

We Do Not Belong to COGIC ...COGIC Should Belong to Us

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"Be a member of this group or that denomination, but do not belong to it...belong to Christ. The group or denomination belongs to you; you do not belong to it." **ESJ- The Way.** Brothers and Sisters in the faith the time has come to make this declaration clear without getting it twisted. We should belong to

Jesus Christ, the Lord of the church as servants of a *"Kingdom that not only will not be shaken, but cannot be shaken."* **Hebrews 11: 28.** A Bishop recently told me that a Minister from another denomination told him that *"they used to look up to us for inspiration and guidance...unfortunately they are now looking at us on the internet with shame."* The admonition quoted above are the words of the late Eli Stanley Jones, United Methodist Missionary to India for over a half century. Unfortunately, **COGIC** has become hostage to a leadership that has misled us for quite some time. I am prepared to take the risk of exposing my own struggles and inadequacies in order to rescue us from a denomination that has become increasingly dictatorial and woefully authoritarian. Where are the so-called prophetic voices? They are either bought out, scared, silent or doing fundraisers called Revivals.

By the way I have been warned to do an Elijah and go hide in a cave until the crisis pass over. In addition to being a child of the King I have too much of my father's DNA with Cherokee Nation on my mother's side. A relative told me that whatever my grandfather did to the slave-master they are still looking for him. I buried cowardice decades ago. I learned from the best. Bishop Richard Eugene Ranger from Ft. Worth Texas was one of my mentors. I recently warned that Armageddon has come to **COGIC**. Some of our leaders not only have failed to protect us from scandal, but have brought *"reproach"* upon the name of our God who alone is holy. Leadership is pre-occupied with getting re-elected for another term. I read somewhere that *"we become whatever we worship."* Idolatry is at the center of our Church. There have been no calls for prayer and fasting for God to intervene. Traditional calls for prayer will not work at this time.

"Where the church is strong, we have few or no problems; where the church is weak or absent, we have nothing but problems." -Song of Ascents...Prime Minister of the Congo, Moise Tshombe to E. Stanley Jones. COGIC has now morphed into something that many of us are ashamed to own. Why the proliferation of lawsuits against us for sexual predators? The assessments and fees for the Convocation are at an all time high. Bishops are required to register platinum in order to generate more money with little or no benefit except for a front seat and occasionally a brief case that breaks before you reach the airport. Several sons in the Gospel informed me that they cannot make the meeting because they cannot do a \$400 assessment and do airfare and hotel without suffering. If you belong to COGIC go ahead and pay up. However, if you are interested in re-covering COGIC and taking charge of your destiny, make sure leadership changes. Why are we re-electing the same people over and over again? Abused people appear to invite and enjoy more abuse. Paid cronies and people benefiting from the present arrangement are keeping this horrific system alive.

Leadership lookout!! The people are preparing to take back the Church of God in Christ!. We are never to appear insipid, weak and helpless. God is going to re-arrange the Church before our very eyes. **Matthew 7:20 *"Yes, the way to identify a tree or a person is by the kind of fruit they produced."* (LBV) ***Trees that are not bearing fruit as well as those bearing strange fruit will be cut down!***_____**

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