

THE PRESENT AND FUTURE STRUCTURE OF CHERUBIM AND SERAPHIM MOVEMENT CHURCHES WORLDWIDE AS PRESENTED AT THE 2005 CONVENTION AT ATLANTA

THE CURRENT STRUCTURE: A new level of organization structure was recommended worldwide and is currently operational. The first level is the Spiritual Father's level called International Conference, the second level is Zonal level, the third is the District level and the fourth level are the Church Branches. This was rectified and operational.

The use of Deputy has been eradicated by the C & S Movement Worldwide.

The following councils were recommended at all levels of the administration: The Prophetic Council, Women Council, Youth Council, Pastor's Council and Evangelical Ministry.

Many Churches owe 3, 4, or 5 year's levy. Such Churches will be put on an annual budget plan. Any "defaulter in such payment will be merged with other churches closer to that church".

Women should be allowed to minister in our services on a lower platform especially on Sundays. The head of the Women Council shall be called Women Leader which shall be implemented on the levels of the administration.

The head of the Youth Council shall be called the Youth President and shall be part of the Executive committee at all levels of the administration.

The ordination of prophets/prophetess has been temporarily suspended in Nigeria till further notice.

PRACTICES:

1. The youth should be encouraged incorporated in our Church programs. In addition, they should be given enough encouragement to utilize their talents.
2. The establishment of English service is highly recommended.
3. All Churches are expected to conduct Adult and Children Sunday school classes on weekly basis.
4. More emphasis should be placed on evangelism and on the salvation of souls.
5. "The Church services require more vitality and Sunday sermons be delivered by those that are gifted".
6. "Members should be self-reliant Christians and not depend only on the Prophets and visions".
7. The present titles have no meaning. "The new Constitution has restricted the titles to five fold ministries in Ephesians 4:11 as Apostle, Prophet, Pastors, Evangelist, Teacher and Aladura (Prayerist) for male members". "The Female will hence forth be ordained as Mother-in Israel, Prophetess, Lady Evangelist and Aladura (Prayerist)". **"Present holders of other titles are made personal to them, thus no more promotional from one level to another"**.
8. All churches are encouraged to set up counseling sessions on careers, pre marital, marriage and post marriage.
9. All branches are encouraged to set up a committee on youth welfare and all churches should go into business venture.

10. A model parish should be established to cater for those who are not comfortable with the present practices.

11. Holy Communion should be conducted more than once a year, four times is recommended.

12. Massages on the payment of Tithe should be included in our announcement at least six times a year.

DOCTRINES:

1. Wearing of shoes during services should not be allowed.
2. Keeping away of women in their period and after delivery needs to be reviewed.
3. Covering of heads by women should continue in accordance with 1 Corinthians 11:5ff.
4. "Use of candles, anointing oil, water and palm fronds – their use is recommended for those who wish to avail themselves of the heritage".
5. Use of candles, water, salt and honey during naming ceremonies. The practice should be left open i.e. those who want can continue and other groups can go ahead to use the anointing oil only.
6. "Wearing of prayer gowns – appears inconvenient to many but this cannot be compromised and should be encouraged".
7. Saturday Vigil – This could be held on Friday or Saturday so that members could attend the Sunday Services in time. Preaching of the word of God to be included in the vigil.

THE STATE OF EVANGELISM:

Evangelism is witnessing or fulfilling the Great Commission which is to go into the world and preach the good news to all creation and to continue to make disciples of every nation. Christian evangelism is when we share our faith with others effectively and biblically by seeking, finding, loving and saving the lost souls for Christ.

To promote evangelism either collectively or individually,
Must elevate and provide specific materials to inspire Christians to do evangelism.
Must be equipped to teach and communicate what the gospel is to the people.
Must be God's instruments in inspiring, training and sharing the gospel.
Must be ready to render community services and out reach programs.
Must be willing and be ready to use one's resources for evangelical purposes.
One's character is the best way to preach the gospel.

THE WORKSHOP: GROWTH IN CHRISTANDOM: A workshop was conducted by all the participants at the convention on the Growth and the Development of C & S Movement. The areas of concentration were: Membership, Administration, Conflict Resolution, Finance and Discipline. Most of the proposals, recommendations and suggestions are the products of the Synopsis for the Convention of 2005.

THE SYNOPSIS OF MEETING OF THE C & S MOVEMENT CHURCH USA SUB-CONFERENCE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 1-5, 2005 AT ATLANTA, GA

OPENING MISSION: The 2005 Annual Conference started on Thursday, September 1, through Monday, September 5, 2005 with the theme "The Helmet of Salvation". Ephesians 6: 17.

