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FROM THE DESK OF THE CHIEF OVERSEER

Holy Greetings in
the Name of the
Exalted One, Jesus
Christ:



Dear Officers:

As previously stated, I have spent ten years (2001–2011) trying to develop a “Leadership Team.” These “leaders” will occupy the various administrative levels of our church organization: including, secretaries, HYPA officers, deacons, reverends, elders, bishops and chief helpers. That phase is over.

Very simply put, if you and/or the officers under your jurisdiction, for whatever reasons, are not able to fulfill the duties required of your leadership position(s), then I will be prepared to ask for resignations during the 2013 General Assembly. I will have forms available for you to complete.

Preparation for the General Assembly:

Compile *Diocese Annual Report*. A compiled and type-written report to be handed in at or near the beginning of the General Assembly. It must contain—

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Sunrise Service

Did you know the first sunrise service in America dates back to 1732. Many churches in the American South still hold traditional sunrise services in cemeteries as a sign of recognition that Jesus no longer lay in the tomb on Easter morning. The service starts early in the morning and is timed so that the attendants can see the sun rise when the service is going. Services usually loosely follows the format of the church's normal service and can include music (hymns or praise band), dramatic scenes and the Easter message. After the service, the church may serve a breakfast that the attendees of the service can attend.

Sunrise service in *The Church of the Living God The Pillar and Ground of the Truth* is an ongoing tradition as well. Many rise early and unite together in churches or on the beach to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As we look at the sun rise up over the horizon, we are reminded of Jesus, the Overcomer, and how He is truly the Light of the world. In Him there is no darkness. “Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in a like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.” (Acts 1:10–11)◆

Submitted Rev. Anthony Lockhart
RBCH

No Greater Love Than This

From the *Young Couple's Ministry*
Missionary Charlotte Lockhart, Editor

“Greater love hath no man than this, that a man would lay down his life for his friends.” John 15:13

What would you do for love? Would you die for it? Would you give up self for it? Every day, we have an opportunity to show love to our loved ones. In 1 Corinthians 13:5, the bible says love is not self-seeking. It is not selfish. It is selfless. There is a great difference. Selfless love is happy when those they love are happy. Unselfish lovers are willing to sacrifice the fulfillment of their needs for the good of the whole.

Jesus Christ demonstrated selfless love over and over again. He submitted to His heavenly Father and humbly served humanity though He was the most powerful Man in the room. He gave his life to save lives.

The Bible teaches us in Romans 15:1 that “We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves.” So many times in our relationships, we are so selfish. After we have pleased ourselves first, then we seek to please others. But the Word of God tells us to do the opposite. Husbands, seek to please your wives first. Wives, seek out ways to make your husband happy. We won't all be given the opportunity to lay down our lives for our loved ones, but we may be able to give up something else for love. ◆

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- Works accomplished in the diocese during the 2012–2013 fiscal year.
- The financial report of tithe paid by the each local church in the diocese with names of tithe payers and number of months paid.
- Compiled and analyzed (What's different from last year?) *Elders' Quarterly Report* blanks.
- *Ministerial Works* blank (@ H.M. Lewis) for each minister in the diocese, including bishop's Diocese Assembly report.

2. Ensure that each band in your diocese is prepared to turn in a completed *Annual Fiscal Year Report* blank
3. Complete *Dossiers* for any elevations you plan to submit.
4. Complete *General Assembly Financial Report* for your diocese.
5. List members from your diocese who have attended one or more of the *General Headquarters Calendar Schedule* committees and workgroups listed.

This memo comes in time for each diocesan to begin preparation for the 2013 General Assembly. Each diocesan will be scheduled for an individual conference with the Chief Overseer and Assistant Chief Overseer during a morning business session at the Headquarters.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation. ♦

*Yours in Christ,
Bishop Meharry H. Lewis,
Chief Overseer*

Complete Unity

Paul talked about unity in the form of gathering together. Church members can have complete unity, that starts from within and shows outwardly as a witness to the world.. Paul said that as we see events approaching the End-Time, we should increase our incidence of “gathering together” (this is the original Greek meaning) with one another. The text reads: “Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the gathering [the KJV has “assembling”] of ourselves together, as the manner of some is: but exhorting one another and so much the more, as you see the day approaching.” *Hebrews 10:24-25*

In our church, we have church bands all over the United States. We are scattered, yet we must attempt with all the vigor that we can muster to “gather together” in a proper and biblical manner those individual grains of salt (as each of you happens to be) into a unified body of Christians who have a common purpose of mission to teach the Gospel. We are doing this while you remain geographically as “grains of salt” in your own areas of the earth. We accomplish this “gathering together” with a ministry of sending each of you biblical teachings each quarter via this newsletter, by providing various types of books, sending you doctrinal messages via our “Ministers Corner” and trainings, by reaching out to you and others through our website and by physically gathering together at our annual church assemblies.

Let us be about the business of our Father, and as we “gather together” on a regular basis, make sure your voice is heard by submitting your messages, biblical teachings and ministry events to our editor so that we may all continue to grow in grace and knowledge and learn from one another. ♦

Upcoming Events In the Church

April

- 4— College Youth Tour, HQRTS
- 21 – Pastor’s Appreciation, RBCH

May

- 11 – Mother’s Day Tea/ Hat Luncheon, RBCH
- 24–26 Bishops Meeting, HQRTS

June

- 15—Father’s Fishing Trip and Fish Fry, RBCH
- 27–30 Deacons Meeting, HQRTS



*Didn't see your activity on the list?
Next time, email the editor at:
thecharlottelockhart@yahoo.com*

This Month in the Word

As you study the word this month, meditate on this Scripture:
“Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he [God] is faithful that promised).”
Hebrews 10:22-23

Ministers-in- Training Corner

Tithing: Net Or Gross? "What Others Have Said About Tithing"

The question is often asked of ministers, "Am I to tithe from my net or gross?" What answer do you give? The bible says in Malachi 3:8-11:

⁸Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. ⁹Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. ¹⁰Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. ¹¹And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts. ¹²And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts."

