

# ***EAGLES ROCK COMMUNION OF CHRISTIAN LEADERS***

## ***Membership Handbook***



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Praise God from whom all blessings flow! God has established The Eagles Rock Communion of Christian Leaders (ERCCL) as a global network of churches and ministries sharing a common faith and discipline in historic Episcopal government. ERCCL was established to be a force multiplier in the advancing of God's Kingdom. We have a responsibility and a mandate as Christians to always contend for the faith in God and the saving grace of Jesus Christ and never compromise! Our pastors

and church/ministry leaders must be stalwart in their study and meditation in the Word of God and stay in constant prayer for their congregations and others within their sphere of influence. Our churches and ministries must also champion business ventures to dynamically expand our influence and commitment to the tenets of Christian faith as established in the Word of God. Our communion must always uphold the biblical standard of truth and righteousness and serve as a beacon of light and a prophetic voice to the nations.

This dynamic and expansive Christian network extends nationally and internationally with established and flourishing covenantal churches throughout the United States, South America, Central America, Africa, India, and Europe. Rather than being organized geographically, the churches, ministries and businesses comprising ERCCL are connected by covenant relationship and apostolic covering.

ERCCL will continue to advance and extend the Kingdom of God around the globe through evangelism, missions, church planting, and business and pastoral leadership development. Through our annual summit in the United States and our biannual African nations summit, pastors, church leaders and church laity from around the world will gather with the primary focus of empowering and equipping the body of Christ to fulfill the mandate expressed in Genesis 1:28 and the great commission expressed in Matthew 28:19-20.

The EAGLES' ROCK is the place where eagles gather to be strengthened, nourished, and refreshed in their journey...and that ROCK is JESUS CHRIST!

I implore you dear communion to take hold of the principles in this handbook as we work together to reach the lost at any cost!

***Eugene V. Reeves***

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Presiding Prelate Bishop

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## **Articles of Faith**

### **We Believe...**

*There is but one living and true God...  
Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and that He is God in human flesh;*

*The Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Jesus Christ;*

*Salvation is offered freely to all who receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord;*

*The church (body of believers) is God's presence in this world today;*

*The Holy Bible is the inspired, infallible, and authoritative written Word of God;*

*There is but one God, eternally existent in three persons:  
God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.*

*In the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
His virgin birth, sinless life, and His atoning death  
and redemptive work at the cross;*

*His bodily resurrection, ascension and presence now at the right hand of the  
Father...and His eventual return to Earth in power and glory  
and final triumph over death and Satan;*

*The "Blessed Hope" in the rapture of the Church and Christ's second coming;*

*That the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith  
in the (atoning) Blood of Jesus Christ;*

*That regeneration by the Holy Spirit is essential for personal salvation.*

*The Holy ordinances of water baptism by immersion and communion.*

*In the baptism in and with the Holy Spirit; and*

*In the Resurrection of both the saved and the lost...  
The one to everlasting life and the other to everlasting damnation.*

# Preamble

## **I. We Are a Communion of Churches**

The Eagles Rock Communion of Christian Leaders (ERCCL) is a global network of leaders from every discipline committed to high standards of excellence in leadership development and personal growth. We are a family of churches, ministries and businesses joined together in common faith and discipline in the apostolic order and structure. This structure emphasizes the continuing apostolic ministry and succession of authority through bishops, overseers, pastors, elders, ministers, and deacons.

The Eagles Rock Communion of Christian Leaders expands its reach beyond the four walls of the church by partnering Christian business leaders and para-church ministry leaders with pastors and churches. We believe that when we work cooperatively to strengthen Christian leadership both inside and outside of the organized church, we strengthen the communities in which we all live.

Our communion's beliefs are distinctively centered on the convergence of the primary spiritual streams of Evangelicalism, Sacramentalism, and Pentecostalism. Furthermore, our beliefs are in continuity with the apostolic tradition which holds as its highest priority, the cooperative fulfillment of the great commission in Matthew 28: 16-20...

*<sup>16</sup> Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

## **II. Our Vision**

The vision of the Eagles Rock Communion of Christian Leaders is "to build an international communion of leaders depicting the evangelical, sacramental, and charismatic converge for the fulfillment of the great commandment in Mark 12: 29-31 and the great commission in Matthew 28: 19-20).

- i. We are **Evangelical**, stressing salvation by faith in the atoning death of Jesus Christ through personal conversion, the authority and inerrancy of the Bible, the necessity of evangelism at home and abroad, the priesthood of the believer, and the importance of Spirit-anointed preaching and teaching of the Holy scriptures to win souls through the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

- ii. We are **Sacramental**, practicing the historically recognized rites, which are vital to worship and have been preserved and practiced throughout the ages. We therefore highly value the sacraments and sacramentalism, utilize the primary ancient creeds, and encourage the use of a liturgy based on biblical and historic traditions along with historic ceremony and Christian symbolism.
- iii. We are **Pentecostal**, emphasizing the free expression of the gifts and person of the Holy Spirit; especially in expressive praise and in the signs and wonders, the infilling of the Holy Spirit, personal spiritual growth in holiness, and everyone's individual call to ministry. We have an absolute commitment to endeavor toward the completion of the Great Commission--evangelism and discipleship of the spiritually lost are of the highest importance.

