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THE 2018 HOLY CONVOCATION

June 7-9, 2018



MOTTO: *"Keeping the Right Direction with Unity"*
THEME: *"Assembling to Celebrate God"*

SCRIPTURE: "And in the first day there shall be an holy convocation, and in the seventh day there shall be an holy convocation to you, no manner of work shall be done in them, save that which every man must eat, that only may be done to you." (Ex. 12:16, KJV)

MESSAGE FROM OUR BISHOP

To: The Holy Convocation of the RZUA Churches of America

Greetings in the Name of Him who loved us enough to lay down His life for us, It is with excitement and new hope that we refocus the Holy Convocation this year. In 2016, we followed the original outline presented by those who formed our holy convocations over twenty years ago. This year, we seek to present it from a different perspective. The convocation committee has always put a lot of effort into planning it and this year is no different. Many have worked in the planning and many changes have been, and are being made as we go along. I extend my sincere gratitude to all of them for that.



The focus this year is on “holiness.” In 1 Peter 1:16 (NIV), the Bible says: *‘for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”’* As we focus on being Christian, it is also important that we focus on being like Christ: Holy. This design will present a holy convocation according to the original intent and plan for holy convocations that God required of Israel.

When we think of “Holy Convocation,” we think of a sacred assembly set apart for the purpose of worshiping God and bringing our offerings to Him. Here, offerings do not mean goats, sheep, and bulls; it is our coming before Him in an attitude of holiness. Our holiness is based both on the position, granted because God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in His eyes, and the behavior that results from holding this position. While our Holy Convocation is not developed in the exact blueprint of the Jewish Assembly, it will reflect a Christian adaptation of that model.

Again, I invite you to focus on holiness for this convocation and enjoy the journey

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John L. Ghee'.

The Right Reverend John L. Ghee
Presiding Bishop
Reformed Zion Union Apostolic Churches of America

ABOUT HOLY CONVOCATION

By Bishop John L. Ghee

Exodus 12:16 (KJV): *“And in the first day there shall be an holy convocation, and in the seventh day there shall be an holy convocation to you; no manner of work shall be done in them, save that which every man must eat, that only may be done to you.”*

Deuteronomy 31:12 (KJV): *“Gather the people together, men and women, and children, and thy stranger that is within thy gates that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the Lord your God, and observe to do all the words of this law.”*

These texts are calls to worship. They call for not just “a coming together of the church body to take care of business,” but a coming together to “bring God glory through worship, praise, and reverence!” Looking past the timing to the event, the call is to “hold a sacred assembly”—an approach to worship with pure, godly intentions and a willingness to hear from and respond to the heart of God. Thus, holy convocation is the epitome of walking in right relationship with God. It anticipates confession and repentance in preparation for worship. Therefore, restoration becomes reality during the event. Confession and repentance, the casting off of those weights that beset us (Heb. 12:1), is like consuming the bread that has no leavening and living a life from which sin has been excluded. This is God’s desire for us.

Further, the call is to begin the event (“on the first day...”) with a sacred assembly. We are reminded as we begin our preparation for presenting ourselves before the Lord, the intent must already be to demonstrate “holiness to the Lord.” It is impossible to walk out of sin into holiness as crossing a line drawn in the sand without some preparation (confession and repentance). That would be tantamount to entering into heaven in the body of flesh. During the gathering together in the event of the Exodus era, true worship and fellowship were to be experienced through praise, prayer, dance, reading of the law, singing of psalms, and making music on the instruments. Then at the end of the assembly, the seventh day, there was another sacred assembly. The two occurrences in one event of the “high holy” assembly, were, above all else, pleasing to God.

I believe our every effort should be representative of our attitude of holiness to the Lord. So then, looking back, I realize we do not traditionally use the unleavened bread, except at our Holy Communion services. Since we are meeting in this worship for just two days, we will intentionally prepare for and make these two days, the first day and the last day, Holy to the Lord, not just in word, but in preparation, plan, and action. Our work will conform to the requirement of the Lord. Even in the sacred assembly, God requires our obedience. The result of obedience to God is blessings. Let us, together, obey Him. He has always kept His promise to us. Let us, now, keep our promise to Him. To God be the glory forever!

THE 2018 HOLY CONVOCATION
THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 7, 2018



REGISTRATION
6:00 P.M.

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE
7:00 P.M.

