

# Office of the Jurisdictional Bishop

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**Happy New Year Beloved Brothers and Sisters!**

*I wish above all things that you prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers.*

III John 1:2

Isn't it incredible that 09 is gone and January 2010 is ½ over. Indeed, "His mercy endureth forever." With the hectic pace that seems to define our times, you might not have recognized that the annual **Bishop's Winter Leadership Conference – January 21-23, 2010** is just around the corner. Everyone has been superb. We attempt to plan a conference that is informative, practical, and challenging. I also urge the committee to leave space for the saints to fellowship and relax. We KNOW that is a tall order but we also believe it is a worthy objective.

**PRESENTATIONS:** The presentations this time will be especially designed for specific local church enhancements. The presentation on **Worship w/o a Musician** will be significant for those who have a music staff as well as those who have learned to adjust. The class on **Male Empowerment** will include real life models to which each church can relate. **Jump-starting 21<sup>st</sup> youth ministry** will help distinguish between what is timeless and how we must aggressively understand what has radically changed in our youth culture. **The Unexpected Leadership piece** will address training for leaders who may not appear to possess traditional leadership types [*such were some of you . . .II Corinthians*] You will not regret encouraging leaders and potential leaders from your congregation to participate in these areas of their respective interests. *It is too much for the pastor to have to relate ALL BY HIMSELF!*

**REGISTRATION & FACILITY:** *This year's negotiated Holiday Inn Hotel rate has been lowered and registration is minimal. You should make this your ministry priority for the year. Although conference hotel information has been published repeatedly for the saints since early December, and the hotel reservations are continuously coming in, please consider this pledge from your Bishop, "this is a worthy investment for those with serious ministry commitment for 2010." In addition to a closed session for pastors and pastors' wives, pastors' widows will be especially recognized and honored during the conference.*

**THURSDAY NIGHT -- SPECIAL GUEST:** Our special guest is Bishop Barnett Thoroughgood of Virginia Beach, VA. His specialties are many but facility usage, worship upgrades, and community partnering will leave you with memorable blessing. Our conference host is Pastor Shepherd and Mt Calvary COGIC; however Bishop Thoroughgood will preach the 7:00pm conference worship THURSDAY night at The Historic Boone Tabernacle.

I pray the blessings of Christ upon you until we meet in the conference.

Your Servant,

Bishop L.F. Thuston  
Jurisdictional Prelate