

California District Council

**Diocesan, Bishop Henry L. Johnson, D.L., D.D.
16th Episcopal District of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc.
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***THEME: “Working as a Team To Fulfill The Dream”
(I Corinthians 3:9)***

Chairman’s Address

Rendering reverence and glory to the name and spirit of the “Only True God” of our universe (Jesus the Christ of Israel), and to our Diocesan the Honorable Henry L. Johnson, to all Resident Bishops, Suffragan Bishops, District Elders, Pastors, Delegates and Guests.

I want to give thanks unto the Lord for His goodness and mercy being extended to us as a result of being placed on “Heaven’s Winning Team” via our new birth experience. I also count it an honor and special privilege to serve as your CDC Chairman for the next two years and beyond (Romans 4:17) the Lord willing.

Once again I would like to congratulate and give thanks to our former Chairman, Bishop Michael J. Garrett and the former administration for setting the pace and being the trailblazer for our current administration to advance and edify the great work and vision of our Diocesan.

Further, I extend a very warm and heart felt “thank you” to our Diocesan, Bishop Henry L. Johnson, for his courage, compassion, and sincerity in introducing the vision and dream of the great CDC becoming a Five Star Oneness Oriented Fellowship, by producing and providing us with the concepts and methodologies to achieve excellence in ministry. Bishop Johnson, additionally, we say thank you, thank you, thank you for your patience, guidance, and ability to navigate and finesse our progress toward fulfilling the dream of demonstrating true worship unto the Father in spirit and truth. God bless and keep you, First Lady Wilma Johnson, and your family. God will not forget your labor of love wherein you do minister to the needs of our council as a devoted Spiritual Father, preparing his children to benefit from their legacy. Although some of our most loyal, dedicated and productive contributors have been summoned from labor to reward, our memory of their contribution to our legacy lives forever in our hearts and minds. Therefore, it is with the utmost dignity, respect, and humility that I

enter into the office as Chairman of, what I call the Greatest Episcopal District of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, the California District Conference.

Since assuming the role of Chairman in July 2007, we have succeeded in achieving some major progress toward improving the program and operational functions of our Council:

... In October 2007, we were able to conduct our first Diocesan and Chairman's New Administration Orientation in Fresno, California.

... In January 2008, our annual Leadership Conference was a huge success and many, many souls were blessed beyond their expectations.

... In April 2008, we were successful in conducting our closed session Pastors Retreat, simultaneously with our State Youth Convention.

Now, we are here in the beautiful city of Palm Desert "Working as a Team to Fulfill the Dream"!

Some inquire as to what our theme "*Working as a Team to Fulfill the Dream*" actually means or represents. Well, one can only respond on a personal yet team oriented basis by simply asking "What can I do for you as your Chairman?" I personally view the "Five Star Dream" of the CDC as a vision of excellence in stewardship, fellowship, and Kingdom building.

At this time allow me to become a type of 21st century Joseph and share with this body some special scenes from my personal perspective of our "Five Star CDC Dream".

- **Scene #1:** I see major activities such as strong and consistent fellowship meetings at every level of our Episcopal functionality including also a diversity of age groups and cultures.
- **Scene #2:** I see our conference in Five Star mode as it relates to creating strategies to galvanize every delegate of our conference into the dynamic of productivity. Also included in this scene of the dream are the men, women, and PYPUs officers joining together with our Budget and Finance Committee, engaging in logistical planning and implementation of the directives given to them from our Diocesan, Executive Board, and Council Chairman.
- **Scene #3:** Reveals our entire council mobilized into action exercising our own gifts and talents in building a state of the art Retreat and Conference Center. This scene includes an auditorium with a seating capacity of 3,000 situated on 21 acres of land, located geographically between the Sacramento and San Diego (north to south) and between the Pacific Ocean and the Nevada State Line (west to east).

Now having revealed to all the scenes from our corporate dream, Bishop Johnson and myself invite you to join us on the team to fulfill the dream.

In my humble conclusion, I declare to Mr. Satan and anyone who desires to assist him (bar none), we, the members of the CDC, go on record to proclaim that our mission has been established, our dream to work together as a team has been formulated in our hearts and minds, our vision is clear, and our motives are pure. By the Blood of Jesus our action to overcome any and all opposition is justified. Our resolve is strong and our collective hard work and determination is undefeatable.

Therefore, Satan, as a unified body of oneness warriors, we have purposed to destroy your works with the weapons of our warfare which are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of your strongholds. We have also purposed in our warfare against you, that we will not back up, slack up, act up, or crack up. However, we are going to pursue you and overtake you and redeem back from you that which you have stolen and taken away from we the people of God. We still pursue you in each area that you have designated to occupy in our environment. We still (as a team) lay hands on our sick and they shall recover we will cast you out of homes, marriages, fellowships, families, our districts, regions, council, and, ultimately our Organization.

So, people of God, remember we are a “Royal Seed” (spiritually speaking) and our King, the Lord Jesus Christ, has placed us here in His Kingdom for such as time as this.

Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,
To the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen. (Jude 1:24-25)

We can win with what we have!

In Jesus' Name,

Dr. Robert T. Douglas, Sr.
Chairman, California District Council