptism, the Holy Spirit, unity, diversity and more. Hundreds of breakout sessions have been ministered at Gathering of Eagles or more.

Annual Fishing Trip



Life Fest 2021 Fishing Charter - Pastor Jack Harford, Pastor Bernie Wade II, Pastor Norm Presley, Rev. Tanya Edwards, Bishop Jesse Edwards, Apostle Pete Aldrich, Apostle B.J. Riley, Attorney Steve Emery, Dr. Don Hughes, and Pastor William Goins

One of the things we try to accomplish through Life Fest is for ministers to have encouragement, be ministered to, and have rest and relaxation. Some of the original disciples of Jesus Christ were fishermen. Jesus said he would make fishers of men.⁷¹



We understand that was speaking about spiritual fishing but those who are spiritual fishermen still enjoy fishing. When **Pastors Norm & Noriko Presley** and **Louisville Family Church** joined with the vision of Life Fest, Pastor Norm brought with him his love for fishing. Since then, he has spearheaded an annual fishing trip the day before **Life Fest!**

⁷¹ <https://biblehub.com/matthew/4-19.htm>

Each year the trip is to Lake Cumberland and the men enjoy the fishing. Then, they bring the fish to Life Fest, and we have a huge fish fry.

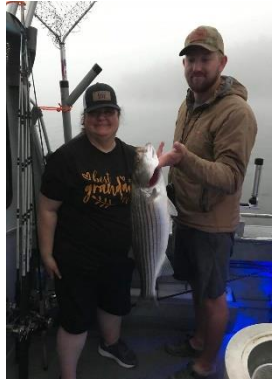


In 2022, while the men were fishing at Lake Cumberland, another group of men was on a separate fishing trip to Alaska. **Minister Kazuo Takami** flew in with about 60 pounds of fresh fish! What a fish fry. The attendees at Life Fest 2022 had fresh Halibut, Salmon, Striper, Catfish, and more! **Jesus has a table spread where the saints of God are fed, He invites his chosen people 'COME AND DINE'.**

Pastor Norm Presley added another boat to the Life Fest fishing trip so ladies could go fishing as well! The ladies did not fail to catch their fair share of fish!



Noriko Presley



Daisy Wade



Rosalie Mitchell

Appreciation

Events are valuable and there is nothing more valuable than the people who help plan the events and those who attend them. One of the couples that makes Life Fest so special has their anniversary at the same time as Life Fest, so the team made sure that Pastors **Terry and Pamela Jo Baker** of Victory Community Church⁷² were aware that they are special to all of us.



In 2022 Pastor Norm Presley told Bishop Bernie Wade he would volunteer to take the lead as the **Life Fest Gathering of Eagles Coordinator**. It is a difficult job, and many people would not appreciate the sacrifice of time, talent and energy that it takes. The Life Fest team wanted Pastor Norm and Noriko Presley to know how much they are appreciated so they were presented this award plaque by Pastor Blanca and Bernie II Wade on behalf of all of us who love them and appreciate their labor of love to make Life Fest materialize.



Pastors Norm & Noriko Presley with Pastors Blanca & Bernie

Since the inception of **Life Fest** Evangelist **Rebecca Goins** has led Kids Fest. For many years her husband **Pastor William Goins** has been the silent behind the scenes force at Life Fest. He is generally found in or near the Sound Booth. He is



Pastors Norm and Noriko Presley with Pastor William Goins and Evangelist Rebecca Goins

⁷²<https://www.victorycommunity.church/>

a vital part of the Life Fest team. To let the Goins', know how much they are appreciated, Pastors Norm and Noriko Presley presented them with an Appreciation Plaque.



Eagles Award

Since the inception of Life Fest, the leadership and coordinators have desired to bring recognition to those who both labor in the Lord's. In 2022 they created the LIFE FEST EAGLES AWARD.



The very first recipients were ministers **James and Melissa Kody**. Both have been an integral part of the International Gathering of Eagles since the inception of Life Fest. James Kody volunteers his time to lead music ministry and organizes all the worship sessions. Melissa Kody is a key ingredient in Life Fest assisting the Women's banquet, ministering and more. Both have served as contributing speakers to Life Fest.