Our evangelical commitment involves aggressive church planting; especially among the under-evangelized and unreached nations and communities of the world. We also have a vigorous devotion to training a generation of young people to fulfill their God-given destiny. Additionally, we have an unflinching resolve to recognize and promote the priesthood of all believers through the five-fold ministry. We are equally devoted to the biblical ministries of physical healing, ministry to the poor, providing for the needy and the mending of all human divisions.

### **III. Our Mission**

Our mission is to prepare global 21st century leaders to embrace their kingdom assignment and complete their purpose in the earth.

ERCCL was established to be a force multiplier in the advancing of God's Kingdom. Committed to the tenets of the Christian faith as established in the Word of God, ERCCL upholds the biblical standard of truth and righteousness and serves as a beacon of light and prophetic voice to the nations. This dynamic and expansive Christian network extends nationally and internationally with established and flourishing covenantal churches, para-churches and businesses throughout the world.

### **IV. Common Elements of Eagles Rock Communion of Christian Leaders**

We believe there is a multitude of valid expressions of Christ's Church. We follow God's call to provide an expression of His church in holding certain core beliefs that are distinctively centered on the convergence of the primary historical streams of Evangelism, Sacramentalism and Pentecostalism. The particular blend of these historic streams will be left to the discretion of the bishop and presbyters of a local church--but an acknowledgement of the value and some specific expression of each of these elements are necessary for membership in this communion.

Accordingly, **the common elements** of the ERCCL are:

- i. A restored dedication to the sacraments, especially the Lord's Table;
- ii. An identification and connection with the historical Church, particularly the Church of the first four centuries;
- iii. A love and embrace for the whole church and a desire to see increased unity and cooperation within the church;
- iv. The blending of the unique practices of the historic streams is evident--each church approaches convergence from its own views and emphasis;
- v. An interest in a harmonious mixture of structure, symbolism, biblical preaching and spirit-led worship;
- vi. A comprehensive commitment to the Great Commandment in Mark 12:29-31 and to the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20;
- vii. An unflinching resolve to recognize and promote the priesthood of all believers according to Ephesians 2:10;
- viii. A vigorous devotion to train a generation of young people to fulfill their God-given destiny as noted in Psalms 78:4;
- ix. A strong emphasis on evangelism according to Acts 1:8; and
- x. A strong commitment to worldwide missions identified in Matt. 28:18-19.

## **Our Functions As A Ministry Covering**

Our ministerial covering functions include spiritual relationship building, fellowship, leadership, teamwork, mentorship, and church development and strengthening collaboration opportunities among pastors, church members and business leaders.

We also take an active role in helping to collectively and continuously build and spiritually strengthen the pastors, leaders, church members and business leaders in their endeavors to be well-rounded and spiritually strong in the *equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry* according to Eph. 4: 11-12.

### **What we ask from our churches and leaders**

**Annual assessments.** There is no annual assessment. However, each member church and its leaders (bishops, overseers, pastors) are encouraged to give a monthly offering which goes to support the annual summit, missions, and other ministry endeavors of the communion.

Likewise, each church body is also encouraged to give an annual offering.

Events you and your church leadership should attend are listed below, but are not limited to:

- The Bi-annual Marriage Conference – Pastors and Leadership in the Spring of the year; and
- The Annual Leadership Conference/Summit – Open to all leaders, businesses and the entire congregation (normally held during the third week in August each year).

### **Our ask of each ERCCL church, ministry, pastor, and leader:**

- Fully agree with operation of the five-fold ministry in today's church according to Ephesians 4:11 as well as all spiritual gifts outlined in 1 Corinthians 12;
- Attend scheduled ERCCL meetings and training sessions;
- Attend and participate in monthly pastoral conference calls;
- Comply with and fulfill any administrative requests and responsibilities from the adjutant team or the ERCCL Administrator; and
- Support ERCCL prayerfully and through your financial support.



# **The Doctrine of Our Communion**

## **I. Conceptual Expressions**

The Church is the Body of Christ. Conceptions of the nature and essence of the Church have varied throughout Christian history as man has sought to respond to the presence of the risen Lord in the congregation. Guidance to the conceptual expression of the Universal Church within His Communion is found in the Preamble to the Canons, as well as in “Our Distinctives”.

## **II. Creedal Expressions**

We subscribe to the spirit and content of the following ancient creedal expressions as representing the faith of the Church Universal:

**The Apostle’s Creed.** *We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting, Amen.*

**The Nicene Creed.** *We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father; God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God; begotten not made, one in being with the Father.*

**The Creed of Athanasius.** *We worship one God in trinity and the Trinity in unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the divine being. For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Spirit is still another. But the deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory, coeternal in majesty. What the Father is, the Son is, and so is the Holy Spirit. Uncreated is the Father; uncreated is the Son; uncreated is the Spirit. The Father is infinite; the Son is infinite; the Holy Spirit is infinite. Eternal is the Father; eternal is the Son; eternal is the Spirit: And yet there are not three eternal beings, but one who is eternal; as there are not three uncreated and unlimited beings, but one who is uncreated and unlimited. Almighty is the Father; almighty is the Son; almighty is the Spirit: And yet there are not three almighty beings, but one who is almighty. Thus, the Father is God; the Son is God; the Holy Spirit is God: And yet there are not three gods, but one God. Thus, the Father is Lord; the Son is Lord; the Holy Spirit is Lord: And yet there are not three lords, but one Lord.*

