



MARCH OF FAITH INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP, INC

15TH ANNUAL HOLY CONVOCATION '23 THE ORIGINAL GLORY

*Now, Father, bring me
into the glory we shared
before the world began*
John 17:5 NLT

◀ **BISHOP**
WESLEY J. ARIJE
PRESIDING BISHOP
& CHIEF APOSTLE



BISHOP
PERRY E. NEWTON



BISHOP
SORRELL E. GILLESPIE



BISHOP
MANUEL E. DONIS

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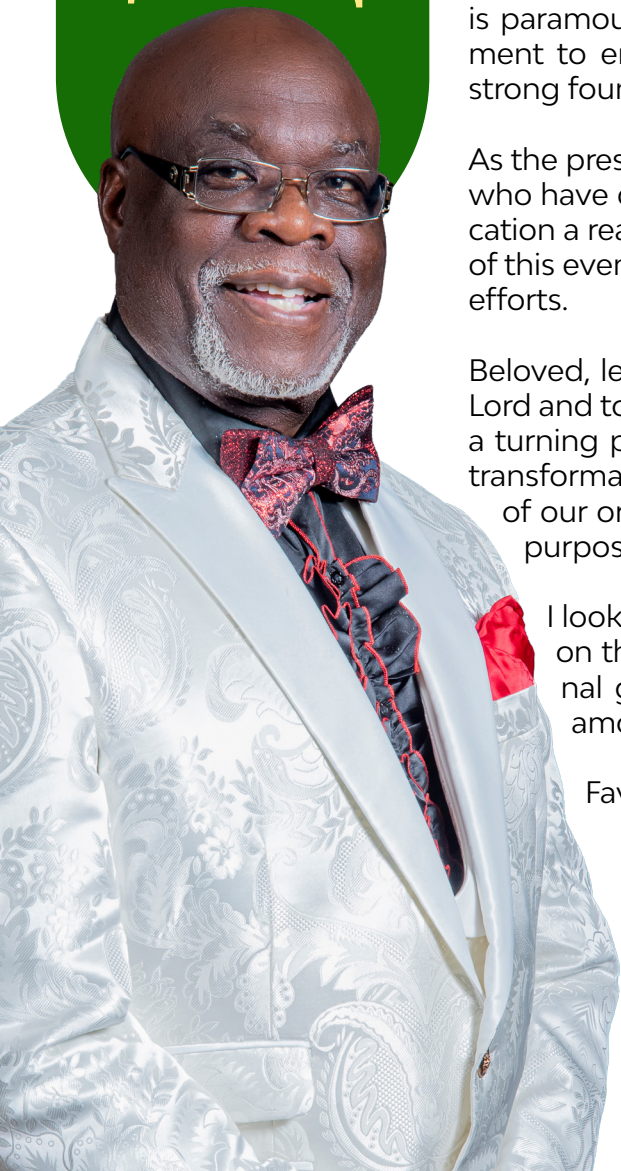
Our mission is to create a global network of churches, united in faith and fueled by a shared vision to lead masses to Christ. Developing leaders, empowering and equipping them with comprehensive support and resources, while nurturing the next generation, all with a singular focus on expanding the Kingdom of God and bringing about a global revival.

VISION

To create a worldwide network of churches, fostering unity, empowerment, and spiritual excellence to impact lives, transform communities, and ignite a global revival.

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WELCOME ADDRESS



Dearly Beloved,

Grace and peace to you in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ! It is with great joy and anticipation that I extend a warm welcome to each one of you to the 15th Annual Holy Convocation of March of Faith International Fellowship, Inc., themed "The Original Glory."

As we gather together for this sacred occasion, I want to encourage you to expect and prepare for an extraordinary experience in the presence of our Heavenly Father. This Convocation is not just another event on the calendar; it is a divine appointment where God desires to meet us, transform us, and renew our understanding of His original glory within us.

Throughout our time together, we have carefully crafted a program that will uplift, inspire, and challenge us. I urge you to attend the workshops scheduled for each day. These workshops are designed to equip us with practical tools and biblical insights that will enable us to walk in the fullness of our original glory as children of God. The workshop sessions will be an opportunity to delve deeper into the themes and engage in meaningful discussions that will enhance our spiritual growth and understanding.

Furthermore, I encourage you to actively participate in the youth activities that have been thoughtfully planned for our younger members. Our youth are the future of our fellowship, and investing in their spiritual development is paramount. These activities will provide them with a nurturing environment to encounter God, understand their unique calling, and develop a strong foundation in their faith.

As the presiding Bishop, I want to express my deepest gratitude to all those who have dedicated their time, resources, and prayers to make this Convocation a reality. Your commitment and support are invaluable to the success of this event, and I am confident that the Lord will richly bless your sacrificial efforts.

