

On 25 Years Of Excellence

# State Chairman Congratulates Bishop W. McCollough

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Since becoming head of the United House of Prayer For All People in 1960, Bishop Walter McCollough has brought about growth to the church in new and exciting ways, according to N.C. Mother House pastor, Apostle C. B. Gibson.

As chairman of the General Council at the time of founder and first bishop Daddy Grace's death in January, 1960, Bishop McCollough was in charge of funeral arrangements. Instead of flying the body back from California, Bishop McCollough arranged, with his own finances, noted Apostle Gibson, to have the body brought through the various states for viewing by the church membership, thus providing succor in a time of trial and grief.

"It was such a shock and surprise," the Mother House pastor recalled. "Daddy McCollough held us together during the turmoil. We were without a bishop but we were never without a leader. He stood out even before Bishop Grace had died."

Apostle Gibson stated that Bishop McCollough, a South Carolina native, became a member of the House of Prayer here in Charlotte at the age of 14. He worked up through the ranks and served as pastor in the Anacostia section of Washington, D.C., before being promoted to pastor of the mother church in Washington. This automatically made him chairman of the District of Columbia. He served in this position until the time of Daddy's Grace's death.

"He is a daddy to all of the members," Apostle Gibson testified. "His personality projects just what he is called. He gives as much time and attention to the members as to his immediate family."

As an aside, Apostle Gibson indicated that the bishop is celebrating his 50th wedding anniversary this year. His children are presently working closely with him.

In this, his 25th anniversary as bishop of the House of Prayer, Daddy McCollough is being championed for his "excellence



Bishop Walter McCollough  
.....Distinguished leader

as God's exalted leader." Added Apostle Gibson, "We firmly believe he was born for the job."

The North Carolina chairman cited some of Bishop McCollough's accomplishments. "The building program has been

fantastic." Town houses and apartments have been developed in various communities for members and non-members alike, "so low income and underprivileged people can afford to live in nice apartments. We are taking

money and giving it back to the people."

In fact, the bishop was recently recognized with the Distinguished Community Service Award from the National Urban Coalition for outstanding achievement in improving the quality of life for people in the community, his representative pointed out.

Bishop McCollough began a scholarship program to help young people go to college, and started the ball rolling with a \$12,000 contribution.

He founded a seminary located in Richmond, Va., to upgrade the ministry.

He organized the Coalition of Concerned Citizens, whose primary project is voter registration, encouraging people to exercise their rights and take part in community affairs.

He has provided jobs, gotten young people more involved in the church, and given members "the incentive to be somebody."

He has established a pension program for ministers.

He has developed a self-sufficient transportation fleet.

According to Apostle Gibson, the church has also become more formally

structured in the past 25 years than it had been previously.

Houses of Prayer are presently established in 26 states and membership numbers around four or five million. The church is in the process of updating its membership.

Goals are to spread the Gospel and establish churches in every state in the union.

Recently designated titles of apostles (ministers) and saints help provide additional spiritual strength in the church.

"The higher you are in position, the more humble you have to be," noted Apostle Gibson.

"The church has made a 360 degree turn around in improving its spiritual level," he added.

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