*As Christian truth compels us to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so catholic religion forbids us to say that there are three gods or lords. The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten; the Son was neither made nor created, but was alone begotten of the Father; the Spirit was neither made nor created, but is proceeding from the Father and the Son. Thus, there is one Father, not three fathers; one Son, not three sons; one Holy Spirit, not three spirits. And in this Trinity, no one is before or after, greater or less than the other; but all three persons are in themselves, coeternal and coequal; and so we must worship the Trinity in unity and the one God in three persons. Whoever wants to be saved should think thus about the Trinity. It is necessary for eternal salvation that one also faithfully believe that our Lord Jesus Christ became flesh.*

*For this is the true faith that we believe and confess: That our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man. He is God, begotten before all worlds from the being of the Father, and he is man, born in the world from the being of his mother—existing fully as God, and fully as man with a rational soul and a human body; equal to the Father in divinity, subordinate to the Father in humanity. Although he is God and man, he is not divided, but is one Christ. He is united because God has taken humanity into himself; he does not transform deity into humanity. He is completely one in the unity of his person, without confusing his natures. For as the rational soul and body are one person, so the one Christ is God and man.*

*He suffered death for our salvation. He descended into hell and rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. At his coming all people shall rise bodily to give an account of their own deeds. Those who have done good will enter eternal life, those who have done evil will enter eternal fire. This is the catholic faith. One cannot be saved without believing this firmly and faithfully.*

### **III. Unity Expressions**

We are dedicated to unity and cooperation with the Universal Body of Christ. Our catholicity is further expressed by relating to the ancient, undivided, universal Christian church and claiming historical continuity from it. We network with others in the faith and hold as our goal to be in inter-communion relationship with all branches of Christ's church. We therefore uphold this principle as a historical model for unity within the body of Christ and essential statements proclaimed in the Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral of 1886 and 1888 and we subscribe to its spirit and content as put forth by the Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States at that time.

We, as bishops in the church of God, do hereby solemnly declare to all whom it may concern, and especially to our fellow Christians of the different communions in this land who, in their several spheres, have contended for the religion of Christ:

- i. Our earnest desire that the Savior's prayer, "That we all may be one," may, in its deepest and truest sense, be speedily fulfilled;
- ii. That we believe that all who have been duly baptized with water, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, are members of the Holy Catholic Church;
- iii. That in all things of human ordering or human choice, relating to modes of worship and discipline, or to traditional customs, this Church is ready in the spirit of love and humility to forego all preferences of her own; and
- iv. That this Church does not seek to absorb other communions, but rather, co-operating with them based on a common Faith and Order, to discountenance schism, to heal the wounds of the Body of Christ, and to promote the charity which is the chief of Christian graces and the visible manifestation of Christ to the world.

But, furthermore, we do hereby affirm that the Christian unity can be restored only by the return of all Christian communions to the principles of unity exemplified by the undivided Catholic Church during the first ages of its existence, which principles we believe to be the substantial deposit of Christian faith and order committed by Christ and his apostles to the church unto the end of the world; and therefore incapable of compromise or surrender by those who have been ordained to be its stewards and trustees for the common and equal benefit of all men.

As inherent parts of this sacred deposit, and therefore as essential to the restoration of unity among the divided branches of Christendom, we account the following, to wit:

- i. The Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the revealed Word of God;
- ii. The Apostle's Creed, as the Baptismal Symbol;
- iii. The Nicene Creed as the sufficient statement of Christian faith;
- iv. The two Sacraments, Water Baptism, and the Supper of the Lord, ministered with unfailing use of Christ's words of institution and of the elements ordained by Him; and
- v. The Historic Episcopate, locally adapted in the methods of its administration to the varying needs of the nations and peoples called of God into the unity of His Church.

Furthermore, deeply grieved by the sad divisions which affect the Christian church in our own land, we hereby declare our desire and readiness, so soon as there shall be any authorized response to this Declaration, to enter into brotherly conference with all or any Christian bodies seeking the restoration of the organic unity of the Church, with a view to the earnest study of the conditions under which so priceless a blessing might happily be brought to pass.

## IV. Doctrinal Expressions

The “Articles of Faith,” expressing doctrinal guidance for both the individual members and the institutions and ministers of the ERCCL are found in the Holy Bible.

The Holy Bible-both Old and New Testament is our all-sufficient rule of faith and practice. This statement of doctrinal truths is intended to be a basis of fellowship among us (i.e., that we all speak the same thing according to 1 Corinthians 1:10 and Acts 2:42). The phraseology employed in this statement is not inspired or contended for, but the truth set forth is held to be essential.

## V. Doctrine on Marriage

Marriage shall be defined as a union between a biological man and a biological woman according to Genesis 1:26-28...

*<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” <sup>27</sup> So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. <sup>28</sup> Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”*

and Matthew 19: 4-6 which says...