OVERSEAS AFFAIRS' MISSION: The Chairman of the Restructuring Committee, Special Apostle J. O. Daniel, Special Apostle on Evangelism. Special Apostle Prophet G. O. Fakeye, and the General Evangelist, Most Senior Apostle (Dr.) T. Ade-Martins from Kaduna, Nigeria were the guest speakers at the Convention.

ORIMOLADE UNIVERSITY UPDATES: The update was given by Special Apostle Prophet Fakeye on the progress. More landed properties were donated for the purpose but money is highly needed for the development of the University sites.

THE BURIAL OF BABA ALADURA: The burial ceremony of our Baba Aladura shall take place at Ijebu Ode in Nigeria on October 15, 2005.

THE NATIONAL CONVENTION: The National and the International Convention shall take place at Ibadan during the first week of November of 2005.

EVANGELISM & OUTREACH PROGRAMS: Evangelism involves all members of the church including the children. All our Churches to have some Elders that will be visiting members occasionally to increase the moral and active participation.

2005/6 HARVEST SCHEDULES: The annual harvest/anniversary schedules for all our Movement Churches for two years in advance for the 2005 and 2006 Schedules were presented.

ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW CHURCHES: The Conference has decided to have more branches in each of the urban Cities in the USA where there are no C & S Movement Churches. Everyone was encouraged to look into where we can establish churches in the coming years. The Conference is planning to have businesses where appropriate in the USA.

THE CHURCH REVIEW COMMITTEE: The committee to reassess the status of all the Movement Churches in the USA for viability, steadfastness, development and active participation in the USA-Sub Conference activities was allowed to continue. The Members are: M/S/A D. O. Adesugba, M/S/A Dapo Laditan, Evangelist Martin Anore, S/M/I/I Ottun and S/M/I/I Ajayi.

The Finance Committee for raising a sum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) over the next 36 months for the Conference to purchase a Convention Center in the USA was also allowed to continue on their mission. A voluntary pledge of \$500.00 per Female member per year and \$600.00 per Male member per year was adopted by many volunteers. The raffle lottery proposed by the committee shall be drawn on October 9, 2005 in New York at the USA Headquarters.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES: The Women Council made recommendations for the improvement and more active participation of the youth, and the Goodwomen's involvement in the shaping of future development of C & S Church Movement.

RESPONSE DURING PRAYERS: Our response for "In The Name Of Jesus" (Ni Oruko Jesu) should be Amen (Amin). The response for "Lord God Almighty" (Oluwa Olorun Eledumare) should be Holy (Mimo).

COLOR OF PRAYER GOWNS: Every prayer gown is white. We use red girdle during the week and during the lenten period. The official color of the women's hat during the week and during the lenten period is white with red patterns and white on Sundays.

HARVEST/ANNIVERSARY PUBLICATION PROGRAMS: It was decided that Program of Harvest or Anniversary service could be used to raise funds for the church but these should be done with moderations. Distractive advertisements should not be permitted.

SPECIAL CHURCH OFFERINGS: The special offerings will be appropriated if coincides with the hour of prayers such as 12:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. hour of prayers.

ORDER OF SERVICE: A new Order of Service for our Sunday Services was adopted at the meeting. The Thanksgiving prayer comes immediately after the thanksgiving hymn preferably by a female member.

OFFICIATING MINISTER: It was recommended to have an officiating minister at each of our Sunday services to coordinate the program of service. Program corrections and alterations should be handled by officiating minister.

THE READING OF LESSONS: The reading of bible lessons during our services should be announced twice. The prayer after the reading: "May the Lord bless the reading and the hearing of His holy words for the salvation of our souls."

SUNDAY SCHOOL SYLLABUS: A uniform Sunday school syllabus for all our children in the USA and the adults is recommended. A standard program of service must be used by all our churches and our Sunday school programs should be uniform and be time conscious.

CHILDREN BIBLE QUIZZES: We shall continue bible quizzes on District and Conference levels for the children as well as the Youth.

THE THEME FOR 2006 ANNUAL CONFERENCE: The theme for 2006 will be "Arise and shine." Isaiah 60: 1 & 2. The topics and the number of speakers will be determined at the Mid-Year meeting of April of 2006.

HOSTING OF 2006 ANNUAL CONFERENCE: The host of the 2006 Annual Conference shall be C & S Movement Church, Oakland District from August 31 through September 4, 2006.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: All churches must encourage the youth for spiritual development and their programs at our conventions will include Bible Quiz and Talent shows.

The co-ordination of the Youth Fellowship activities took place under the directives Senior Apostle Idowu Oyetubo and assisted by many others. The activities included but not limited to: Seminars, Spots tournaments, Games, Bible Quizzes, Lectures, Talent shows, Lunching of a News Letter, etc. Series of Awards were acquired by most of the participants.