There are some important take-aways in this scripture. If you are not tithing, you are **ROBBING** God. You will be cursed if you don't pay your tithe. But, if you do, you will receive bountiful blessings. The enemy will be held at bay for your sake and shall not destroy what you have worked for. You will be blessed and people who see you will call you blessed. Now with all those promises, many people make the decision to tithe from their gross, but according to the book ***Mother Mary Lena Tate: Collected Letters and Related Manuscripts***, (pp. 128-130), it says "pay one-tenth of their entire net income." "What if I'm in debt?", someone may ask. According to this book, "Your tithe is of all debts the most sacred." Our founder put it very eloquently, when she says, "The multiplication table occupies about the same relation to mathematics that tithing does to stewardship." *Set the example of stewardship, ministers, and pay your tithe!* ♦

News From Nashville, TN...

The SMMA Conference held in March 2013 at our Headquarters in Nashville was well attended. The conference, by all accounts, was blessed and productive.



According to the SMMA National President, Elder Marguerite Redding, "the conference was a working, motivational and inspirational assembly of the adult membership of the church."

All of the women in attendance, sorted, laundered and boxed all usable clothing for the outreach ministry. The women also prepared and served, on time, breakfast, lunch, and dinner, each day. Our Chief Overseer made special efforts to have the kitchen filled with all the necessary foodstuff and supplies to ensure that there were delicious meals prepared by Rev. Corliss Ward, Sis. Tanya Carter, Rev. Gloria Jones, and assistants. Rev. Veary Gillings of Chicago (Westside) sent a complete delicious frozen home-cooked dinner for all to enjoy; and we did!



The men in attendance, led by COS Lewis and Rev. James O. Lewis, formed an indomitable task-force to conquer major repairs and maintenance issues! They ripped up sidewalks to lay down better gutter drainage, tore down false walls to open up windows into offices, put vents in the dormitory to better ventilate the air/heat outtake system, and cleaned the grounds. Our hats are off to Elder J. Jones, Bro. Raymond Russell, and Elder Alfred Ward (who took pictures and made the video recordings *(continued next column)*)

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member's portal at
<http://www.clgpgt.org>

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too)! Also, Rev. Aaron Lockhart, Bro. Aaron Lockhart Jr. and Bro. Demetrius Ward. Even the children were set to work cleaning the facility grounds!

Elder M. Redding remained dedicated to setting up the SMMA office and files while assisting in any other areas where necessary. Rev. Gloria Jones and Rev. Erma Price took on the task of a written record of activities. Sis. Tanya Carter and Rev. Corliss Ward were the engineers in the food preparation and led the group in Sunday Bible School and afternoon worship and praise service. **ALL** found themselves working in every area where a task was to be done or completed.

Sis. Toshiko Ward of Mississippi and family came in force and tackled the HYPA early learners classroom. Sis. Gladys Ward was available on every hand. Sis. Jamaica Smith of Sandusky, IL was on duty in the HYPA wing. Kudos to the members of the Nashville, TN band, Sis. Angela Lockhart and Sis. Madison Lockhart who were on hand to make everyone feel welcome!

The 2014 dates for the SMMA Conference are tentatively set for: **January tele-conference** -Thursday, January 16, 2014 at 8:00pm EST. The Seminar : Thursday through Sunday ,March 13-16, 2014 Nashville, TN. ♦

*Elder Marguerite Redding,
Reporting
Joint Pastor, Gainesville, FL
National President, SMMA*

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"I've Gotta Go to Work...In the Vineyard!"



Newsletter Submissions

If you have church news you would like to be included in our church newsletter, please submit your carefully edited local church news articles to Missionary Charlotte Lockhart, by the 1st of each beginning quarter month (January, April, July and October) You may include pictures as well in your email. Space will be of utmost concern and news worthiness will prevail as the guiding measure of publishing ability. In addition, we anticipate sending the newsletter via email to those who have internet capability and email addresses. The editor certainly solicits your cooperation and understanding in attempting to achieve the goal—a brief, informative, and readable document. Please send all news to thecharlottelockhart@yahoo.com.

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Upcoming General Assembly

Holy Greetings from Nashville, TN!
Holy greetings from Nashville, TN! Arrangements have been made for the General Assembly time and place for 2013 as directed by our COS, Bishop M. H. Lewis.

We will remain at the same hotel location as last year, but under new management. Many of the same service personnel have been retained to assist with our stay and rooms newly remodeled so the transition should be minimal.

Please seek to make your reservations as soon as possible (prior to the JUN 15TH Deadline) as other events are scheduled at the time of our stay.

HOTEL Accommodations for the 2013 General Assembly: **21 JULY 2013 through 30 JULY 2013.**

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Ideas for SMMA/ HYPA Programming in Your Local Church:

- April : Let April be a month of refreshment and renewal. Host a Spa Day for the adult women to foster bonding or have a youth picnic to welcome spring
- May: Mother's Day Tea and Hat Day
- June: Vacation Bible School Plan a fishing trip for the men to celebrate all the Fathers and Grandfathers!

These are only suggestions, but be active and get your witness on!

Didn't see your name? Well, write me and maybe next time!