UFCCM HEADQUARTERS JURISDICTION TODAY

**UFCCM HQ JURISDICTION WELCOMES OUR NEW JURISDICTIONAL BISHOP**

On Saturday, November 18, 2017, the UFCCM HQ Jurisdiction gathered in full force to welcome our newly appointed Jurisdictional Bishop. Her Grace, Mother Bishop Shirley A. Tindal was appointed to this position during the 2017 Annual Conference held in Milwaukee, WI. Her predecessor was His Grace, Bishop Henry A. Tindal, Sr., who served with distinction in this capacity since the inception of the UFCCM. Representatives from the churches in Massachusetts, Maryland, North Carolina, and our envoy in Washington, DC were in attendance, and what a wonderful day we experienced!

After a delicious Continental Breakfast, Call to Order by Mother Bishop, and morning Devotional, our Presiding Prelate, Bishop Henry A. Tindal, Sr. addressed the Jurisdiction. His words were encouraging and powerful as he reminded us that our goal is “excellence for God in everything that we do, including being on time.” In closing, Bishop Tindal stated that when new leadership takes place, things change.

UFCCM General Overseer Henry Tindal, Jr. and pastors from throughout the Jurisdiction presented Mother Bishop with an enormous Basket of Love and welcomed her as the HQ Jurisdictional Bishop.

After a stretch break, Mother Bishop addressed the Jurisdiction. She stated that we must “learn to be patient and learn to wait on our calling, and master “***knee ology”*** to hear God’s voice; the world is enticing, and if we do not know God’s voice, it is easy to be enticed.” Her exhortations and words of wisdom included the importance of developing a real prayer life through a constant conversation with God. Her address was rich in wisdom and encouragement and all present received it with enthusiasm.

A time of lunch and fellowship (which included hospitality gifts for all, provided by Elder Loretta Brooks, UFCCM Chair of Hospitality) was enjoyed by all, after which Mother Bishop addressed various areas of importance on HQ Jurisdiction. Among these was a discussion on commitment to the work, instruction in ecclesiastical protocol, review of the hierarchy of accountability for HQ Jurisdictional leaders, as well as future goals and plans. Mother Bishop also addressed growth in the HQ Jurisdiction and announced the creation of the HQ Jurisdictional Province of Massachusetts, with Bishop Ronald Hobson appointed as Provincial Bishop. He will be officially installed by the UFCCM Episcopal Board of Bishops in the upcoming 2018 Annual Conference.

In closing, Mother Bishop stated that there are several positions and roles to be filled. HQ Jurisdiction Member Information Sheets were distributed, and attendees were asked to indicate areas of interest and where they might like to serve on the Jurisdiction.

This wonderful day was capped off with a Jurisdictional Networking Activity in which everyone participated, followed by a Press Conference, “Ask Mother Bishop.” Members of the Jurisdiction had the opportunity to ask Mother Bishop various questions which resulted in a rich and informative dialogue and discussion.

The Jurisdiction Day ended with a powerful and special prayer for all Jurisdictional Pastors and leaders, led by our Prelate. The UFCCM HQ Jurisdiction is ***Reaching Higher***!!!!