

## Commemorative Souvenir Book



# Congratulations on 60 Years!

On behalf of Bishop Richard and Pastor Bettye Howell and the S.T.I.M. Family



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### **OUR MISSION**

The purpose of this organization is to promote Christian fellowship, unity and cooperation among clergy and laity of member churches, and insure that the organization has adequate financial resources to carry out its mission and vision.

To promote Christ centered devotion and prayer among the membership for the spiritual up building and strengthening of the pastors, leaders and lay-members.

To assist existing churches in propagating the gospel of Jesus Christ by sponsoring and/or supporting the planting of churches in designated locations.

To promote spiritual development and accountability of clergy and facilitate an environment that enhances integrity and character.

### **OUR VISION**

To be the Apostolic Pentecostal organization of choice by ministers of like precious faith in our District, and that members and associates remain in fellowship with the organization, because it gives them a positive return on their contributions of time, talent and finance.



Thus Far the Lord Has Helped Us!

Recognizing 60 years existence of the Minnesota Wisconsin Dakotas District Council is truly a testament of Grace!

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The promise which God has given to the Church is filled with Yeas and Amens, and in these 60 years, what a legacy of yeas and amens! The promise which came to the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc. and determined over the last 60 years that this 7<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District is recognized as a corporate polity of Apostolic believers, close to 40 churches in number, quantifying several Spirit led persons whose hearts are filled with eternal hope, and looking for that day and forever we will be with the Lord.

Just thinking of the general body within this District, going back 60 years whose determination was with Pentecostal fire, as they were the ones assuring that the business of the council was all about Jesus keeping and holding the district together. Many of them took off their jobs and used vacation time to serve this district. All auxiliaries with officers served and serving dutifully with boundless stewardship, assuring that fellowship and care continued biblically and constitutionally. Just thinking of the saints, both past and present, who by faith understood the responsibility of this District's mandate from the PAW to maintain this council with holiness and faith. Just thinking that each of us, since these 60 years can attest that this is the Lord's doings which has kept us, and keeping us MWDDC nation strong, not by power, not by might, but by His Spirit.

The leadership coming from our Suffragan Bishops, District Elders, Pastors, Ministers, Pastor and Ministers Wives is a true testament that our churches are blessed to have such holy leadership in governing this district, and the congregants from the membership churches participating in each council session, both past and present, both in person and hybrid in a fashion unprecedented over these 60 years.

Over the course of this rich history, the Diocesans are remembered as each one gave their gift of ministry unto the Glory of God. Bishops: David Johnson of Superior, WI, Lawrence Brisbin, Grand Rapids, MI; Willard Saunders, Baltimore, MD; James Tyson, Indianapolis, IN; Harry Herman, Kalamazoo, MI; Paul Bowers, Cincinnati, OH; and William Abney, Grand Rapids, MI. The work from these predecessors are not forgotten for the Lord is not unrighteous to forget their labor of love. 60 years of the MWDDC.

We never would had made it without God!

Bishop Richard D. Howell, Jr. Diocesan of the MWDDC



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In AD 33, when the doors of the church opened in that room with around 120 people present and were filled with the Holy Ghost speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave them the utterance, is the New Testament promise that the Lord will never leave or





Congratulations

MWDDC, for 60 years of equipping God's people to be disciples of the Gospel of Christ.

- Suffragan Bishop David and Lady Johnson -



This year we celebrate 115 years of God's faithful hand on the vision given to the Founders and organizing Pastors of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc. We also celebrate and offer praise to God for 60 years of His steady hand of anointing on the Minnesota, Wisconsin, Dakota's District Council.

The PAW, founded in 1906 and formally organized in 1912, is the oldest Oneness Pentecostal organization in existence. In 1916, its organizers, founded on Trinitarian beliefs, re-organized as a Oneness Pentecostal organization.