Beloved, let us come together with open hearts, eager to receive from the Lord and to fellowship with one another. I pray that this Convocation will be a turning point in our lives, a time of divine encounters, and a catalyst for transformation. May we leave this gathering with a renewed understanding of our original glory and a burning desire to live in alignment with God's purposes.

I look forward to welcoming each one of you personally as we embark on this remarkable journey of rediscovering and reclaiming the original glory God has destined for us. May God's presence be evident among us, and may His name be glorified in everything we do.

Favored to Serve,

BISHOP WESLEY J. ARIJE

Presiding Bishop
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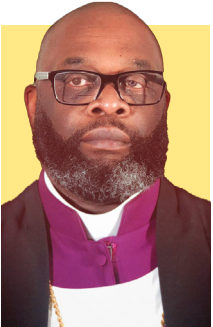


INTRODUCING THE COLLEGE OF BISHOPS



BISHOP WESLEY J. ARIJE

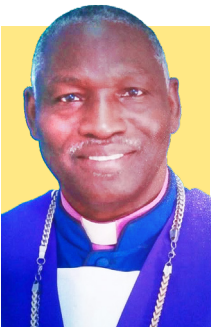
Wesley Arije, born into Nigeria's Arije ninu Adura royal family, is a highly accomplished individual. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering, a Master's degree in Structural Engineering, and a Doctoral degree in Engineering Science. Additionally, he obtained a Master's Certificate from the C.H. Mason System of Theological Seminary and pursued coursework for a Doctor of Divinity degree. Under the guidance of Bishop C.W. and Mother Addie Gillespie, his commitment to salvation deepened. Wesley Arije excelled as an entrepreneur and made significant contributions in the construction industry. He served the City of Memphis government for 25 years before retiring. As the Presiding Bishop of the March of Faith International Fellowship, he leads a global community of believers. He is also the founder and Senior Pastor of Pavilion of Hope, a thriving ministry with campuses in Memphis, Dyersburg, Frayser, and Caruthersville. Married to Pastor Betty for over 41 years, they have three children and six grandchildren.



BISHOP SORRELL E. GILLESPIE

Sorrell Gillespie Sr. is the pastor and founder of The March of Faith Church located at 400 South Wall in Carbondale, IL. He is one of the founding members of the March Of Faith International Fellowship, Inc., formerly known as March of Faith Outreach Ministries Fellowship, Inc., established in 1997. Pastor Gillespie felt the calling to minister at the age of 8 and was ordained in 2002. He is not only dedicated to his ministry but also holds licenses as a real estate broker, manager, president, and CEO of Gillespie Property Management, one of the largest minority-owned housing development corporations in Carbondale, IL.

Pastor Gillespie is married to Pamela R. Gillespie, who serves as the First Lady of The March of Faith Church. Together, they have three children: Brandee, Sorrell II, and Christopher, and four grandchildren.



BISHOP PERRY E. NEWTON

Perry Edison Newton Sr had a successful career in the Royal Bahamas Police Force. He accepted Christ at a young age and holds a Bachelor's degree in Education, a Master's degree in Theology, and a Ph.D. In 2005, he was consecrated as a Bishop and later invited to join the March of Faith International Fellowship in 2007, where he became the Ecclesiastical Bishop for the Bahamas. Additionally, he served as the chairman of the Ordination Board within the March of Faith International Fellowship. Newton is married with five children and two grandchildren and also serves as the Principal of two Christian schools.



BISHOP MANUEL E. DONIS

Manuel Donis humbly serves as Sr. Pastor at Rivers of Life Int'l Ministries in Grand Junction, Tennessee. He brings the gospel to inner-city streets, ministering to those who have experienced incarceration or rejection. With an anointing of deliverance, he offers hope and sets captives free. Manuel believes in the power of the Cross and the Holy Spirit's work within. As Bishop of the March of Faith Southern Region, he travels internationally to preach deliverance. He also serves as a Chaplain in the Hardeman County Jail System, exemplifying true salvation through the Holy Spirit. Manuel's objective in life is to reach souls for Jesus Christ. Married for over nineteen years to his wife Sharon, he holds a Bachelor's Degree in Biblical Studies and embraces the resilient faith described in Hebrews 11:6.