DEVOTION..... Rev. Leslie Evans & Rev. Benjamin Wartman, Worship Leaders

Hymn Zion Union and Roanoke Zion Combined Choir

Twenty-Third Psalm..... Led by Rev. Rose Spencer

Prayer Rev. Carol Waters

Apostles' Creed Led by Rev. Joseph Peterson

Scripture..... Rev. Tori Coleman & Rev. Malcolm Crutchfield

Hymn Zion Union & Roanoke Zion Combined Choir

RECEIVE THE BISHOP/GREETINGS FROM THE BISHOP.....The Right Reverend John L. Ghee
Presiding Bishop, Reformed Zion Union Apostolic Churches of America

WELCOME First Lady Emeritus Annie B. Studivant

STATEMENT OF PURPOSESis. Maurice Wesson

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER.....Rev. Pamela Kelley, Rev. Roy Crews,
Rev. Joreatha Barrett, Rev. Lovely Moore

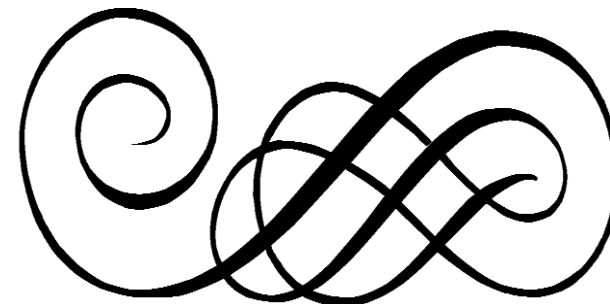
- For direction, guidance, and the presence of the Holy Spirit throughout the Assembly
- That all leaders and participants will seek to worship God so that people will experience deliverance and restoration
- That the Holy Convocation will become a launch pad for a year of sacred fellowship in Zion and in the community
- For the church, local community, our state and nation, and world governments to align themselves with the will and Word of God

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC..... Various Choirs

OFFERING & OFFERTORY PRAYER General Trustees in Charge

REMARKS & BLESSING Bishop John L. Ghee

SUPPORT CHURCHES (USHERS): Zion Union, Roanoke Zion, Bethel Memorial, Short's Chapel, Temple Gate, Union Bethel, Johnson Grove





FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 2018



REGISTRATION

9:00 A.M.

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

10:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

DEVOTION Rev. Lorraine Thomas & Minister Melvin Rainey, Worship Leaders

Hymn..... The RZUA Choir

Twenty-Third Psalm Led by Vinnie Wilkins

Prayer..... Rev. William Hendricks

Apostles' Creed..... Led by Rev. Leon Wall

Scripture Rev. Shirley Harris and Rev. Brenda Shepherd

Hymn..... The RZUA Choir

RECEIVE THE BISHOP/GREETINGS FROM THE BISHOP The Right Reverend John L. Ghee
Presiding Bishop, Reformed Zion Union Apostolic Churches of America

WELCOME Dea. Linda Johnson, Holy Convocation Planning Committee

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE..... Sis. Donna Dagner

MUSIC..... The RZUA Choir

WORSHIP LEADER: REV. GERALDINE WALL

WORKSHOP: SERVANT LEADERSHIP - A CALL TO BUILDING COLLEGIALLY, CONFIDENCE, AND COOPERATION

Rev. James Walker, Pastor, Hickory Run Baptist Church, Rawlings, VA

10:30 A.M. – 11:20 A. M.

BREAK

11:20 A. M. – 11:30 A. M.

WORKSHOP: DEVELOPMENT OF SCRIPTURE AND IMPORTANCE OF BIBLE STUDY AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Rev. Lawrence B. Hawkins, Pastor, Mt. Zion RZUA Church, Blackstone, VA

11:30 A.M. – 12:20 P.M.

MUSIC/OFFERING AND OFFERTORY PRAYER General Trustees in Charge

DISMISSAL FOR LUNCH Bishop John L. Ghee

LUNCH

12:30 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.

AFTERNOON WORSHIP SERVICE

1:30 P.M. – 3:15 P.M.

WORSHIP LEADER: REV. GERALDINE WALL

WORKSHOP I: HYMN SINGING/SONG STORIES (Why We Sing) Elder Terence Kitchings

Director of Music, Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Hackensack, NJ

WORKSHOP II: YOUTH ACTIVITY– “Manners Matter” Rev. Pamela Simmons

Pastor, Bethlehem RZUA Church, Lunenburg, Virginia

(In the Fellowship Hall)

REMARKS AND BENEDICTION..... Bishop John L. Ghee

SUPPORT CHURCHES (USHERS): Bethlehem, Dundas Chapel, New Gilfield, Roanoke Zion, St. Stephens, St. Taylor, William Grove

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

7:00 P.M.

