

77TH STATE CONFERENCE
JULY 24-26, 2025

THIS IS THE HOUR

**TO RECONCILE THE
WORLD TO CHRIST**



SOUTH CAROLINA
CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY



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GREETINGS



**RICHARD & SHIRLEY
MARTIN**

South Carolina State Bishop

Welcome to the 77th State Conference of the Church of God of Prophecy in South Carolina! From all across South Carolina we have come together as a family. We are ONE Church meeting in over 100 different locations. We serve ONE God, represented in Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We come together with ONE voice to worship and praise the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. To the State of South Carolina I say, **"We are FAMILY!"** Over the next few days, we will celebrate Christ, rejoice together, and enjoy a time of rich fellowship. We will also conduct important and necessary business; as well as receive instructions from our Father. I am looking forward for the Holy Spirit to manifest Himself powerfully in our services. I pray for lives changed, hearts renewed, and ministries strengthened. I believe God is wanting to do something in all of us. We know that **THIS IS THE HOUR TO RECONCILE THE WORLD TO CHRIST.** No matter the battle, no matter the test...we must reconcile the world to Christ. So, the call for this State Conference is to recognize that THIS IS THE HOUR! I am looking forward to all that God has for the Church of God of Prophecy in South Carolina. Shirley and I are honored to serve this state.

—South Carolina State Bishop Richard & Shirley Martin

GREETINGS

Greetings,

The Church of God of Prophecy began over one hundred years ago in the humble hearts of earnest believers in the rural mountains of Cherokee County, North Carolina. Following a powerful revival that took place in a schoolhouse near Camp Creek in 1886, a small congregation formed a Christian Union to pray and study the scriptures.

In 1903, the group was introduced to an energetic young pastor from Indiana named A.J. Tomlinson and was more formally organized into the Church of God. From the beginning, these spiritual pioneers prioritized the evangelization of lost souls as their chief duty, as evidenced in the minutes of our first assembly in 1906. When the topic of evangelism was discussed at this small gathering **“strong men wept and said they were not only willing, but they were anxious to go.”**

Although 120 years have passed since our formal organization, the Spirit continues to call us to take the glorious Gospel message to a world that desperately needs him. All around us opportunities abound to reflect his heart to the lost, hurting, and lonely until they are reconciled to him. This ministry of reconciliation given to us by God cannot be one of many focuses; rather, it must be our one priority!

As you gather with the church family in your convention, it is my prayer that the Holy Spirit would hover over your meeting. **May that same Spirit that hovered over the early believers in Acts 2 and over our forefathers and foremothers in 1903, stir a passion in us for lost souls!**

The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Will you join me in praying to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers? As we pray, may it also be said of you and me that we were not only willing but anxious to go!

Reconciling the World to Christ

Through the Power of the Holy Spirit,

– *Tim Coalter, Presiding Bishop*



**BISHOP TIM
COALTER**
Presiding Bishop

GREETINGS



BISHOP BRIAN SUTTON
North American Presbyter

Greetings,

How wonderful when God's people gather to offer prayer and praise to our loving Savior! Conventions in the Church of God of Prophecy hold a rich tradition of joyous fellowship, powerful preaching, anointed worship, and times of great intercessory prayer. I anticipate this convention will be like no other. We stand on the threshold of God's greatest gifts.

Convention offers a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with old friends and build new relationships. Reach out to someone and become a prayer partner. Mentor a new Christian you've just met. Take someone out for a meal. Seek prayerful counsel of a senior saint. **We need each other and this gathering is a perfect place to build relational connections!**

Finally, thank you for joining in prayer for the Multiply 2030 church planting and church revitalization initiative of North America. **We are seeking to plant 500 new congregations throughout North America by 2030, through the power of the Holy Spirit.** This initiative also offers a prayer strategy for greater spiritual renewal within our existing congregations. We pray to reach 2000 healthy Church of God of Prophecy congregations in North America by 2030, each one impacting their communities with the love of Jesus. Your prayers and participation make the difference in realizing the completion of these goals.