FEMALE SERVICE PARTICIPATION: (a) The 40 to 80 days period after the birth of a baby is currently under review by National Conference in Nigeria. Each church's decision to accommodate shall be respected in the time being.

(b) Coming to the Church to worship during the menstruation period of our female members is under serious considerations at Kaduna, Nigeria. Pending the outcome of the decision, we adopted the policy "Don't ask and don't tell approach". The book of Jeremiah 31: 31-34. The Lord will make a new covenant and forgives all iniquities and sins.

c) The head of the Women Council shall be called Women Leader which shall be implemented on the levels of the administration.

THE ENTHRONEMENT OF TWO DISTRICT CHAIRMEN: The enthronement of two new Chairmen took place on Sunday, September 2005 during the Thanksgiving session. The enthronement of Most Senior Apostle Prophet Michael Ogunleye as the Washington D.C. Chairman and Most Senior Apostle Fredrick Adesuyi as the New York District Chairman.

FUTURE CONVENTION VENUE/PROGRAMS: The USA Conference venue for the next five-year Conferences: 2006 Convention - Oakland District; 2007 Convention - New York District; 2008 Convention - Chicago District; 2009 Convention - Washington District and 2010 Convention - Atlanta

District

WEB SITES FOR THE USA SUB-CONFERENCE: The name for the Web Site is csmovementchurchusa.org. The Web Site Master will be Senior Apostle G. Omishore of New York #4. He will be assisted by many other co-coordinators from other Districts.

CAR DONATION: A car was donated to the USA Sub-Conference by an anonymous individual to auction for the money. The key and particulars were given to Most Senior Apostle Laditan to auction and send the money to the Sub- Conference.

WORKERS' COMPENSATIONS: Payment for the Church Pastors and other spiritual workers were encouraged by all the churches that can afford to do so.

CHURCH SERVICE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE: Our official language in the Movement is English. Two services were encouraged to accommodate both Yoruba and English.

RECESSION MODIFIED: Procession is required at the beginning of the service but few elders can recess after the service to avoid line up conflicts that are distracting our services.

PSALM 128 FOR BLESSING: The blessing of a new born child will be done with Psalm 128 instead of Deuteronomy 28: 1- 13. This is also recommended during ordinations.

FINANCIAL OBLIGATION: All financial obligations must be met on the church, district and conference levels. Each church must pay a \$5 per member to the USA-Conference and the Sub-Conference in turn to pay to the International Headquarters.

THE CROSS BEARER: The cross bearer (warden) leads the preacher to the pulpit and the warden must stand at the back of the preacher till the end of the sermon.

MARRIAGE AMONG THE YOUTH: Marriages are encouraged between our youth and must be made to understand that been brothers and sisters do not mean blood relationship; therefore they are free to marry each other at the appropriate age and time.

All Prophets/Prophetess must reflect and project the good image of God.

SPIRITUAL MINISTRY: The National Conference has seriously considered the effects and the consequences of going into trance for days by our spiritualists. It is now recommended not to encourage such practice.

All Spiritual/Prophetic beach services shall be limited to day or evening times. No Mid-night beach service shall be encouraged any more. All Mid-Night services must be encouraged to take place in the Church premises from now on.

A Prophet/Prophetess shall uphold and maintain the scriptural tradition as a messenger of God and be a watchperson over the Movement Churches in all Spiritual matters.

Shall be ready to assist members who have or need prayers, endeavor to win more members to the Church through prayers and evangelism and be prepared at all times for any duties assigned to him/her.

Shall not be a party to any subversive activities against the Church/Conference. Activities such as rebellion, incitement of members to fight or segregate.

Must cultivate the habit of praying and fasten regularly.

Shall not live adulterous life with members or non-members of the doctrine (Happily Married).

Shall not sell, offer or expose for sale any article prayer materials such as candles, oils for personal gains.

Shall not commercialize prayers, visions and other spiritual treatments given to members or non-members; but can receive gifts willingly given by people.

Must not invite any person for special prayers at his/her residence for selfish ends and there should be no ritual performance with prayers by any elder in our churches.

Prophets shall continue to undergo regular training and refresher courses in the form of seminars, workshops and specialized courses to update their knowledge and exchange ideas.

A forum at the USA Annual Conference shall be organized to bring together all for all Prophets/Prophetess to share experiences and explore ways and means for meeting challenges facing the Prophetic Ministry. Anyone interested in attending a theological school should please contact the USA Conference for the choice of an appropriate College.

Any member who contravenes these codes of ethics or these regulations shall be liable disciplinary action by the appropriate Committee as appropriate depending on the gravity of the offence. ("Freely you receive, freely give" Matt. 10: 8).

Most Senior Apostle Afolabi Aiyedun
USA Conference Secretary

Special Apostle G. O. Kassim
USA Conference Chairman