



MIDWESTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL

FALL COUNCIL CONTENDING FOR THE APOSTOLIC *Faith* JUDE 3

NOVEMBER 4-8, 2025

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Dear Midwestern District Council Members,

Greetings in the name of Jesus!

It is with great pleasure and honor, I welcome you to the 2025 MDC Fall Council!

It is great for us to convene together in the spirit of Christian fellowship, working together to build one another so we can do great things!

I pray you are enriched through the various seminars, services and MDC Auxiliaries you participate in.

Enjoy the council and be blessed!

Your Servant in Christ,

Bishop Larry O. Jones, Diocesan
First Lady Nina Jones
Midwestern District Council





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Praise the Lord!

Lady Dorretta and I welcome you and greet you in the wonderful name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Our hearts are full, and we are so delighted that the Midwestern District Council is meeting once again for the Fall Council, November 4th-8th, 2025.

Our theme for this Fall Council is:
“Contending For The Apostolic Faith” - Jude 3

We anticipate that this Fall Council will be full of powerful preaching, anointed praise, fellowship, and life-changing sessions.

A very special thank you to **Bishop Julian R. Johnson** for hosting the Fall Midwestern District Council at Bethesda Temple Church. Thank you to every elected and appointed auxiliary and ministry leader, to all support teams, to all volunteers from near and far, and every person who worked diligently behind the scenes to make our Fall 2025 Council a success.

Without you, we would not be the great Midwestern District Council that we are! Each person willing to put their hands to the plow is what shapes our legacy of our Council. Thank you for helping to make our vision for this Council come alive. From the bottom of my heart: Thank you!

Lady Dorretta and I love you all to life and pray God's richest blessings be upon you!

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Ronald E. Stephens

Suffragan Bishop Ron E. Stephens and Lady Dorretta D. Stephens





CONFERENCE SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

**TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 4, 2025**

11:00 AM	Suffragan Bishops & District Elders Meeting Location: Mother JB Johnson Chapel	1:00 PM-8:00 PM	Registration
2:00 PM	International Missions President: Elder Crystal Swanigan Location: See Enclosed Flyer/Vendor Mall in the Fellowship Hall	2:00 PM	Health Professionals Speaker: Dawn Patrick, NP Location: Room 234
4:00-6:45PM	Dinner Break		
6:45 PM	Fire Starters Prayer		
7:00 PM	Evening Worship Speaker: Pastor Jonathan Johnson Grace Apostolic Church Minnetonka, MN		

**WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 5, 2025**

9:00 AM	MDC Prayer Line Call 1 312 6266799 (Chicago) 1 646 558 8656 (New York) Meeting ID: 876 7268 4029	9:30 AM-8:00 PM	Registration
		10:00AM -11:30 AM	General Business Meeting Location: Mother JB Johnson Chapel
2:00-4:00 PM	<i>Missionary & Christian Women</i> President: Dr. Tara Phelps-Jones Location: Mother JB Johnson Chapel	10:00AM -5:00 PM	Dr. Rachel Webb Credentials Location: BTBI Office
2:00-4:00 PM	<i>Men's Ministry</i> President: Bro. Jeff Everett Location: Sanctuary	11:30 AM -12:00 PM	Lunch Break
4:00-6:45 PM	Dinner Break		
6:45-7:00 PM	Fire Starters Prayer: Pastor Mona Bryant and Intercessory Prayer Team		
7:00 PM	Evening Worship Speaker: Bishop Illona W. Dickson Jurisdictional Bishop - J#4 Radiant Life in Christ Church Jennings, MO		

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IMD Vendor Mall in the Fellowship Hall



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**TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 4, 2025**

MIDWESTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS DEPARTMENT



MDC-IMD MISSIONS MALL
November 4th
through November 7th
\$50 Each Day or
Tuesday thru Friday \$150

BETHESDA TEMPLE-STL
5401 Bishop Ja Johnson Ln
St. Louis, MO 63121

ELDER CRYSTAL J. MCCOY SWANIGAN | PRESIDENT
PASTOR JERRY DAVIS | FIRST VICE PRESIDENT
BISHOP GLEN ALLEN | 2ND VICE PRESIDENT
SUFFRAGAN BISHOP RON STEPHENS, CHAIRMAN
BISHOP LARRY O. JONES, DIOCESAN

BOOTS ON THE GROUND *Distributing to the Homeless* **TUESDAY NOVEMBER 4, 2025** DEPARTING BETHESDA AT 2PM

We will go out to the homeless and to those in need to Deliver Care Packs and Prayer. Join us as we show LOVE IN ACTION or donate some of the following items for massive distribution.