Renee and I celebrate with you in this joyous convention. We pray for God's peace and power to surround you as you worship in his presence. We love you and we are praying for you!

— Brian T. Sutton, D.Min., North America
General Presbyter

MEET OUR GUESTS



DR. BRIAN SUTTON

*General Presbyterian
of North America*

Dr. Brian Sutton is the general presbyter of North America for the Church of God of Prophecy, overseeing 26 bishops and more than 1,700 congregations across the U.S. and Canada. He has also served as state bishop of Alabama, Executive Director of Leadership Development and Discipleship, and pastor of Peerless Road Church for 25 years. In 2023, he was named International Prayer Coordinator.

He holds a Doctor of Ministry from Gordon-Conwell and additional degrees from Tomlinson College, Covenant College, and Pentecostal Theological Seminary. A published author and contributor to church leadership resources, he and his wife, Renee, have two married children and three granddaughters.



DR. ELIAS T. RODRIGUEZ

*Instructor for the
Center for Biblical
Leadership*

Elias T. Rodriguez was born in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, and felt called to ministry as a teen while serving with his father in Peru. He earned a Doctor of Dentistry degree in 1984 and later immigrated to the U.S., where he became a citizen and served as pastor in Calhoun, Georgia, for 15 years. During that time, he was also appointed overseer for the South East Hispanic Region.

He later joined the Center for Biblical Leadership as a faculty member. Elias holds advanced ministry degrees from the Pentecostal Theological Seminary and Gordon-Conwell. He's taught around the world and served on the Church's Assembly Committee for Biblical Doctrine. He and his wife, Maria, live in Calhoun and have three children and grandchildren.



JACQUELINE SMITH

*Sisters United
Luncheon Speaker*

Jacqueline (Jacqui) Smith has served as a National Evangelist for the Church of God for over 40 years, ministering across the U.S. and around the world. Even at 75, she continues a full schedule, passionately fulfilling the call God placed on her life—to preach, remain single, and break racial and cultural barriers.

Her devotion is rooted in a clear, personal calling from God, confirmed through prayer and spiritual encounters. Jacqueline believes in wholehearted service, encouraging others to let go of distractions and deepen their relationship with God. She says, "He will let me know when He is finished."

GENERAL INFORMATION

SECURITY & ASSISTANCE

Security is being overseen by the South Carolina State Offices. We also have ushers who will assist in maintaining order and safety. Please be sensitive and respectful to others and maintain order while in the hotel facility. For assistance, please see our Chief Usher, Bishop Lonnie Donald or the Conference Coordinator, Bishop Eddie Crocker.

NURSERY

(Age: Birth – 3)

A staffed nursery will be provided in the Congaree Boardroom. For the Thursday & Friday Evening Sessions, all other services the nursery will be open as needed to be used by parents.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

(Age: 4 – 5th Grade)

Children's Ministry will be offered during each conference session, except for Friday Afternoon's session (2pm – 4pm). The Children's Ministry will be conducted in the Palmetto Club. The Children's Ministry is being provided by our State Office Staff and volunteers, led by our State Children's Pastor, Stacy Bostain. Please follow our guidelines as it relates to your children's care. Also, please pick up your children promptly following conference sessions.

YOUTH MINISTRY

(6th Grade – 12th Grade)

Youth Ministry will be offered during each Evening Session in the Carolina Ballroom. Please get your child promptly after each session. The youth ministry is being provided by the State Office Staff and volunteers, led by State Youth Directors, Pastor Bobby and Sherry Winburn.

YOUTH AFTER GLOW

The After Glow will be 9pm FRIDAY, July 25, 2025 under the Terrace. For more info, please see our State Youth Directors, Pastor Bobby and Sherry Winburn.