WORKSHOPS DAILY SCHEDULE

8:30am

8:30am - 9:30am

9:00am - 9:45am

Registration Opens

Breakfast

Prayer & Morning Glory

Wednesday - July 19

10:00am - 11:15am

Class A: Elder Darvel Samuels

"Sharpening and Shaping Your
Vision for the Church in 2024"

-The Voice of the Helper Jonathan

11:30am - 12:45pm

Class B: Pastor Ashley Gilyard

"Reinvent Yourself - Overcoming
Trials, Afflictions and Disappoint-
ments"

Thursday - July 20

10:00am - 12:00pm

Preparation for Ordination Service

01:00pm

Ordination and Church Induction
Service

Friday - July 21

9:30am - 10:45am

Class A: Prophetess America Quinn

"Growing Your Ministry in Foreign
Soil - Reaching Refugees and
Displaced People"
World Outreach

11:30am - 12:45pm

Class B: Pastor Paul Idusaogie

"Breakthrough Relationships -
Mentors & Mentees"

MEN'S NIGHT

Wednesday - July 19 @7pm

Moderator: Pastor Joshua Gilyard

Call to Worship/Prayer

Bro Isaac Wells

Old Testament Scripture

Bro Daniel Maclin

New Testament Scripture

Elder Arthur Morrison

Praise & Worship

MOFIF Praise Team

Presentation of The Presidium

Bishop Manuel E. Donis

The Presidium Speaks

**Presiding Bishop Wesley J. Arije
Remarks
Ministry of Giving**

Dance

Chosen

Men's Panel

**Pastor Joshua Gilyard
Panelists**

- Pastor Malcolm Crawford
- Pastor Sam Parham
- Pastor Gregory Chauncey
- Elder Corey Powell

Introduction of Speaker

Elder Goldie Robinson

Sermonic Solo

Elder Edward Gadsden

The Spoken Word

Bishop Sorrell E. Gillespie

Remarks and Benediction

Bishop Manuel E. Donis

>> COLORS ARE NAVY, YELLOW AND WHITE FOR ALL MEN <<

ORDINATION & CHURCH INDUCTION SERVICE

Thursday, July 20 @ 1pm

Moderator: Prophetess America Quinn

Call to Worship/Prayer

Pastor Sam Parham

Old Testament Scripture

Overseer Lee Salter

New Testament Scripture

Pastor Darrell McElrath

Presentation of The Presiding
Bishop

Bishop Manuel E. Donis

The Spoken Word

Bishop Wesley J. Arije

Presentation of Candidates for
Ordination

Dr Brian Schaefer

Church Induction

Overseer Bernice Garner

Acknowledgement of
Ministries

Bishop Designee
Henry B. Peeples

Closing and Benediction

Bishop Manuel E. Donis

WOMEN'S NIGHT

Thursday, July 20 @ 7pm

Moderator: Ambassador Sherry Self

Call to Worship/Prayer	Pastor Sharon Donis
Old Testament Scripture	Pastor Valerie Banks
New Testament Scripture	Co-Pastor Tracy Peeples
Welcome & Acknowledgment of Dignitaries	Prophetess America Quinn
Praise & Worship	MOFIF Praise Team
Remarks	Pastor Mary Wells First Lady Izetta Idusogie
Ministry of Giving	Bishop Sorrell E. Gillespie
Memorial Presentation of Mother Addie Gillespie	Elder Cozette Samuels
Introduction of Supervisor of Women	Evangelist Nicole Turner
Supervisor of Women	Pastor Betty Arije
Offering for Supervisor of Women	Overseer Bernice Garner
Introduction of the Speaker	Stephanie Parham
Sermonic Solo	Pastor Tequila Junior
The Spoken Word	Pastor Brenda Parham
Remarks and Benediction	Bishop Wesley J. Arije

OFFICIAL NIGHT

Friday, July 21 @ 7pm

Moderator: Bishop Manuel Donis

**Call to Worship/Clergy
Procession**

Pastor Joshua Gilyard

Prayer

Pastor George Amadi

Old Testament Scripture

Apostle Johnnie Williford

New Testament Scripture

Pastor Darrell McElrath

**Acknowledgement of Special
Guests**

Overseer Brian Schaeffer

Musical Selection

MOFIF Praise Team

Ministry of Giving

Bishop Sorrell E. Gillespie

Introduction of the Speaker

Pastor Betty Arije

Sermonic Solo

Overseer Lee Salter

The Spoken Word

Bishop Wesley J. Arije

**Episcopal Consecration
*Bishop Elect Henry B. Peebles***

Bishop Wesley J. Arije

Closing Remarks/Benediction

Bishop Wesley J. Arije

[YOUTH NIGHT SERVICES]

Tuesday, July 18 @ 7pm **Kick off Night**

Referees: Bro Richard Allen & Sis Rodnisha Barnes

Video Presentation	NextGen Youth
Drum Solo	Raylan Junior
Prayer	Jordan Chauncey
Hosts	Bro Richard Allen & Sis Rodnisha Barnes
Mime Dance	NextGen Youth
Praise & Worship	NextGen Choir
Creed	Azabria Hall
Song	Limit Breakers Church Youth
Dance	Rivers of Life International Ministry
Offering	Prophetess America Hill
Dance	Saving of the Souls Dance Team
Musical Selection	Something Special
3 Minutes of Power	Cortlen Powell Arthur Morrison Jr.
Mime Dance	Choice
Word	Da'Lyzah Maclin
Youth Panel	NextGen Youth
Altar Call	Pastor Melody Nsude
Vote of Thanks/Benediction	Pastor Bridgette Crawford

Wednesday - July 19

Night Service (Assembling)

Prayer/Praise

Speakers

Richard Allen
- Why It's Important To Have A
Relationship With "GOD"!