REQUESTING DONATIONS

CARE PACKAGE ITEMS NEEDED:

Hygiene Care Package

Essentials for personal care and cleanliness

- Travel-size shampoo & conditioner
- Toothbrush & toothpaste
- Deodorant (travel size or solid stick)
- Bar soap or body wash
- Wet wipes (unscented, alcohol-free)
- Hand sanitizer
- Comb or small brush
- Nail clippers
- Disposable razors & shaving cream
- Feminine hygiene products (pads preferred)
- Tissues

Winter Survival Package

Warmth and protection during cold months

- Thermal socks (wool if possible)
- Gloves (insulated or thermal)
- Beanie or knit hat
- Hand warmers
- Fleece blanket
- Mylar emergency blanket
- Chapstick
- Moisturizing lotion
- Scarf (wool if possible)

Food & Snack Pack

Non-perishable and easy-to-eat items

- Granola bars
- Peanut butter crackers
- Trail mix or nuts
- Canned tuna/chicken with pull-top lid
- Fruit cups or applesauce (with spoon)
- Beef jerky or shelf-stable protein
- Instant oatmeal packets
- Bottled water or juice box
- Hard candies or gum

September 1st thru November 1st
We have the same **5 Drop off Locations** for donation requested items:

O'FALLON APOSTOLIC CHURCH
403 S. Lincoln Avenue | O'Fallon, IL 62269
Evangelist Belinda Clark | (618) 698-6673

GRACE GOSPEL TEMPLE
2407 Droste Rd. St. | St. Charles, MO 63301
Elder Gerald Ledford | (314) 341-2918

LIGHTHOUSE APOSTOLIC MINISTRIES OF GOD
2306 Hood Avenue | Overland, MO 63114
Apostles Glen & Deborah Allen | (314) 283-1113

JESUS CHRIST OF NAZARETH CHURCH
4483 Clarence Avenue | St. Louis, MO 63115
Pastor Jerry Davis | (314) 285-6603

GRACE APOSTOLIC FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER
11770 Seven Hills Drive | Florissant, MO 63033
Elder Crystal Swanigan | (314) 540-2048



**WEDNESDAY
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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

2:00 PM

Missionary & Christian Women's Auxiliary
Theme: Contending for the Apostolic Faith: An Aggressive Takeover (Matthew 11:12)

Millennials Speak and Awards Celebration

1. Evang. Reida West- House of Deliverance
2. Youth Pastor Te'ilah Coffman- House of Deliverance
3. Min. Yolanda Ivy- Greater Grace
4. Min. Athalia Harrell- Temple Church of Christ
5. Min. Jasmine Hayes- Divine Holiness
6. Min. Deja McGhaw- Bethesda Temple STL
7. Min. Tiffany Haynes- Greater Glory

Men's Ministry: Panel Discussion Part II
Theme: Applications of Contenting for the Apostolic Faith

1. Moderator: Minister Trey Teer, Greater Grace Church
2. Panelist: Elder Kittrel Braselman, Bethesda Temple Church of the Apostolic Faith
3. Panelist: Elder Andre Hill, Grace Apostolic Family Worship Center
4. Panelist: Elder James Bailey, Radiant Life In Christ
5. Panelist: Elder Lance Phelps, O'Fallon Apostolic Assembly

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**THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 6, 2025**

9:00 AM

MDC Prayer Line
Call 1 312 6266799 (Chicago)
1 646 558 8656 (New York)
Meeting ID: 876 7268 4029

10:00AM -5:00 PM

Dr. Rachel Webb
Credentials
Location: Room 232

1:00 PM-8:00 PM

Registration

2:00-4:00 PM

Usher Board
Speaker: Pastor Byron Thompson
Lighthouse Church Belleville, IL
Location: Mother JB Johnson Chapel

2:00-4:00 PM

Christian Education
Speaker: Dr. Tara Phelps-Jones
Temple Church of Christ
Location: Sanctuary

2:00-4:00 PM

Pastors' Advisory Board Meeting
All MDC Pastors
Facilitator: Pastor Deborah Burch
Advisory Board Chairman
District Elder Delk Webb, Vice Chairman
Dr. Clarice Howard, Secretary
Location: Room 234

4:00-6:45 PM

Dinner Break

6:45-7:00 PM

Fire Starters Prayer: Pastor Mona Bryant and
Intercessory Prayer Team

7:00 PM

Evening Worship
Speaker: Bishop Julian R. Johnson
MDC 1st Vice Chairman
Bethesda Temple
Normandy, MO

**FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 7, 2025**

9:00 AM

MDC Prayer Line
Call 1 312 6266799 (Chicago)
1 646 558 8656 (New York)
Meeting ID: 876 7268 4029

9:30 AM-8:00 PM

Registration

10:00-11:30 AM

General Business Meeting
Location: Mother JB Johnson Chapel

2:00-4:00 PM

Ministers' Wives & Ministers' Widows
Speaker: Dr. Edgar Everett, III
Proficient Chiropractor
Location: Mother JB Johnson Chapel

10:00AM -5:00 PM

Dr. Rachel Webb
Credentials
Location: BTBI Office

2:00-4:00 PM

Singles' Ministry
Executive Pastor LaMyeia Bradshaw
Singles' Ministry President
Guest Presenter: Proficient Chiropractic
Location: Room 234

11:30 AM -12:00 PM

Lunch Break

4:00-6:45 PM

Dinner Break

6:45-7:00 PM

Fire Starters Prayer: Pastor Mona Bryant and
Intercessory Prayer Team

7:00 PM

Evening Worship
Speaker: Diocesan Bishop Larry O. Jones
Greater Grace Church
Ferguson, MO

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IMD Vendor Mall in the Fellowship Hall



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 8, 2025**

10:00 AM Midwestern District Council Institute

Date: Saturday, November 8, 2025

Time: 10:00 A.M.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87049542751>

Meeting ID: 870 4954 2751

Dial by your location

- +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
- +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)
- +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)
- +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

Meeting ID: 870 4954 2751

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kjfqmoWy>

Course Name: The School of Prayer

Instructor: District Elder Tanya Brown

Course Description: This course is designed to explore the theological foundation, purpose, and practice of prayer. Participants will gain an understanding of the biblical basis for prayer and its role in both corporate worship and private devotion. Special emphasis will be placed on cultivating a deeper personal prayer life while also recognizing the power of collective intercession within the faith community. By the end of the session, learners will have both a theological grounding and practical guidance for strengthening their prayer practice.

Pre-requisite: None

Register: [MDC Institute Course Registration Link](#)

Academic Advisor: Dr. Tara Phelps-Jones

Technical Advisor: Dr. Niares Hunn

Director: Dr. Lawrence Morganfield, III

Chairman: Suffragan Bishop Ronald E. Stephens

Diocesan: Bishop Larry O. Jones



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Tuesday, November 4, 2025
Young People's Night

Order of Service

EVENING WORSHIP 7:00 P.M.

Fire Starters Prayer.....	Eric Battle Jr. & Danysha Greenlee & Matthew Simmons
Praise & Worship	Sis. Mariah Dobson
Scripture.....	Sis. Miya Dorsey
Master of Ceremonies.....	Bro. Nathan Battle
Next Voice.....	Min. Te'llah Coffman
Offering.....	Elder Steward Stiles III
Announcements.....	Min. Brandie Hamilton
Introduction of Speaker.....	Min. Tyler McGhaw
Musical Guest Selection.....	Psalmist Brittany Waller
Keynote Speaker.....	Pastor Jonathan Johnson Grace Apostolic Church
Call to Discipleship	Pastor Jonathan Johnson Outreach & Evangelism Staff
Benediction	Pulpit



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Wednesday, November 5, 2025

Women's Night

Order of Service

EVENING WORSHIP 7:00 P.M.

Fire Starters Prayer.....	Pastor Mona Bryant
Master of Ceremonies.....	Dr. Tracie Covington-Hoy
Prayer & Scripture.....	Min. Melissha Lindsey
Praise & Worship.....	MDC Praise Team
Welcome.....	Dr. Tara Phelps-Jones
Selection.....	MDC Choir
Offertory.....	Dr. Clarice Howard
Selection.....	MDC Choir
Introduction of Speaker.....	Evang. Helen Thomas
Keynote Speaker.....	Suffragan Bishop Illona W. Dickson Radiant Life In Christ
Call to Discipleship.....	Suffragan Bishop Illona W. Dickson Outreach & Evangelism Staff
Special Remarks.....	Bishop Larry O. Jones Diocesan
Announcements.....	Sis. Calandra Flanigan
Benediction.....	Pulpit



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Thursday, November 6, 2025
Unity Night

Order of Service

EVENING WORSHIP 7:00 P.M.