DEVOTION Rev. Tarrence Paschall & Rev. John Pearson, Worship Leaders

Hymn..... Gethsemane Baptist Church Choir

Twenty-Third Psalm..... Led by Rev. Marie Peterson

Prayer..... Rev. Fannie Pearson

Apostles' Creed..... Rev. Nathan Burwell

Scripture..... Rev. Willie Tisdale & Elder Gladys Smith

Hymn..... Gethsemane Baptist Church Choir

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WELCOME..... Sis. Bernice Barner

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY PRAYER..... General Trustees in Charge

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST PREACHER Bishop John L. Ghee

MUSICAL SELECTION

THE PREACHED WORD Rev. Ronnie Betts
Pastor, Gethsemane Baptist Church, South Hill, VA

REMARKS AND BENEDICTION..... Bishop John L. Ghee

SUPPORT CHURCHES (USHERS): Green’s Chapel #1, Mt. Nebo, St. Mark, Union, Pleasant Hill, Lambert’s Chapel, Mt. Moriah, Mt. Zion, Pleasant Hill, Union Meherrin

Friday, June 8, 2018

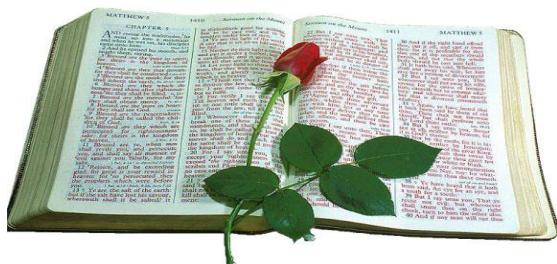
SATURDAY MORNING, JUNE 9, 2018

REGISTRATION

9:00 A.M.

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

10:00 A.M. – 10:20 A. M.



DEVOTION Rev. Rose Palmer & Rev. Sherline Cooper, Worship Leaders

Hymn..... The RZUA Choir

Twenty-Third Psalm Rev. Pamela Kelley

Prayer..... Rev. Geraldine Wall

Apostles' Creed Rev. Danny Boyd

Scripture Rev. Phyllis Graves & Rev. Dr. James Simmons

Hymn..... The RZUA Choir

WORSHIP LEADER Rev. Dr. Lewis Knight

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MINISTERS' HUSBANDS AND WIVES MINISTRY

10:20 A. M. – 10:40 A.M.

WOMEN AND MEN OF GOD WEAR MANY HATS..... Sis. Margie Evans and Dea. Solomon Palmer

POEM.....“The Seven Hats of Christianity” by Shirley Clemens Sis. Maurice Wesson

MUSIC/OFFERING/OFFERTORY PRAYER General Trustees in Charge

THE CHURCHES OF ZION: ASSEMBLING TO CELEBRATE GOD (3-5 minutes each)

10:40 A. M. – 11:40 A. M.

SOUTHSIDE DISTRICT UNION NO. 1: Bethel Memorial, Prospect, Roanoke Zion, Union Meherrin, Pleasant Hill, St. Stephens

WEST END UNION NO. 2: Land’s Chapel, Union Hill, William Grove, St. Taylor

UNION NO. 3: Diamond Grove, Lambert’s Chapel, Penuel, Temple Gate

UNION NO. 4: Little Zion, Mercy Seat, Mt. Pleasant

UPPER END UNION NO. 5: Bethlehem, Mt. Zion, New Gilfield

EVERGREEN UNION NO. 6: Green Chapel #2, Johnson Grove, New Hope, Olive Branch, Short’s Chapel, Union Bethel

SOUTH CENTRAL UNION NO. 7: Dundas Chapel, Green’s Chapel #1, Union

SOUTH BRUNSWICK UNION NO. 8: Jerusalem, Salem Union, Zion Union

TIDEWATER UNION NO. 9: Mt. Moriah, Mt. Nebo, St. Mark

UNION NO. 10: Solomon’s Temple

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSICBrother Alton Hines, Saxophonist, Roanoke Rapids, NC

PRESENTATION: CALLS TO WORSHIP, PRAYER, AND COMMUNION Bishop John L. Ghee

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER Bishop John L. Ghee

WORSHIP THROUGH HOLY COMMUNION Bishop John L. Ghee

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Rev. Marie Peterson		

BENEDICTION..... Bishop John L. Ghee

SUPPORT CHURCHES (USHERS): Land’s Chapel, Little Zion, New Hope, Olive Branch, Penuel, Union Hill, Zion Union, Green Chapel #2, Jerusalem, Mercy Seat, Salem Union, Solomon’s Temple

LUNCH

12:30 P.M.

(Box Lunch: Eat In or Take Out)

Saturday, June 9, 2018

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