Tasha Wells-Jordan
- Overcoming Peer Pressure

Stretch Break

Rehearsal for Acts

>> KIDS SHOULD BE PICKED UP BY 10:00PM <<

Thursday - July 20

Night Service (Assembling)

Praise/Worship

Speakers

Dr. Christian Gillespie
- What I Say and Do Matters!

Rev. Titus Wyatt
- How Does God See Me?

Stretch Break

Rehearsal for Acts

>> KIDS SHOULD BE PICKED UP BY 10:00PM <<

Friday - July 21

Night Service (Assembling)

Praise/Worship

Officer Smith
Policing the Community

AJ Rhymez (Music Concert)

Talent Show

>> KIDS SHOULD BE PICKED UP BY 10:00PM <<

MOFIF Next-Gen Creed

N. - N is for Next-Gen. We are the ones up next. We are the Joshua Generation. We will live in the promises of God. We will walk into our Canaan.

E. - E is for Exceeding. I will exceed every limitation, placed upon my generation. Because I am a dreamer, and I commend every vision into the hands of Jesus; Unto to Him who does exceeding, abundantly above everything I'm asking, thinking or imagining

X. - X is for Ex-something. Everything I am delivered from. I decree and declare I am no longer who I was. I'm risen in Christ now, therefore I am a new creation.

T. - T is for Testimony. We are more than conquerors through Christ who loves us. We are overcomers. So I will overcome every challenge

this world throw on me, by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony.

G. - G is for Grace. We are favored of the LORD. By the grace of God we will succeed. By the grace of God we will make our way prosperous. All the days of our lives grace and mercy will follow us.

E. - E is for Exploits. According to Daniel 11:32 we are people that do know the LORD. Therefore, we will be strong, we will do exploits.

N. - N is for Now. We no longer just have next. We're the ones for which the world's been waiting. We are numbered among the sons of God, you're witnessing our manifestation

This is the Next-Generation!!

YOUTH DAILY SCHEDULE

Wednesday - July 19

8:00am - 9:00am	Leader's session
9:15am - 9:30am	Meet/Assign Children
9:30am - 11:30am	Field Day
11:30am - 12:00pm	Lunch
12:00pm - 2:15pm	Field Day

NOTE

Children should be dressed to have fun. There will be water games but swimsuits are "not necessary."

>> KIDS SHOULD BE PICKED UP BY 2:30PM <<

Thursday - July 20

8:15am - 8:45am	Breakfast
9:00am - 9:40am	Class A: Why It's Important to Have a Relationship With "GOD"! <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Art Project - Jackie Bush (ages 6-10)• Topical Discussion (ages 11-17)
9:50am - 10:30am	Class B: Overcoming Peer Pressure <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Art Project - Jackie Bush (ages 6-10)• Topical Discussion (ages 11-17)
10:30am - 10:50am	Prep Time for Lunch
11:00am - 11:30am	Lunch
12:00pm - 2:45pm	Field Trip (Skating)

- T-SHIRTS WILL BE PROVIDED TO THOSE CHILDREN WHO ARE REGISTERED BY 6/28

NOTE

Kids Who Do Not Attend Class Sessions Will Not Be Permitted To Go On The Outings.

>> KIDS SHOULD BE PICKED UP BY 3:00PM <<

Friday - July 21

8:15am - 8:45am

Breakfast

9:00am - 9:40am

Class A: What I Say and Do Matters!

- Art Project - Jackie Bush (ages 6-10)
- Topical Discussion (ages 11-17)

9:50am - 10:30am

Class B: How Does God See Me?

- Art Project - Jackie Bush (ages 6-10)
- Topical Discussion (ages 11-17)

10:30am - 10:50am

Prep Time for Lunch

11:00am - 11:30am

Lunch

12:00pm - 2:45pm

Field Trip

- Urban Air (Ages 6-11)
- Paint Ball (12-17)

>> KIDS SHOULD BE PICKED UP BY 3:00PM <<



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— BISHOP —
**HENRY B.
PEEPLER**

IN MEMORIAL OF THE
PATRIARCH & MATRIARCH



**BISHOP & MOTHER
GILLESPIE**

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