Fire Starters Prayer.....	Pastor Mona Bryant
Prayer & Scripture.....	Minister Tyler McGhaw
Master of Ceremonies.....	Suffragan Bishop Oscar Houston
Praise & Worship.....	MDC Praise Team
MDC Auxiliary Leaders' Procession	
Selection.....	MDC Choir
Offertory.....	Diocesan Bishop Larry O. Jones
Announcements.....	Sis. Calandra Flanigan
Intoduction of Speaker.....	Lady Melanie Johnson
Selection.....	MDC Choir
Keynote Speaker.....	Suffragan Bishop Julian R. Johnson Bethesda Temple Church
Call to Discipleship.....	Suffragan Bishop Julian R. Johnson Outreach & Evangelism Staff
Benediction.....	Pulpit



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Friday, November 7, 2025
Bishop's Night
Order of Service

EVENING WORSHIP 7:00 P.M.

Fire Starters Prayer.....	Pastor Mona Bryant
Prayer & Scripture.....	Minister Tyler McGhaw
Master of Ceremonies.....	Suffragan Bishop Ronald Stephens
Praise & Worship.....	MDC Praise Team
Offertory.....	District Elder Charles Cummings
Selection.....	MDC Choir
Keynote Speaker.....	Bishop Larry O. Jones Greater Grace Church
Call to Discipleship.....	Bishop Larry O. Jones
Announcements.....	Sis. Calandra Flanigan
Benediction.....	Pulpit

Executive Board Members



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Sister Caroline McMullen
Assistant Treasurer



Elder Caleb Kirksey
Assistant Secretary

Auxiliary Presidents



Evangelist Crystal J. Swanigan
International Missions



Pastor Angela Parker
Evangelism and Outreach



Elder Steward Stiles III
Young People's Union
District Elder Delk Webb – Auxiliary Director



Dr. Tara Phelps-Jones
Missionary and Christian Women
Pastor Clarice Howard – Auxiliary Director



Brother Jeffrey Everett
Men's Ministry
Pastor Perris Parker – Auxiliary Director



Sis. Calandra Mitchell-Flanigan
MDC Programming Coordinator



Elder Herbert "Skip" Brown
Christian Education
Suffragan Bishop Illona Dickson – Auxiliary Director



Minister Athalia Harrell
Usher Board
District Elder Ronnie Carter – Auxiliary Director



Brother Darren Littles
Music & Sacred Arts



Evangelist Sharonda Downer
Health Professionals



Executive Pastor LaMyeia Bradshaw
Singles' Ministry
Pastor Mary Young – Auxiliary Director



First Lady Wanda Cummings
Ministers' Wives & Widows
District Elder May Johnson – Auxiliary Director

MDC Jurisdictions & Pastors

Jurisdiction #1

Jurisdictional Bishop Ronald E. Stephens

Bishop Lee Scott
Pastor Lonnie Grant
Pastor Gary Hill
Pastor Perris Parker
Pastor Vera Turner

Jurisdiction #2

Jurisdictional Bishop Oscar Houston, Jr.

Suffragan Bishop Robert Nelson (Emeritus)
Suffragan Bishop James Coats
Pastor David Berry
Pastor Dorothy Brown
Pastor Deborah Burch
Pastor Jerry Davis
Pastor Dorothy Matthews
Pastor Kimberly Matthews-Smith
Pastor James Taylor

Jurisdiction #3

Jurisdictional Bishop Eric F. Battle

Bishop Robert K. Buckner, Sr.
Suffragan Bishop Paul H. Evans (Emeritus)
Suffragan Bishop Julian R. Johnson
District Elder Robert Buckner Jr.
District Elder Harmon Swanigan
District Elder Delk Webb
Pastor Devone Cruesoe
Pastor Carlton Francis
Pastor Angela Parker

Jurisdiction #4

Jurisdictional Bishop Illona W. Dickson

District Elder Dr. Charles Cummings
District Elder LaTunya Farr
District Elder May E. Johnson
Pastor Mona Bryant
Pastor Felicia Gay
Pastor Doris Gilmore-Graham
Pastor Clarice Howard
Pastor Mark Simmons

Jurisdiction #5

Jurisdictional Bishop Gregory Wells

Bishop Lawrence Brown, Jr. & Pastor Tanya Brown
Suffragan Bishop Ronnie Carter
Suffragan Bishop James Gordon
District Elder Lazeal Moore (Emeritus)
District Elder Anthony D. Pettiford, Sr.
District Elder Allen E. Rudd
Pastor Anthony Fields
Pastor Gregory Gardner
Pastor LeRoy Lattin
Pastor Angela Pittman-Essien
Pastor Byron Thompson
Pastor Mary Young

Jurisdiction #6

Jurisdictional Bishop - Vacant

Diocesan Bishop Larry O. Jones
District Elder LaRue Sutherlin
Bishop Glen Allen
Pastor Beverly Dillard
Pastor Ruby Harvey
Pastor Ronald Neal
Pastor Samuel Norman



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April 7-11, 2026

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