Solomon gave us sound wisdom in Proverbs 13:32, "A good man leaves an inheritance to his grandchildren." Truly, our earliest Presiders, Bishop G.T. Haywood, Chair Pemberton, Chair Hopkins, and Chair Frazee laid a foundation for us greater than any inheritance money could buy. These early leaders contended for the faith standing on the Azusa Street Revival of the Holy Ghost Anointing, contended for the faith and built an organization on the principles of holiness and unity in the church.

Today the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World is the second largest of all Oneness Pentecostal organizations in the United States. Our Council, the 7th Episcopal District of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc. is fulfilling the call to spread the gospel under the leadership of our 8<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Richard D. Howell Jr. Together, we stand on the Word as one body, laboring unto the hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism: one Body.

I am honored to serve this diverse body of believers as the Minnesota, Wisconsin, Dakotas District Council Chairman. As we celebrate this milestone anniversary, we reflect on sixty years of the Lord's divine provision, adding to the church daily. The Lord has been our help throughout the dual pandemics of COVID-19 and racism, and He will continue to guide with wisdom and care as we worship safely in-person and online for our Council, honoring the call to nurture unity among the body of Christ.

On behalf of the Council, as we celebrate our 60th Anniversary, we offer you this Souvenir Book to encourage you to build on our rich legacy of Oneness and invest in the vision God has given that we should leave a rich inheritance of righteous service to generations to come according to the will of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ.

Blessings,

Suffragan Bishop David E. Johnson District Chairman of the MWDDC

# Celebrating 60 Years

#### MWDDC History 7<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District of the P.A. of W.

Prohibition, race relations or the lack thereof, fledgling organizations, culture, politics, economy-many of the same issues and dilemmas the 21<sup>st</sup> Century church combats day in and day out faced our spiritual forefathers and mothers in the creation of many of the church systems we've grown accustomed to. Evangelist Ruth Nelson Reasby McLaurin has tirelessly gathered newspaper articles and clippings, kept notes, logs and drawn from her own experiences and well of wisdom in providing the documentation laid before you today. This "walk down Her and His-STORY" of Pentecost here in Minnesota brings together many of these documents. We trust that this information will soon be completed in book form with a historical compilation to whet and grasp the eager bible student's attention.



An excerpt from a November 1959 article in The Christian Outlook entitled How Did It Happen? Was written by Elder F.L. Smith, Associate Editor and begins with:

"Did you ever wonder how this doctrine of ours got started in different places? Sometimes there are interesting stories behind the beginning of Pentecost in different locations. For instance take the Northern Wisconsin and Minnesota area. Jesus only Pentecostal churches are far more numerous than it would appear from the listing in the P.A.W. minute book. Many were a part of the United Pentecostal Church or were independent.

When the Pentecostal message broke out from California and Oregon it spread to Chicago and Indianapolis and other mid-western cities. Great meetings were held in these places that attracted folk from many other places. As it was in the days of Pentecost, the converts returned to their home with the "good news." Among these was a woman, Sis. Booker, who brought the message to Barronete, WI. Among the converts at this place were David Johnson (later elevated to the Bishopric in the P.A.W.) of Superior, WI and his brother.

Bishop David Johnson later left the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc. and joined the United Pentecostal Church (UPC). Bishop Johnson pastored churches in both Superior, Wisconsin and Duluth, Minnesota. The church in Duluth was then named Apostolic Faith Mission and is now known to us as Christ Temple Church.

In Early Pentecost most Apostolic Jesus Only churches were named Apostolic Faith Assembly or Christ Temple – you then knew they were Jesus only churches (baptized in Jesus name and filled with the Holy Ghost).

## MWDDC Diocesan Timeline



**Bishop Lawrence** E. Brisbin

1962



1981 **Bishop Willard Eddie Saunders, Sr.** 



1986-89 **Bishop James E.** Tyson

1989-95

**Bishop Harry L.** Herman



995-96 **Bishop Paul A. Bowers** 



1996-2004 **Bishop William C.** Abney



**Bishop Richard D.** 





In those days there was no respect of persons – Norwegians, Swedish, Jews and Afro-Americans all worshipped together. When Pastor John A. Nelson (the father of Sis. Ruth McLaurin, Sis. Lillian Hamilton and their other siblings) started a work in St. Paul, he opened a storefront church and later moved to 11th and Minnesota, becoming the largest oneness movement in the Minnesota, Wisconsin and Dakota area.