SISTER'S UNITED BANQUET

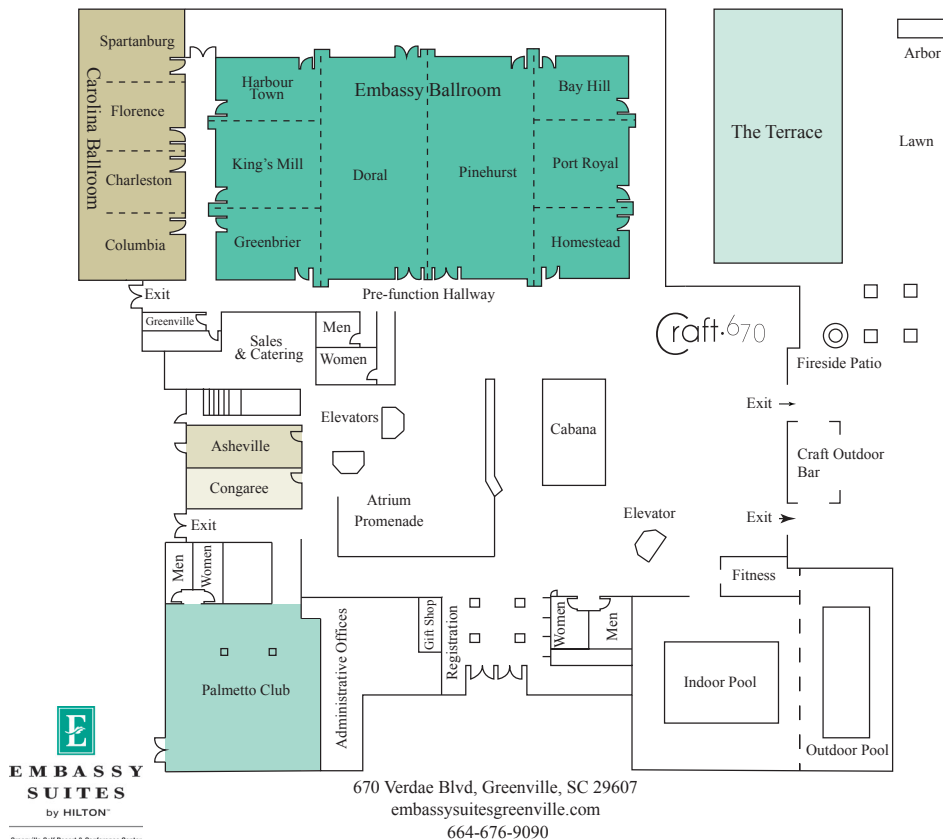
Located in the Youth Room on FRIDAY, July 25, 2025 at 12pm. **THIS IS A TICKETED EVENT.** The guest speaker is Sister Jacqueline (Jacqui) Smith. She is a national evangelist for the Church of God. Please see our State Women's Ministry Director, Dr. Shirnett Matthews for more info.

LOCAL DINING

For your convenience a list of area restaurants and directions is available on our website: www.sccogop.org. Paper copies are also available at the General Information table in the Atrium.

EMBASSY SUITES BY HILTON

670 Verdae Blvd. | Greenville, SC 29607



CHECK-IN

All Pastors are asked to check-in with our State Treasurer, Bishop Barry Loooper to receive a packet of information. The table is located at the back of the Conference Room.

CONFERENCE GIVING

You have the opportunity to give in our State Conference Offerings! You may give via cash or check during each offering session. You may also give online at sccogop.org or by scanning the QR code.



STATE CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

PASTOR'S APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

- Thursday, July 24, 2025, 12 pm
- Main Conference Room
- Reservations Required
- Lead Pastors, State Staff, and Invited Guests Only

VISIT CAMP LIVING SPRINGS

- Come see the progress!
- Address: 55 Wildwood Road Marietta, SC 29661
- About 45 minutes from the Embassy Suites.

TRADUCCIÓN SERVICES (TRANSLATION SERVICES)

- Los auriculares para traducción al español están disponibles en el vestíbulo. Sintonice sus auriculares en 91.2.
- Headsets for Spanish translation are available in the lobby. Please tune your head set to 91.2.

