



# International Communion of the Charismatic Episcopal Church

## Oct 2009 North American House of Bishops



The ICCEC North American House of Bishops met 13, 14, 15 October 2009 in Malverne, New York, members in attendances were:

Primate Bishop Bates  
Archbishop Jones  
Archbishop Woodall  
Bishop Davidson  
Bishop Lilly

Bishop Kessler  
Bishop Simpson  
Bishop Epps  
Bishop Weeks  
Canon House

*Other Attendees:*

Bishop Prakash  
Fr Terry Gensemer  
Deacon Garrett

Father Ortiz  
Father Keough

### **Introduction**

The Primate, Archbishop Craig Bates, gave the opening message on Tuesday Morning. This message is available at [www.cechome.com](http://www.cechome.com), and all clergy are highly encouraged to read this statement.

### **General Discussions**

The Primate presented two briefings, the first on Tuesday, was about the current status of the North America Church, and the strategy for next five years to build infrastructure to grow and plant churches. The second briefing on Wednesday was on the subject of Church Planting and Church Growth presented by Father Chris Keough. The discussions during the three day meeting were primarily on the near and long term strategy for developing the infrastructure and church growth and church planting. (See details of strategy below)

### **Saint Michaels Seminary**

The North American House of Bishops reaffirmed that Saint Michaels seminary is the official seminary of the ICCEC. The HOB also affirmed that we believe in the priesthood of all believers, and encourage the laity to assume their role in leadership of their local church.

### **Fiscal Issues**

The Budgets for all the Diocese and Cathedrals were submitted, reviewed and approved. The Primate submitted a budget (See below for details) that was reviewed and approved. The Primate's 2009 expenses will be presented and reported at the March 2010 House of Bishops.



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### Strategy

The North American House of Bishops was presented with the strategy for the development of infrastructure that will support the growth of the church and guide us to walk out the vision. These were guided by the two priorities of the Primate Craig Bates

1. Church Growth, Church Planting (Kingdom Growth)
2. Develop Infrastructure

Some of the guiding factors were:

- a) That we have a clear plan to implement the vision
- b) That we must be transparent and accountable
- c) That we focus on building an infrastructure that we can give to the next generation
- d) That we reach the least, the lonely and the lost

The key ideas presented were:

1. Focus on resources where they can do the best good
2. Consolidate Saint Michaels Seminary academic instruction on the national level, by creating national professors and teaching through an online virtual classroom.
3. Develop a template for standardize Article of Incorporations for National church, the Cathedrals and churches
4. Develop a template for standardized By-Laws for the National church, the Cathedrals and churches
5. Add a resource page to [www.cechome](http://www.cechome) for the posting of current and historical documents
6. Complete the corporate separation of the International and National church
7. Create a common accounting system for churches, and Cathedrals and the National Church.
8. Have the National church maintain key clergy records
9. Standard Insurance requirement for all our ministries.

The detailed strategy plan had the following short term timeline for developing an infrastructure in accordance with the guidance (above)

- 1) 2009
  - a) National Church: Create separate Corp. for International and national church
  - b) Incorporation: Draft church incorporation model with by-laws and examples
  - c) Accountability: Bring all ministries onto QuickBooks
  - d) Record Keeping: Finalize clergy Database and create standards
  - e) Insurance: Determine minimum requirements based upon polices
  - f) Polices: Draft church, cathedral and national church polices
  - g) Procedures: Draft church, cathedral and national church procedures



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- 2) 2010
  - a) National Church: Implement separate corporations for National and International church
  - b) Incorporation: Present draft to March HOB for review
  - c) Accountability: Propose draft accountability categories for churches, dioceses cathedrals
  - d) Record Keeping: Publish record keeping standards
  - e) Insurance: Proposed draft requirements
  - f) Polices: Present church, cathedral and national church polices for review
  - g) Procedures: Present church, cathedral and national church procedures for review
  