"God was saving and blessing" sums up the move at that time. Bishop G.T. Haywood came to see just "what was going on" and invited Elder Nelson to join the P.A.W. Elder Nelson served as District Elder for twelve years.

In the early days of Pentecost in Minneapolis and St. Paul such names as Elder Mitchell, Elder Moore (father of Bishop B.T. Moore), and Mother C.E. Parker of Minneapolis were widely known.

A written report submitted to the Christian outlook from St. Paul, Minnesota stated, "We are having good meetings here, Sunday, February 5, three were baptized in Jesus Name and one was filled with the Holy Ghost. We are finding the people at this time very hungry for the Word." Elder J.A. Nelson.

#### March 1970 – Excerpts from the Life Story of **Bejamin Urshan**

In the 1930's the Oneness Pentecostal churches basically affiliated with three main organizations in the United States: The Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, the Pentecostal Assemblies of Jesus Christ, and the Pentecostal Church, Incorporated.

In 1945 the merger of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Jesus Christ and the Pentecostal Church, Incorporated took place forming the United Pentecostal Church.

#### Pentecostal Assemblies of the World

This was an interracial body at the time of its organization in 1914; the white members withdrew in 1924 to form the Pentecostal Church, Incorporated, which in turn became a constituent body of the United Pentecostal Church in 1945.

A March, 1928 Christian Outlook article reports that P.A.W. minute books were priced at 25 cents a copy. It read, "Every minister should have one." The Minnesota Council was its name although churches in Minnesota, Wisconsin and the Dakotas were members.

Council minutes from November, 1956 made reference to District Elder Louis Ervin and Lloyd Reasby. A committee was appointed to establish "new works." Its members included Elder William Rogers, Milwaukee, WI, Mother C.E. Parker, Minneapolis, MN, Elder Clyde Brooks, Duluth, MN, Elder Earl Parchia, Milwaukee, WI, and Bishop David Johnson of Superior, WI.

The churches reporting during the November, 1956 Council session:

- Pentecostal Church Davenport, IA
- Christ Temple Duluth, MN
- Apostolic Faith Assembly Superior, WI
- True Apostolic Assembly, Minneapolis, MN
- Christ Temple St. Paul, MN
- Mt. Zion Assembly Milwaukee, WI
- Apostolic Gospel Church Minneapolis, MN
- Shiloh Temple Minneapolis, MN
- Rehoboth Church of Christ Minneapolis, MN

Church financial reports ranged from \$2 - \$12. During this Council session an offering was received for the speaker in the amount of \$19.85.Elder Rogers of Milwaukee stated that they would join the Minnesota District Council.

Regarding the "dividing of the councils" with the Iowa churches join the Northern District Council: Section 2 and page 45 of the minute book read "that Iowa, Wyoming and Nebraska be assigned to Bishop Holly and Minnesota, Wisconsin and North and South Dakota be assigned to Bishop Johnson. To work in agreement and conformity with the appointment as made by the National Body, it was agreed that now is the time to rightly divide the council."

It was voted on and accepted that the churches within the Council in the state of Iowa be given 1/3 of all monies in the MWDDC and auxiliaries.

## P.A.W. History



The Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc (PAW) is the oldest Oneness Pentecostal organization in existence, and was founded in 1906, formally organized in 1912 as adherents (supporting of) Trinitarian beliefs, and in 1916 re-organized as a Oneness Pentecostal organization.