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE CHOIR

- If you like to join the 2025 State Conference Choir, please join practices in the Ashville Boardroom on Thursday & Friday at 5 pm and on Saturday at 8 am.

NURSERY MINISTRIES

- Birth to Age 3
- A staffed nursery will be provided during Thursday and Friday Evening Sessions (6:30 pm – 9:30 pm)
- Nursery is located in the Congaree Boardroom.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

- Age 4 to 5th Grade
- Registration begins 15 minutes prior to each session. Registration can be completed at the entrance of the Palmetto Club.
- **Times:**
 - Thursday, July 24 – 6:30 pm
 - Friday, July 25 – 9 am
 - Friday Evening, July 25 – 6:30 pm
 - Saturday Morning, July 26 – 9 am

YOUTH MINISTRIES

- Grades 6th – 12th
- Registration begins 15 minutes prior to each session in the Carolina Ballroom.
- **Times:**
 - Thursday, July 24 – 6:30 pm
 - Friday, July 25 – 6:30 pm

STATE CONFERENCE SESSIONS

THURSDAY, JULY 24 EVENING SESSION

6:30 PM – 9:30 PM

**THIS IS THE
HOUR TO HONOR
WHERE WE HAVE
COME FROM**

*NOTE: A prayer
service will be
held at 6 pm
in the Asheville
Boardroom for
anyone that would
like to attend.*

- **HONORING A PEOPLE of Praise**
State Choir (Led by: Becky Hensley)
- **Opening of the 77th South Carolina State
Conference of The Church of God of Prophecy**
Bishop J. Richard Martin
- **Welcome by Conference Coordinator**
Bishop Eddie Crocker
- **HONORING A PEOPLE of Prayer**
District Supervisor, Bishop Howard Matthews
- **HONORING A PEOPLE of Generosity**
Pastor Henry Ayala
Conference Expense Offering
- **HONORING A PEOPLE of Vision**
Bishop Michael Edwards
- **HONORING A PEOPLE of Worship**
Piedmont Worship Team
- **HONORING A PEOPLE of Passion**
Bishop Ken Baker, Former State Bishop of the
South Carolina Church of God of Prophecy

** Altar music provided by Piedmont Worship Team*

STATE CONFERENCE SESSIONS

**FRIDAY,
JULY 25**

**MORNING
SESSION**

9:00 AM – NOON

**THIS IS THE HOUR
TO CELEBRATE
WHERE WE ARE**

• ***CELEBRATING in Worship***
Mavin and Debbie Black

• ***CELEBRATING our Faith***
Pastor Chris Galloway

• ***CELEBRATING our Mission***
Pastor John Chesser

• ***CELEBRATING our Ministries*** (Reports)

State Business and Finance

State Financial Reports – Bishop Barry Looper

Finance and Stewardship Committee Report

Leadership Development – Bishop Andy Kinder

Sister's United Report – Dr. Shirnett Matthews

Marriage Enrichment Ministries – Steven &
Jessica Puckett

Youth & CCM Ministries – Pastor Bobby & Sherry
Winburn

Children's Ministry – Rev. Stacy Bostain

Youth Camp – John Crosby

Living Springs – Dr. Ken Baker

• **Special Song** – Evangelist Steve Puckett

• ***CELEBRATING their Lives*** (Honoring Deceased
Ministers) Bishop Charles & Latonya White

**FRIDAY,
JULY 25**

**AFTERNOON
SESSION**

2:00 – 4:00 PM

• ***CELEBRATING our Call*** (Ordination Service)
Bishop Andy Kinder (Leadership Development)

• Ordination of Newly Set Forth Bishops

• Ordination of Newly Set Forth Licensed Ministers

• ***CELEBRATING through Learning***
Holmes Bible College President Kevin Sneed

• ***CELEBRATING His Word***
Dr. Elias Rodriguez

• ***CELEBRATING Him in Song***
Worship Team

• ***CELEBRATING our Laborers***

Pastoral Care – Pastor Sylvia Staten

Honoring Retiring Ministers – Dr. Julian and
Geneva Galloway

STATE CONFERENCE SESSIONS

**FRIDAY,
JULY 25**

EVENING SESSION

6:30 – 9:30 PM

NOTE: A prayer service will be held at 6 pm in the Asheville Boardroom for anyone that would like to attend.