The 2023 recipients were **Bernie II and Blanca Wade**. They have been faithful to the vision of unity brought by the Life Fest Gathering of Eagles while also leading Life Church as key members of the Life Church Dream Team.

Commencement at Life Fest

One of the annual sponsors of Life Fest is **Life College & Seminary**. At Life Fest and other Gathering of Eagles events students who are not able to attend commencement are able to have those opportunities.



Sometimes there are special people that the Life College Board of Regents works to appreciate. In 2022, one of those people was Dr. Chungsik Yong. He was recognized by Life College with a rare honorary doctoral degree.



Kids Fest

When the Gathering of Eagles began the emphasis was primarily on adult ministers. One of the things that was soon realized is that those in attendance either brought or desired to bring their children. Over the years there were various opportunities offered to children.



Rebecca Wade and Gracie Horner

Evangelist Rebecca Goins and others began a plan to bring about something that coincided with Life Fest designed for children. The answer is Kids Fest. Kids Fest is like a super Vacation Bible School event. The Children have a lot of fun and learn more about the Holy Spirit in their lives.





The results have been wonderful and transformational. The children are learning, growing, being baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, being filled with the Holy Spirit, praying for each other, even leading prayer, leading worship and so much more. Pastor Ferris Brown, Rebecca Goins, Tyler Coates, Joshua Phillips, Tina Burke and Edith Swinford have been a vital part of the team that makes KIDS FEST possible each year



CHAPTER NINE

Christian World Network



**... I have become all things to
all *men*, that I might by all means
save some ...**

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nternational Circle of Faith is a Christian World Network. The vision extends beyond men's organizational boundaries. ICOF has ministers in every nation on earth.

ICOF United States – Presbytery



Dr. Daisy Wade – Dr. Daisy Wade has a consistent commitment to prayer and education. Her leadership of Harvard High School International has been life changing for many www.hhsi.education.



Pastor Antonio Wells brings to the International Presbytery a passion for the teaching of sound Bible Doctrine and a love for Apostolic history.



Bishop Paul Weatherly Pastor of Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ in Sand Springs Oklahoma. Member of the Apostolic Archives Executive Team.



Pastor Shawn Davis Jr. Senior Pastor & founder of Pillar of Faith Church. Revivalist preaching Jesus Christ focused on the revival of America.



Dr. Michael Jenkins D.Min. President of the Universal Peace Federation International.



Min. Dr. Reiko Jenkins D.Min. National Coordinator ALJC Women in Ministry.



Bishop Lionel J. Traylor is the founder of The Epicenter Church in Jackson, MS; progressive ministry which serves hundreds of worshippers weekly.



Prophetess Lashawn Traylor is a highly skilled leader, motivational speaker, Certified Life Coach and gifted minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ.



Evangelist Rebecca Goins serves as Registrar on the Board of Regents Life College and minister at Life Church.



Bishop Thomas Goodman ministers to the people of the Salt Lake City, Utah area. He is a talented leader who assists with communication for ICOF International, Apostolic Archives and more.



Evangelist Genell L. Goodman is a powerful minister who leads with her husband leads What the World Needs Now ministries.

ICOF IN AFRICA

The first continent to respond Bishop Bernie Wade's call for an International Gathering of Eagles was Africa. The first nation to respond was Nigeria. Bishop Aniefiok Simonson heard the Macedonian call and joined hearts and hands with the International Circle of Faith in 1999.



Bishop Barney Phillips with children.

ICOF Cameroon – National Presbytery.



Bishop Tembi Alfred PhD

ICOF presiding Bishop for Cameroon and Africa. Founder and President Revival Gospel Ministries. Director General Revival Gospel Radio & TV station Buea. Chancellor – Life University.



Dr. Mrs. Tembi Beatrice.

Co-founder Revival Gospel Ministries. Director of studies Revival College of Ministerial Arts. Vice-Chancellor Life University.



Dr Joan Tangie.