The PAW was originally headquarted at Azusa Street in Los Angeles, CA, moved to Portland, OR, and later moved to Indianapolis, IN where it remains today. The Pentecostal Assemblies of the World is the second largest of all Oneness Pentecostal organizations in the United States. The Minnesota District Council had 60 registered members and 18 of them were from Iowa. Excerpts from Council minutes:

April, 1957 – Council Chairman Elder Reasby and Secretary, Sister Lovely Berry (reference in minutes of Elder Ervin and Elder Earl Parchia) – Bishop Johnson, Diocesan. October 1976 Council minute books notes that the object of the organization shall be "to promote, develop, stimulate and finance in proportion to its ability, Church extension work of this Council, to promote fellowship between the churches of this organization."

Summer Bible Camp sponsored by Christ Temple-Duluth held July 27-August 1, 1981. Cost per camper was \$30.00, which included lodging for six days, meals and insurance. Ministers' Wives auxiliary of the MWDDC was started under Bishop Brisbin by Sis. Ruth Reasby. As of this writing, Bishop Johnson's son, Reuben just turned 85 years old and lives in the state of Wisconsin.

Note: All the information was compiled by Sister Ruth Reasby McLaurin, now residing in D'Lo, Mississippi and put in readable form by J. GeQuetta (Caldwell) Williams of Minneapolis, MN.



In this humble setting, G.T. Haywood and his wife, Ida, were gloriously filled with the Spirit and began the spiritual training that would burgeon into a lifetime of devoted Pentecostal ministry. Sis. Haywood was reluctant to accept her husband's calling into the ministry; but after he was injured in an accident at the foundry where he worked, she acquiesced. In February 1909, only a year after their conversion, the pair began meetings in an empty storeroom at 12th and Lafayette Streets in downtown Indianapolis.

A few months later, services were moved to a tent at West 13th and the Canal. Consistently bad weather made the location less than optimal, and a small frame building at 12th and Missouri Streets was secured. Elder Haywood felt led to hold a convention for area Pentecostals, but there was certainly not enough room in their present building. The Peniel Mission at 11th and Senate was rented for the occasion.

## Bishop G.T. Haywood: Presiding Bishop of Pentecostal Assemblies of the World

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Many were filled with the Holy Ghost in these meetings, and the church continued to rent the space, which was finally purchased by the growing congregation in 1919 (Dugas 12-13; Tyson 16-17). In the early days of Pentecostalism, churches were not generally named.

Pentecostals were determined not to lapse into the formalism of the denominations from which they had emerged, and churches were customarily known only by their location. This was the case with 11<sup>th</sup> and Senate.

In early spring 1916, Bro. Glenn Cook, an elder from the Azusa Street Mission who had accepted the revelation of the mighty God in Christ and baptism in the Name of Jesus arrived in Indiana and was received by Bishop Haywood and his congregation at 11th and Senate. On 6 March 1916, Bishop Haywood and 465 members of his church were baptized in Jesus' Name in Eagle Creek, marking the first Apostolic baptisms east of the Mississippi River (Dugas 17). J. Roswell Flower, the General Secretary of the Assemblies of God and a prolific opponent of the Oneness movement, sent a telegram to Haywood warning him of Bro. Cook's "error." The message arrived too late, and Bishop Haywood, fully convinced of the veracity of Cook's message, became one of the most avid and effective proponents and propagators of Oneness theology.

In 1910, Haywood's church began publishing The Voice in the Wilderness. After 1916, this became one of the most influential Oneness circulars, and was the official organ of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World (PAW), which followed Bishop Haywood into the Oneness movement. The PAW was formed in 1906, and Bishop Haywood became the first presiding bishop of the organization, when it converted to the episcopal polity in 1925. He served in that capacity until his untimely death in 1931.

In 1924, construction was completed on Christ Temple, the final edifice undertaken by Bishop Haywood. This church, located on Fall Creek Boulevard, still stands as a beautiful testament to God's increase and the faithful ministry of Bishop Haywood.