**SATURDAY,
JULY 26**

**MORNING
SESSION**

9:00 AM – 1:30 PM

**THIS IS THE HOUR
TO ANTICIPATE
WHERE WE ARE
HEADED**

*9:00 am
Pastors/Companions
Entrance (Please line
up by 8:30 am in the
Carolina Boardroom)*

- **Welcome** – Pastor Keith Crocker
- **THIS IS THE HOUR of Worship**
Jerry Brito (Iglesia de Fuente de Vida)
- **THIS IS THE HOUR of Giving**
Bishop James Smith Jr.
Offering music by Choir
- **THIS IS THE HOUR of Anticipation**
Pastor Becky Mackey
- **THIS IS THE HOUR of Praise**
State Conference Choir (Led by Becky Hensley)
- **THIS IS THE HOUR to be on Mission**
State Bishop Address, State Bishop J. Richard Martin
- **THIS IS THE HOUR to Engage in Praise**
State Conference Choir (Led by Becky Hensley)
- **THIS IS THE HOUR to Engage in Talents**
Creekwater Collective
- **THIS IS THE HOUR to Engage in Giving**
Pastor Lance Skipper
- **THIS IS THE HOUR to Engage The Next Generation**
SC Children's Ministry
SC Youth & CCM Ministry
Legacy Drama Team
- **THIS IS THE HOUR to Engage in Worship**
Legacy Worship Team
- **THIS IS THE HOUR to Engage in the Harvest**
North American Presbyter, Bishop Brian Sutton
- **THIS IS THE HOUR to Reflect** (First Lady's Challenge) – First Lady Shirley Martin
- **THIS IS THE HOUR to Respond** (State Bishop's Charge) – State Bishop Richard Martin

State Staff, State Committees, and Pastoral Appointments for 2025-2027
Closing of the 77th South Carolina State Conference
- **Benediction** – State Conference Coordinator, Bishop Eddie Crocker

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE STAFF AND COMMITTEES

STAFF

- State Bishop – J. Richard Martin
- Executive Finance Director – Barry Looper
- Administrative Assistant – Shirley Martin
- Living Springs Director & Youth Camp Coordinator – John Crosby
- Executive Director of Leadership Development – Andy Kinder
- Youth Ministries – Bobby & Sherry Winburn
- Children Ministries – Stacy Bostain
- Women’s Ministry Director – Dr. Shirnett Matthews
- Pastoral Care Director – Sylvia Staten
- Marriage Retreat Director – Steven & Jessica Puckett
- Senior Saints’ Day – Jerry & Judy Schall
- State Prayer Coordinator – Howard Matthews

COMMITTEES

FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

- Moses Driggers, Edward Fleming, Barry Looper, Howard Matthews, John Noel, & Delano Smith

MINISTERIAL REVIEW BOARD

- Gary Adkins, Julian Galloway, Andy Kinder, Sylvia Staten, Mark Wagon

LIVING SPRINGS PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

- Ken Baker, Joel Carter, Roddy Cooper, Jeff Hunt, Robert Medlin, Richard Merck, Ronnie Passmore, Wayne Teal

DISTRICT SUPERVISORS

- John Brown, John Chesser, Eddie Fleming, Jose Guerrero, James Jackson, Donnie Kirby, Howard Matthews, Glen McGugan, Byron Morrell, Alan Rhodes, Sylvia Staten, Dewain Willis





MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

International Assembly
– July 15-19, 2026

Rosen Shingle Creek
Resort (Orlando, Florida)

Hotel reservation information will be
available at the beginning of 2026