Lecturer, University of Yaounde. ICOF Senate in Cameroon. Academic Dean Revival college of ministerial Arts University Institute Buea. Life College & Seminary USA.



Rev. Dr. Albert & Pastor Mrs. Justine Awah.

Founder and President of Fountain of Living Word Missions Cameroon (FOLIWOMI). Director of bible training centers eastern Region Cameroon affiliate of Life University USA /Cameroon



Rev Dr Ayuk Benjamin Beyang.

N W Regional Coordinator for Christian Assembly Churches. Principal Administrator of Imperial Comprehensive College, Bamenda. Vice president Northwest Regional Chapter ICOF.



Rev. Ediage Valery Nkuge.

Founder and President of Royal Priest Chapel International – Douala, Cameroon. Executive Member of ICOF Douala Cameroon.



Rev Domwa Albert Yandandi.

Founder and President of ALL AROUND THE TABLE OF THE LORD MINISTRY. Leader of the LIGHT OF THE WORLD BIBLE TRAINING CENTER.



Apostle Dr, Kulu Peter Mbu

G.O. Mount Zion Bible Fellowship International. Provost: Weapon Of Revival Bible Institute



Apostle Dr. Anthony NKUMBE

Trained AGRONOMIST turned into a Preacher. Country Coordinator of Int'l Institute for African Scholars (iiasglobal.org). President of EAGLES SCHOOL OF MINISTRY, ENTREPRENEURSHIP & LEADERSHIP.



Rev Dr. Adukwa Williams.

Secretary General ICOF Bamenda NW Region. Founder and senior pastor Grace and Truth Family Ministries. Visionary of City of Truth Bible College



Prophet Dr Che Joseph Ngwa.

Vision Bearer and G.O, United Revival Ministries International. Assistant Lecturer. Faculty Of Health Sciences University of Buea.



Rev. Prof. Tambi Daniel Mbu

ICOF NW Regional Coordinator, Cameroon. ICOF Senate member, Cameroon. Senior Pastor and founder, Christ Refuge Center, Cameroon.



Apostle Jude Ajanankem Nnamdi

President ICOF Douala chapter. Songwriter, Businessman and the Founder of Friends of Jesus Ministries International.

ICOF Ghana

Bishop Joseph Freeson is one of the most dedicated, faithful and committed men of God. In 2010, Bishop Freeson hosted the first Ghana Gathering of Eagles. After the GOE, Bishop Freeson came under attack for his stand on Jesus's name. Like Moses he chose "rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season..."⁷³

A graduate of one of the Life College Campuses went on to be President of Ghana. When Bishop Bernie Wade arrived in Ghana, President John Atta Mills had his team received him at the airport in Accra. It was rare air. While he waited to clear customs and for his baggage, they seated Bishop Wade where President Barak Obama was received when he visited Ghana.



Bishop Freeson and other ministers in Ghana



Bishop Prince Owusu Banie, Bishop Samuel Kofi Agyekum and Bishop Greatman Fiifi Mensah join Bishop Freeson in the International Circle of Faith leadership.

⁷³ Hebrews 11:15-26

ICOF Kenya

David and Kathy Tait and Kingdom Faith Based Hospital. This is a holistic ministry with a General hospital in Malaha Village, near Webuye in Bungoma County, which specializes in Eyes. It is called the Kingdom Faith Based Hospital and services many people from the village of 20,000 plus others from outside. In 2023 **Pastor Ian Hanna** led ministers' conferences in the rural areas outside of Nairobi, Kenya. Hundreds of ministers participated.



ICOF Nigeria

Prophet Michael Otobong leads the International Circle of Faith in Nigeria. **Bishop Aniefiok Simonson** went home to Nigeria and labored to bring ministers together. His efforts would set the platform for the first of many African Gathering of Eagles meetings. Bishop Wade, Bishop Barney Phillips and other ICOF leaders have traveled extensively in Nigeria preaching teaching, meeting with officials, educators, pastors, leaders and others.



ICOF IN EUROPE

In 2001 the International Circle of Faith had a few ministers representing Europe. Juan Nuevo was ordained as Bishop of the United Kingdom at the 1st European Gathering of Eagles.