*<sup>4</sup> And He answered and said to them, “Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning made them male and female, <sup>5</sup> and said, ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. <sup>6</sup> So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let not man separate.*

It is therefore established within ERCCL that under absolutely no circumstances shall members of our clergy either perform same sex marriages or bless same sex unions.

### **III. What Our Organization Offers:**

#### **I. Monthly Membership Call**

Our organizations offers a monthly ministry membership call which is a meeting with our Prelate, our associate bishops, overseers, pastors and ministry leaders. The ministry call normally includes:

- i. A coverage of any announcements, administrative support requirements or guidance from the ERCCL Bishopric, First Administrative Assistant to the Prelate Bishop; announcements or administrative guidance from the ERCCL Adjutants and coverage of administrative updates or guidance from the ERCCL Administrator;
- ii. Updates and guidance from the ERCCL Overseers within their areas of ministry or geographic influence;
- iii. A message of overall spiritual guidance from the ERCCL Prelate or designee; and
- iv. An offering of corporate prayer for the churches and ministries of ERCCL for their strength and spiritual well-being, as well as their individual and personal needs.

#### **II. Spiritual Covering**

We provide a spiritual covering for our churches and ministries by:

- i. Providing ready and continuous spiritual guidance as needed to ERCCL churches, ministries, pastors, elders, leaders, and lay leaders to assure doctrinal standards are upheld and administered through its churches and ministries based solely on the Holy Bible and not any person's or leader's personal preferences;
- ii. Offering and/or providing standardized spiritual instruction and training required for ordination and/or elevation to the offices of the five-fold ministry within ERCCL;
- iii. Continuously building the spiritual strength, spiritual education and spiritual undergirding of our churches and ministries through delivery and encouraging wide participation in our annual summit/leadership conference;
- iv. Providing spiritual covering, advice, and personal ministry consultation for pastors, upon request;
- v. Providing education and training opportunities and programs through bible colleges and institutes partnered with ERCCL; and
- vi. Assisting ERCCL churches and ministries with administration and training of its church leaders to operate their ministries in full compliance with both state and federal laws.

# **The Structure of Our Communion**

## **I. Relational Consensus**

ERCCL is a relational communion that places emphasis on the collective promotion and support of its churches, ministries, and businesses. We emphasize mutual submission and accountability not only in our actions and ventures as a communion, but ultimately to The Lord our God under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We actively and collectively seek the direction of the Holy Spirit in everything we do and encourage our churches, ministries, and businesses to do the same.

## **II. Implementation of the Communion's Structure**

It is recognized that although the full organizational structure must be ordered from the inception of the Provisional Canons, the structure, placement and utilization of the communion's members will constantly be adjusted in an effort to eventually structure the communion according to the Provisional Canons and ultimately, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit as God speaks to the communion through our Prelate, as well as collectively through our bishops, overseers, pastors and elders. Many of our future functions will evolve and be implemented as the communion grows and expands.

- i. **Authority of the Churches.** ERCCL churches operate under the spiritual authority of their respective senior pastors and their congregational presbytery (council of elders, board of trustees, deacons, leadership teams, etc.). The churches are legally autonomous, and as such retain the rights to govern their own financial affairs, own their physical properties, choose to submit to their own Dioceses (authority) and to disaffiliate from our communion, as they are led by the Holy Spirit and deem it necessary.
- ii. **Ministry Focus of the Churches.** ERCCL churches collectively support world missions through the advancement and extension of the Kingdom of God around the globe. We evangelize, perform mission trips, assist in planting churches, and provide continuous pastoral leadership/development, as well as counseling and development of business leaders. Through mission work completed in the United States and abroad, pastors, church leaders and church laity synergistically focus on empowering and equipping the body of Christ to fulfill the great commission expressed in Matthew 28:18-20...

*<sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.*

## **The Bishopric**

The Bishopric serves the communion as the senior presbytery for ERCCL convening as a council to provide and execute The Lord's vision and direction for the communion. The ERCCL Bishop's Council is the governing body of the communion and is led by the Presiding Prelate Bishop with assistance from several Suffragan Bishops operating in disparate areas covering key geographical and mission focused areas of the communion. The key operational areas of the Suffragan Bishops include administrative assistance, protocol, geographical ministry oversight and spiritual leadership throughout the United States and several countries on the continent of Africa.

## **The Overseers**

The overseers are appointed by the Presiding Prelate Bishop of the communion and are primarily responsible for the provision of spiritual advice and coordination of spiritual issues for the churches and ministries within his or her purview. Overseers should energetically establish relationships with the pastors and leaders within their regions or areas of responsibility to provide a "first-line of response" in providing prayer and assistance to the churches and ministries within their sphere of influence. Their roles should be strictly advisory in nature as each pastor is spiritually responsible directly to The Lord for the direction, leadership and management of their churches.

Overseers should also be available to provide continuous spiritual and practical advice/support to individual church pastors and ministries, when requested, in their efforts to establish their fledgling ministries. They should be available to provide guidance in the administration and training of church leadership to be in full compliance with both state/federal laws and financial responsibilities.

