

Your Right Hand, O Lord,
Glorious in Power

(EXODUS 15:6)



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2018

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Workshop and Prayer Service

Wednesday, January 24, 2018

The Theme for the 2018 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, is "***Your Right Hand, O Lord, Glorious in Power,***" (***Exodus 15:6***). The resources for this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by the churches of the Caribbean by an ecumenical team of women and men under the leadership of His Grace Kenneth Richards, Catholic Archbishop of Kingston, the Antilles Episcopal Conference, together with Mr. Gerard Granado, General Secretary of the Caribbean Conference of Churches (CCC).

Throughout the Biblical narrative of salvation, an unmistakable motif is the unrelenting determination of the Lord to form a people whom He could call His own. The formation of such a people, united in a sacred covenant with God, is integral to the Lord's plan of salvation and to the glorification of His name. The prophets repeatedly remind Israel that their covenant demanded that relationships among its various social groups should be characterized by justice, compassion and mercy. Reconciliation often demands repentance, reparation and healing of memories.

As Jesus prepared to seal the new covenant in His own blood, His earnest prayer to the Father was that those given to Him by the Father would be one, just as He and the Father were one. When Christians discover their unity in Jesus, they participate in Christ's glorification in the presence of the Father, with the same glory that He had lived in the Father's presence before the world existed. Therefore, God's covenanted people must always strive to be a reconciled community that serves as an effective sign of how to live in justice and peace for all the people of the earth.

Today, the Bible continues to be a source of consolation and liberation, inspiring Christians to address the conditions that currently undermine the Body of Christ. The Church, like Israel, is called to be a sign and an active agent of reconciliation.

Speaker: Bishop Staccato Powell, AME Zion Church

Place: Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation, 600 Alhambra Blvd., Sacramento

Workshop: 3:00 p.m.

Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

RSVP: <http://nsec.org/WPCUrsvp> or (916) 733-0202

The North State Ecumenical Conference supports this global effort in Christian Unity by organizing an afternoon workshop and evening prayer service with Bishop Staccato Powell, AME Zion Church, presiding over both activities. All are invited to join together in witnessing our faith in the Lord, Jesus Christ who strengthens us as we strive to live the life of the Gospel and spread the good news to all nations.