Ireland

Bishop Marcus Benson was ordained and set as the ICOF Ambassador to Ireland. He continues as part of the ICOF International Presidency.



ICOF IN ASIA

The ICOF vision for each nation is to bring together a **National Presbytery** representing the people of God in that nation. Jesus in the heart of every man, woman and child.



*Bishop Glory Dhas
Leadership Training*

India

Pastor Sheal Morar's family has a long history with this ministry. There are over 10,000 ministers licensed with the International Circle of Faith in this nation alone. **Pastor C. V. Jagan his wife Pastor and Daisy Mohan** founded and oversee **Maloya Prayer House** (Chandigarh, India).



*Bishop McFarlane at a
Crusade in India*

Philippines

This ministry has a long history in the Philippines Bishop Cornell has a church that was built in his memory in this country.



Pakistan

With the influx of ministers who joined ICOF from Lion of Judah came many ministers in Pakistan. One of the first projects in Pakistan was to send Bishop Bernie Wade's book, **Baptism According to Matthew 28:19**.



Over the ensuing years many ministers in Pakistan have become connected to and working with ICOF in Pakistan. **Pastor Kanwal Sohail** serves as ICOF Ambassador to Pakistan. ICOF continues to develop a National Presbytery in this country.



ICOF IN SOUTH AMERICA

Brazil

Brazil has been in the hearts of this ministry since Janice Taylor was commissioned in 1968 to go to Brazil. ICOF continues to encourage donations to the various projects the **Pentecostal Assemblies of Jesus Christ in Brazil** is working on to help the people. In recent years the ICOF has dispatched one of their International Evangelists to establish a home base in Brazil. **Bishop D. B. Paul** is a member of the ICOF International Presbytery.



Bishop Bernie Wade ministering in Chile.



Argentina & Chile

Bishop Bernie Wade has made trips to South America. He has labored with ministers in Argentina and Chile.

Peru

Missionary Anibal Peralta has served for two decades as ICOF Ambassador to Peru.



CHAPTER TWELVE

International Circle of Faith Chaplaincy



Bishop Bernie Wade center with Bishop Joseph Freeson at the Ghana Gathering of Eagles

Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

1 Corinthians 1:10

International Circle of Faith Chaplaincy



The leaders of the International Circle of Faith continue to follow the dream! One of the dreams of the International Circle of Faith began to come to fruition in 2005 when Bishop Barney P. Phillips, PhD launched the **International Circle of Faith Chaplaincy** www.icofchaplains.org

There are counterfeits but only one legitimate **International Circle of Faith Chaplaincy**. Today, the Chaplaincy is led by the **Chaplains Commission** headed by four **Chaplain Generals**.



This August body of qualified Chaplains makes certain that the International Circle of Faith Chaplaincy holds the highest standards for chaplains in the World.

The Chaplain Generals are **Stephen R. Barnhart, PhD, Christopher R. Campbell, PhD, Barney P. Phillips, PhD and Bernie L. Wade, Sr., PhD.**



Stephen R. Barnhart



Christopher R. Campbell



Barney P. Phillips



Bernie L. Wade



Bernie L. Wade, Sr., PhD serves as the President and Presiding Bishop of the historic International Circle of Faith (ICOF) www.icof.net. Founded in 1932 by Bishop Ray Oscar & Ruth Tanetta Cornell as **Apostolic Faith Church of God**.⁷⁴



Bernie L. Wade

Dr. Wade holds earned PhD's in Theology, Divinity, Non-profit Management, and Christian Clinical Counseling. He is the visionary behind the network of universities, institutes and Bible colleges, connected globally through Life University. Life College www.lifecollege.education in the United States is recognized by the **Kentucky Department of Post Secondary Education**.⁷⁵ Life College currently has more than 10,000 alumni and growing. Dr. Wade serves as Chancellor.

Bishop Bernie L. Wade also serves as one of the Chaplain Generals for International Circle of Faith Chaplaincy. www.icofchaplains.org



Books by Bishop Bernie L. Wade, PhD available here: <https://berniewade.company.site/> and on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

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