## **The Adjutancy**

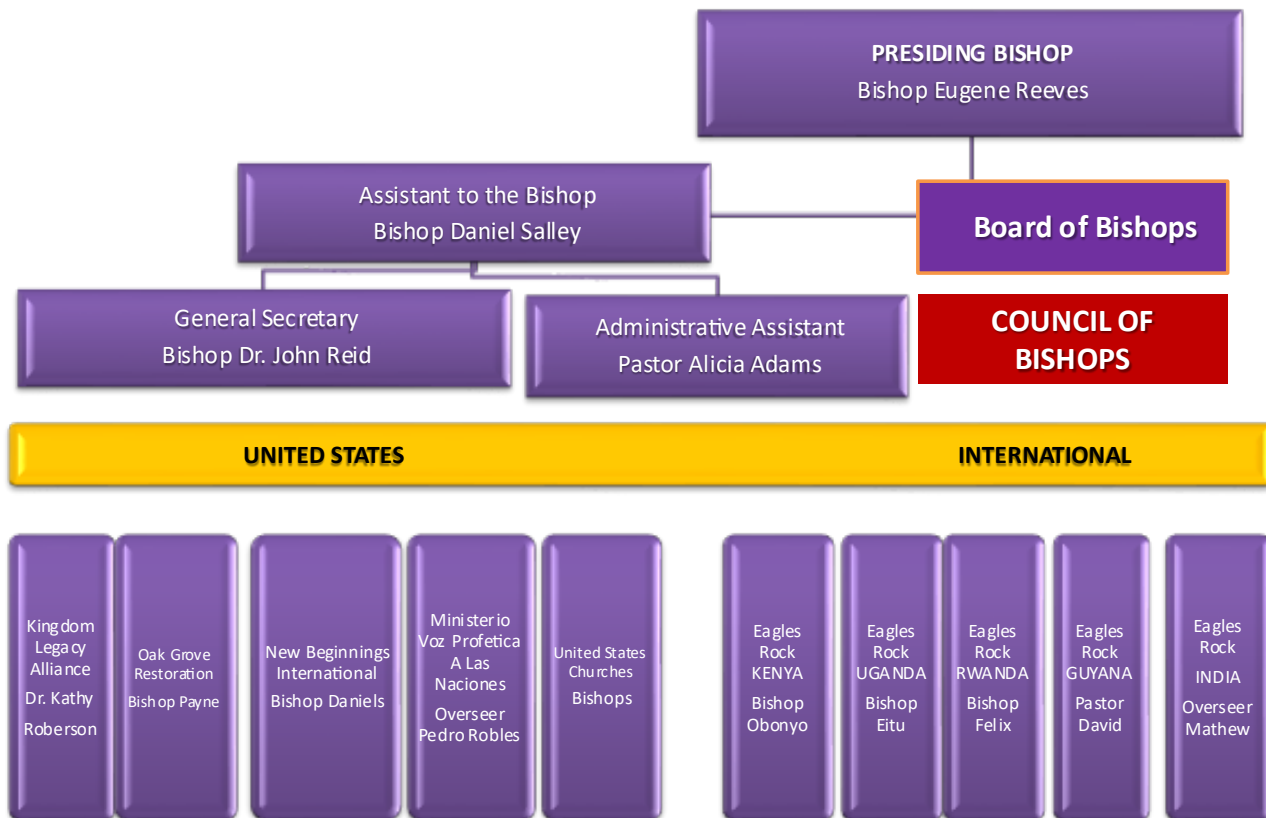
The ERCCL adjutancy, under the guidance of the bishopric, executes several important supporting functions including management of computer databases for the business of the communion, leading the conduct of events/ceremonies and coordinating, executing, and managing budgets for the execution of ERCCL events. They also ensure the proper and timely development of spiritual office designation and appointment certificates for events, ordinations, and related ceremonies under the covering of the ERCCL Communion.

## **The Administrator**

The ERCCL administrator, under the guidance of the bishopric, ensures the development, review, editing, approval, and distribution of official correspondence internal and external to the communion on behalf of the bishopric.