The interior includes several original artworks by Bishop Haywood, a talented painter and illustrator. Banners hung on the platform declared: "Jesus Only" and "Jesus is God," evidence of Christ Temple's strong commitment to Apostolic truth.

Christ Temple, epitomized many of the original values of the earliest years of Pentecostal revival. The congregation was thoroughly integrated, with whites and blacks worshipping side by side. The church maintained a large degree of interracial unity even after the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World suffered a racial divide in 1924, and convention photographs well into the 1930s depict multiracial crowds.

It is impossible to estimate the number of churches, pastors, bishops, evangelists and missionaries birthed out of Christ Temple.

In Indiana alone, men like Bishops Morris E. Golder, James Tyson, and Oscar Sanders, all originally saints of Haywood's assembly, have left their own indelible marks on Hoosier Pentecostal history, founding dynamic Apostolic ministries.

Bishop Haywood and the faithful saints that built Christ Temple have secured their place in Apostolic history, and the church continues today as the oldest Apostolic Church in Indiana and a remarkable piece of our treasured Pentecostal heritage.

# MWDDC Through the Years





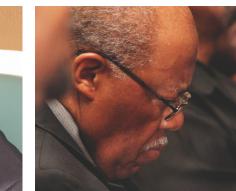


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"After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this."

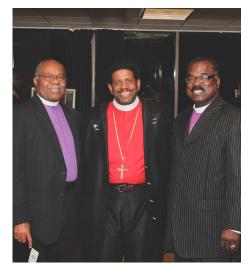




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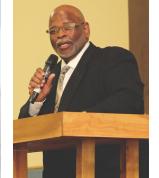










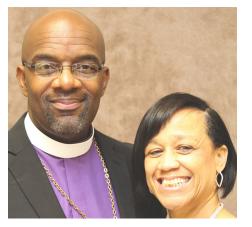
































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Suffragan Bishop Joseph and Lady Pamela Worrells

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On 60 years of serving God's people!

The Potter's House Apostolic Ministry is grateful to be a part of an organization with a rich legacy and heritage of proclaiming the name of Jesus and serving in the Kingdom of God.

We pray God's blessings for many more years of serving and spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ, in our communities, nation and world.

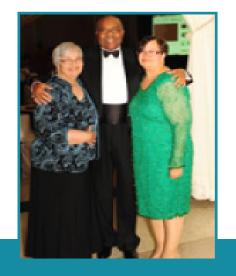


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- Lady Christina Foye and Evangelist Suzanne Kelly

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## the MWDDC and Bishop Howell for 60 years of life changing, servant-driven leadership!

Thank you for allowing your light to shine in every community of Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota and South Dakota!



### Transform Minnesota



Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven.

Matthew 5:16



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Bishop Richard D. Howell, Jr., and the M.W.D.D.C. on your 60th Anniversary! Your colleagues at MCC are grateful for your faithfulness to God's call and the opportunity to work with you to build Christian unity and fight for racial justice.

Presiding Elder Stacey L. Smith, President Rev. Dr. Curtiss P. DeYoung, CEO





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- Suffragan Bishop Jeffery and Sister Shari Smith (2012-Present)

"Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts."

Psalms 145:3-4



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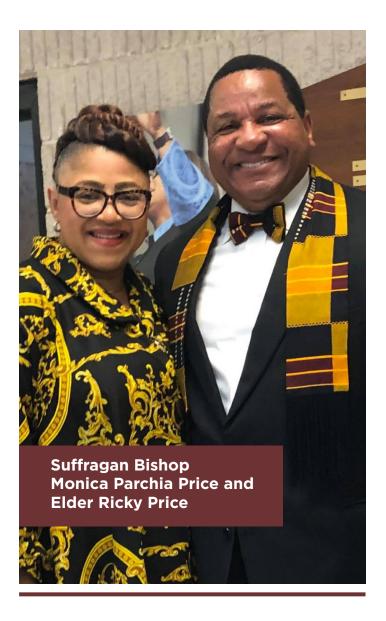
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