- 3) 2011
  - a) National Church: Two Corporations with non-profit status complete.
  - b) Incorporation: Cathedrals implement Incorporation model
  - c) Accountability: All Cathedrals, Churches, and ministry implement accounting categories
  - d) Record Keeping: Begin process to collect and automate record keeping (year 1)
  - e) Insurance: Insurance requirements published
  - f) Polices: Coordinating draft of church, cathedral and national church polices accepted
  - g) Procedures: Coordinating draft of church, cathedral and national church procedures accepted
  
- 4) 2012
  - a) National Church: Complete, Form 990 published
  - b) Incorporation: Churches implement Incorporation model
  - c) Accountability: All CEC reports issued with standardize categories
  - d) Record Keeping: Begin process to collect and automate record keeping (year 2)
  - e) Insurance: Cathedral implement insurance polices
  - f) Polices: Cathedral implement polices
  - g) Procedures: Cathedral implement procedures
  
- 5) 2013
  - a) National Church: Complete
  - b) Incorporation: Churches complete Incorporation model
  - c) Accountability: Complete
  - d) Record Keeping: Complete process to collect and automate record keeping (year 3)
  - e) Insurance: Churches implement polices
  - f) Polices: Churches implement polices
  - g) Procedures: Churches implement procedures



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- 6) 2014
  - a) National Church: Complete
  - b) Incorporation: Complete
  - c) Accountability: Complete
  - d) Record Keeping: Complete
  - e) Insurance: Complete
  - f) Polices: Updated polices drafted based upon experience and comments
  - g) Procedures: Updated procedures drafted based upon experience and comments
  
- 7) 2015 (Begin 10 year plan to refine our current infrastructure based upon our experiences.)

### **March for Life**

The 2010 March for Life, Washington, D.C. is on Friday, January 22, 2010. The House of Bishops encourages each parish to participate in this march. Contact Fr Terry Gensemer for details.  
[www.cecforlife.org](http://www.cecforlife.org).

### **ICCEC for Life**

Father Terry Gensemer presented a briefing on ICCEC for Life. Membership of a North American ICCEC church in ICCEC4Life is a requirement for CEC churches in North America. Membership of clergy is highly encouraged and membership of the laity is encouraged. It was reiterated that the ICCEC is a Pro-Life church, not just a church that is pro-life.

### **Church Planting and Growth**

Father Chris Keough is the chairman of the US Church Planting/Growth Commission. He presented what work, he and the commission, have completed to date. He also showed the resources he has gathered on the church planter's web site. <http://www.cecplanters.com/>

Father Chris Keough is available to speak at clergy retreats, convocations, and visit and help churches and missions with a local assessment and church planting/growth planning. Please contact the Primates office at [primates.office.usa@iccec.org](mailto:primates.office.usa@iccec.org) to coordinate.



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### Election of Northeast Auxiliary Bishop

The Primate, Archbishop Craig Bates nominated Father Gregory Ortiz to be the Auxiliary Bishop of the Northeast Diocese at the Spring House of Bishops. Father Gregory Ortiz was elected as a Bishop Elect by the North American House of Bishops. His consecration date was 16 Oct 09. He will serve as the auxiliary Bishop of the Northeast Diocese.

### Primates Budget

The Primate budget for 2010 was presented.

Income Interest	732.96	
Tithe	154,646.24	
Total Income	155,379.20	
Expenses		
Bank Fees	56.00	
Ministry Support		
Patriarchs Office	48,000.00	(spt to Patriarch Office)
Ministry Support -	2,400.00	
Total Ministry Support	50,400.00	
Office		
Lease	19,200.00	(spt to Patriarchs Office)
Office - Other	1,800.00	
Total Office	21,000.00	
Tithe Patriarch	15,480.00	(Tithe Patriarch Office)
Travel		
HOB	1,982.73	
ICCEC Bishops	1,500.00	
Primate's Office	25,705.68	
Travel Others	3,375.22	
Total Travel	32,763.63	
Church Planting	10,800.00	
 Total Expense	 130,499.63	
Net Ordinary Income	24,879.57	

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