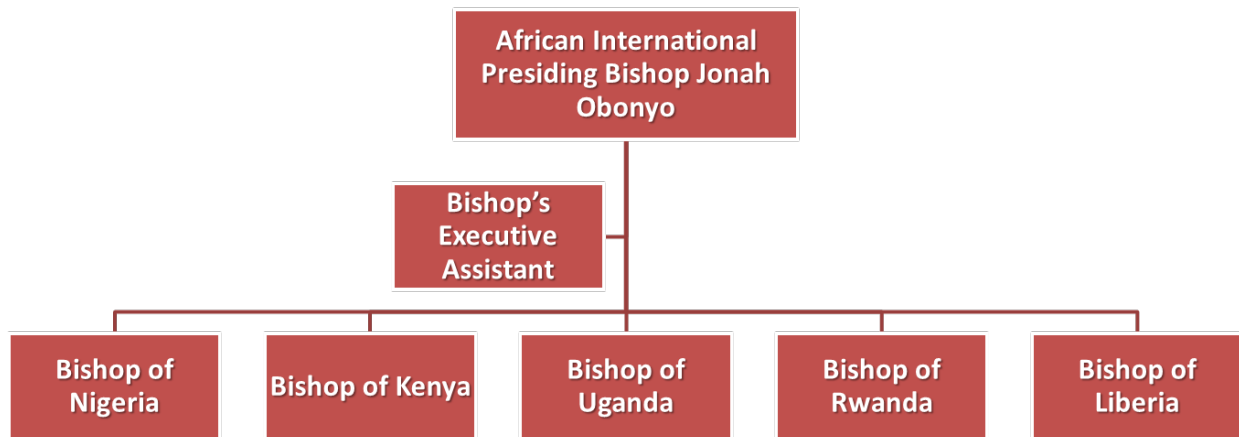
# Our Organizational Structure

## Eagles Rock Communion of Christian Leaders

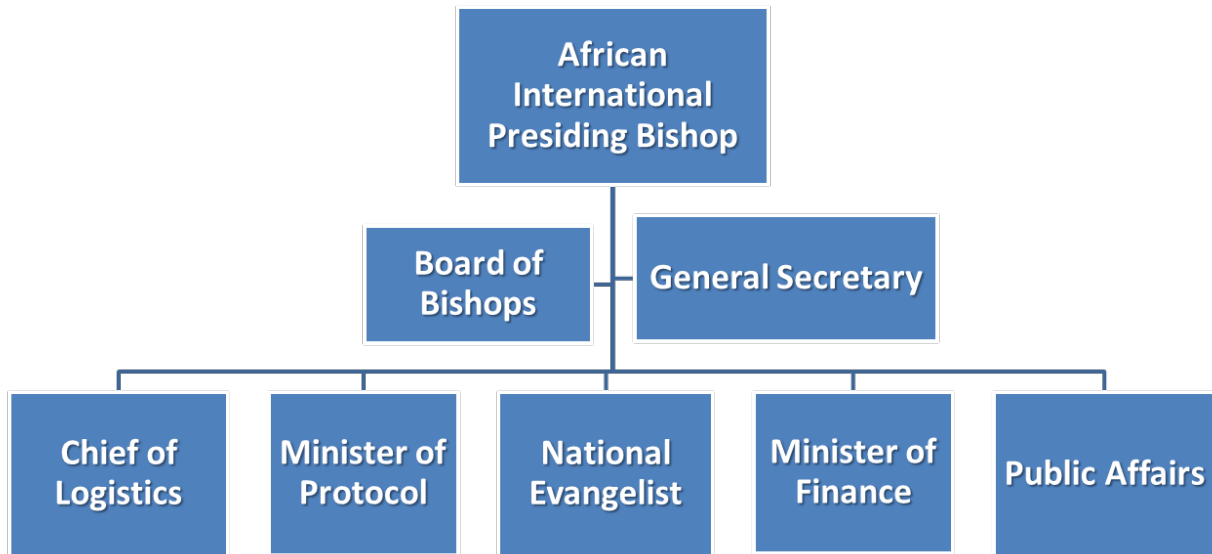




# Eagles Rock Communion of Christian Leaders



**Eagles Rock Communion of Christian Leaders  
International  
Providence of Africa**



## **Bishop Dr. Eugene V. Reeves Presiding Prelate**



Anointed is just one word that describes the ministry and calling of Bishop Eugene Reeves. He is a spiritual general in the Body of Christ and a force to be reckoned with in the Kingdom of God. He is a leader of leaders and has a special anointing to train and develop men and women for Christian service. Unwavering in his commitment to biblical standards and Godliness, he is passionate about seeing people saved, healed, delivered and set free. Under his counsel and influence many marriages have been restored, families have been made whole and adults and youth alike have become strong disciples of Jesus Christ.

A dynamic preacher, insightful teacher and visionary, Bishop Reeves is the founder of New Life Anointed Ministries International, where he serves as the overseeing bishop. He is also the founder and CEO of the Genesis Business Development Corporation and the Restoring Lives Community Development Corporation formed to empower residents of Prince William County, Virginia by providing education and opportunities for community enhancement. Through his leadership and life changing messages, many pastors, business owners, community and political leaders have been inspired and directed to the Cross of Jesus Christ. The Kingdom of God's agenda has been advanced because of his unwavering faith in God.

Bishop Reeves is a native of Forrest City, Arkansas. He is a graduate of several educational institutions; including the University of Southern Arkansas, Arkansas Baptist College, Andersonville Baptist Seminary and St. Thomas Christian University & Seminary. He holds multiple degrees including an Associate of Applied Science in Computer Science, a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies, a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, a Master of Arts in Counseling, a Master of Divinity and a Doctorate of Ministry degree.

Bishop Reeves grew up serving at the Salem Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. James A. Toney. In 1976, he officially accepted his call to the ministry at the Bibleway Church of God in Christ (COGIC), where he was licensed in 1978. He was ordained as an Elder by Bishop D. L. Lindsey and became assistant pastor in 1980, as well as and superintendent of Rochester Roger of Bibleway Church of God in Christ located in North Little Rock Arkansas. He then served as an Assistant Pastor at First Church of God in Christ in Killeen, Texas and later pastored in Fulda, West Germany. He founded and established the New Life Anointed Christian Center of Woodbridge, Virginia in January 1993. It later became known as New Life Anointed Ministries International, and is now known as The Life Church.

He was consecrated as Bishop in September 2001 and later received official Apostolic Succession in the International Community of Christian Churches (ICCC) under

Archbishop Van Gayton. Bishop Reeves currently serves as the presiding prelate of the Eagles Rock Communion of Christian Leaders, a communion of pastors, business leaders, community leaders, and entrepreneurs. Their vision is "to occupy until He (Jesus) comes."

Bishop Reeves provides spiritual covering, mentoring and training for over 300 churches and pastors around the globe to include churches in Colorado, Arkansas, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Texas, New York, Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia. Additionally, he provides oversight for churches in the Netherlands, England, Germany, Uganda, Kenya, Ghana, Tanzania, Rwanda, Congo, Guyana and Panama. He has spoken and conducted pastoral training in Europe, Africa, North America, South America and Central America.

Bishop Reeves is married to Evangelist Ollie Reeves, better known as "Lady O". They have two adult children, Latashia and Demetrius, five grandsons, Jacob II, Joshua, Decavien, Deshaun and Demetrius Jr., and one granddaughter, McKynzie.

Bishop Reeves is a husband, father, grandfather, pastor, entrepreneur, visionary and community leader. Because of Jesus Christ, passion and compassion flows through his life. He has impacted and still influencing the lives of thousands of people around the globe. He is a true gift to the Body of Christ and maintains his strong and motivating testimony that he, "just loves the Lord."

## **Bishop Daniel B. Salley, Jr.**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Assistant to the Presiding Prelate**



Bishop Daniel B. Salley Jr. is the Senior Pastor and Founder of Redeeming Life Ministries International (RLMI) since its inception in January 1998.

Bishop Salley is the offspring of a legacy and generation of ordained ministers and pastors; embarking upon ministry in 1983, while serving as the lay leader responsible for facilitating Bible Studies and Military Gospel Services at the USN Naval Base Military Chapel, located in USA Guam. Upon completing a successful military career, he accepted his distinguished call to serve in ministry and has faithfully and compassionately pursued this divine privilege and honor of a lifetime. Bishop Salley is a graduate of Central Texas College, Jericho Christian Training College, has completed a bachelor's degree in Christian Ministry at Christian Bible College and Seminary, and is currently pursuing a Master of Divinity Degree.

The preliminary start of the church ministry began as a Bible study in the family home in July 1997. After six months of home Bible studies, and through earnest prayer, the portals of heaven unleashed a kingdom vision to launch the church on January 4, 1998. Sunday morning and Wednesday evening church services were conducted from the banquet halls of the Holiday Inn located in Waldorf, Maryland. The church progressively grew under the auspicious and imprimatur of God. Thereabout November 1999, the church was transitioned to White Plains, Maryland, where it expanded its internal ministries to influence and positively impact the surrounding communities. It was in this season when The Master's Touch Christian Academy, an accredited early childhood development learning institute, was established and became quite instrumental in the continuous growth of the church membership.

In November 2011, God's imprimatur once again favorably embarked upon the shores of the ministry by enabling the church to purchase and complete the building and settlement of the church property in Port Tobacco, Maryland; where church services are currently being conducted. During the tenure of RLMI, God continues to enable its ministry accomplishments and increase the growth and spiritual development of this covenant family.

Bishop Salley facilitates sacred strategies, exemplifies business shrewdness, demonstrates unprecedented leadership, exhibits exceptional church planning disciplines/strategies and demonstrates a genuine heart of compassion. He is an anointed and accomplished orator of the Word of God and is known for his unwavering commitment to God's unadulterated Word, including teaching about spiritual warfare

and kingdom prosperity. A practical teacher of the scriptures, he is requested to share God's anointed Word at many churches, conferences and a host of seminars throughout the USA, as well as internationally. His many messages of hope, faith and righteous living are available on the church's website: [www.rlmintl.org](http://www.rlmintl.org).

Bishop Salley was consecrated to the Holy Office of Bishop on May 2, 2015. He serves as the First Assistant under the auspices of the Honorable Bishop Eugene V. Reeves, the Presiding Bishop of the Eagle's Rock Communion of Christian Leaders (ERCCL). Furthermore, he serves as the Chaplain and a member of the Board of Directors of the United Minister's Coalition of Southern Maryland (UMCSM); and is the president and founder of the Southern Maryland Community Enrichment Center (SOMCEC), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Bishop Salley has been married for 50 years to the love of his life, Barbara A. Salley, who serves as Executive Pastor. They are blessed with three adult children; Denascia, Demetrius, and Danielle, as well as a daughter-in-law, DeShawn Salley. All are serving in the ministry. They are the proud grandparents of three grandchildren, Demetrius, Jr., Damonte and Daisha.

## **Bishop Dr. John H. Reid, III**

### **General Secretary**



Bishop John H. Reid, III is an anointed man of God with a sincere desire to feed the flock of God with a message of hope for these last days. Jesus said, "If you love me feed my sheep."

His ministry roots are in Macon, GA where he was an ordained Elder and Evangelist with the Church of God in Christ, Southern Georgia Jurisdiction under the leadership of the late Bishop J.C. Hicks. After moving to Virginia, he served twelve years at Cornerstone Christian Center where he was an Associate Pastor and four years as an instructor at the Cornerstone Bible Institute. He retired from the federal government after 34 years of service.

Bishop Reid attended Savannah State College, studied abroad at the Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey in Mexico and has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Mercer University. His education endeavors also include a Master's Degree in Managing Change from Marymount University and a Doctor of Divinity degree from Logos University.

In July of 2003 Dr. John and Pastor Viviann Reid officially opened the doors and established Victory Family Outreach Ministries, Inc. in Woodbridge, VA where he served as the Senior Pastor until November 2018. He served in this role for fifteen years and has remained faithful to the labor of the Lord for over 49 years.

Dr. Reid presently serves as a Bishop and the General Secretary in the Eagles Rock Communion of Christian Leaders in support of the Honorable Bishop Eugene V. Reeves. He was consecrated to the bishopric in 2015. While in Virginia, Bishop Reid was active in the local community and served as Co-President of the Prince William County Ministerial Association. He has traveled extensively as a missionary, preaching and teaching the Word of God in Africa, Europe and Central America.

Bishop John and Pastor Viviann Reid have been married fifty-one years and are the proud parents of four sons, Alex, Warren, John IV, and Troy (deceased). They have five grandchildren (one deceased). The couple relocated to the state of Georgia after residing in the Washington, DC area for nearly 28 years.

John Reid is a visionary who believes in a church "without walls." Through his ministry many have been saved, healed and delivered. He is a man of integrity and full of the Holy Spirit. His unique style of bringing the Word of God to life through illustrative and practical teaching continues to stir the hearts of all those who hear. He does not merely

desire to preach and teach the Word of God; his goal is to reach the people of God with the message that Jesus Christ can make a difference in their lives.

Eight years ago, he officially launched John Reid Ministries, Inc. which is an arm of his online ministry outreach at [www.johnreidmin.org](http://www.johnreidmin.org). He is presently completing two novels and is an accomplished conference preacher, speaker, missionary, consultant, and theological instructor with experience throughout the U.S. and other countries. He also operates an independent School of Ministry that has supported leadership development around the world. He is presently serving as an associate Professor at Ethnos College.

His ministry motto and mantra is, "Preaching, Teaching and Reaching the World through the Word."



## **Bishop Dr. Theodore E. Payne, Sr. Treasurer**



Moved by the Spirit of the Lord in 1983, Bishop Theodore E. Payne, Sr. accepted the call to ministry and has been preaching since 1987 as the Senior Pastor of Oak Grove Baptist Restoration Ministries. Bishop Payne is known as a loving husband, father, grandfather, community advocate, gifted psalmist and most recently an author with his first published book entitled, “Restoring the Brokenness”.

In 1974, Bishop Payne experienced healing which manifested physically and empowered him to preach the gospel in a more personal and relevant way. Having a heart to see the lost come to Christ and the body of Christ strengthened in their understanding of the kingdom, Bishop

Payne retired early from DuPont after 30 years of service, to focus on full time ministry and service to the church. Through the guidance of Bishop Payne, Oak Grove has grown from 40 faithful members into a multi-cultural congregation. In 2009, another part of his vision came to fruition with the opening of the King’s Academy which provides education for students Pre-K to 5th grade.

Bishop Payne is a member of the Potters House International Pastors Alliance (PHIPA) under the leadership and coverage of Bishop T.D. Jakes, and also covered under Bishop Eugene Reeves and the Eagles Rock Communion of Christian Leaders. He is the past president of the Minister’s Alliance for churches in the Waynesboro, Staunton, and West Augusta areas where he served two terms.

Bishop Payne was consecrated in unbroken Apostolic Succession in the International Communion of Christian Churches (ICCC) under Archbishop Van Gayton and Bishop Eugene Reeves in April 2010. Following a missionary journey to Kampala, Uganda, he now provides covering for Christian Evangelist Ministry with Rosemary Nansubuga as the Pastor.

Bishop Payne attended Lynchburg Virginia College, Virginia Union Theological School, and completed the mentorship program studies under Archbishop Van Gayton, and presiding Bishop Eugene Reeves.

A devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. Bishop Payne is married to Gwendolyn Darnice Fitzpatrick Payne. They have three sons and three daughters-in-love and a growing number of grandchildren and great grandchildren.

What is most important...He is seeking all directions and guidance from the Holy Spirit.

## **Eagles Rock Leadership**

### **Bishops:**

Eugene V. Reeves	Presiding Prelate
Daniel B. Salley, Jr.	1 <sup>st</sup> Assistant to the Prelate
John H. Reid, III	General Secretary
Theodore E. Payne	Treasurer
Tyrone Champion	Director, Christian Education

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<b>Business Leader:</b>	Lonnie Bellamey, Jr.

## **Application for Membership and Reception of a New Church**

If you are tired of doing business as usual and are looking for a radical approach to leadership that can meet the challenges of changing times and take your organization to another level, get connected to the Eagles Rock Communion of Christian Leaders (ERCCL) where eagles gather to rest and to be nourished.

Navigate to our Contact Page at <https://eaglesrock.org> or click on the link below to submit an application to join ERCCL. You will be provided an application package by our administration team to complete along with accompanying instructions.

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