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APOSTOLIC INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE



**THE FOURTEENTH DAY OF OCTOBER IN THE YEAR OF
OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE**



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FOUNTAIN OF LIFE CHURCH

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Greetings

Greetings AIA Delegates,

On behalf of Lady Hamilton and myself, we have been anticipating this moment since our last Kingdom Gathering. We celebrate our 2nd year returning back to in person fellowship with the saints.

As we continue to navigate through much uncertainty surrounding the state of our global economy, social injustice, political corruption, and the emergence of Artificial Intelligence; we as Kingdom Citizens celebrate knowing throughout biblical times when the land experience calamity, God's people remain triumphant! We corporately decree and declare **"This is the year of INCREASE"**! According to Psalms 115:14, The Lord increase you more and more, you and your children.

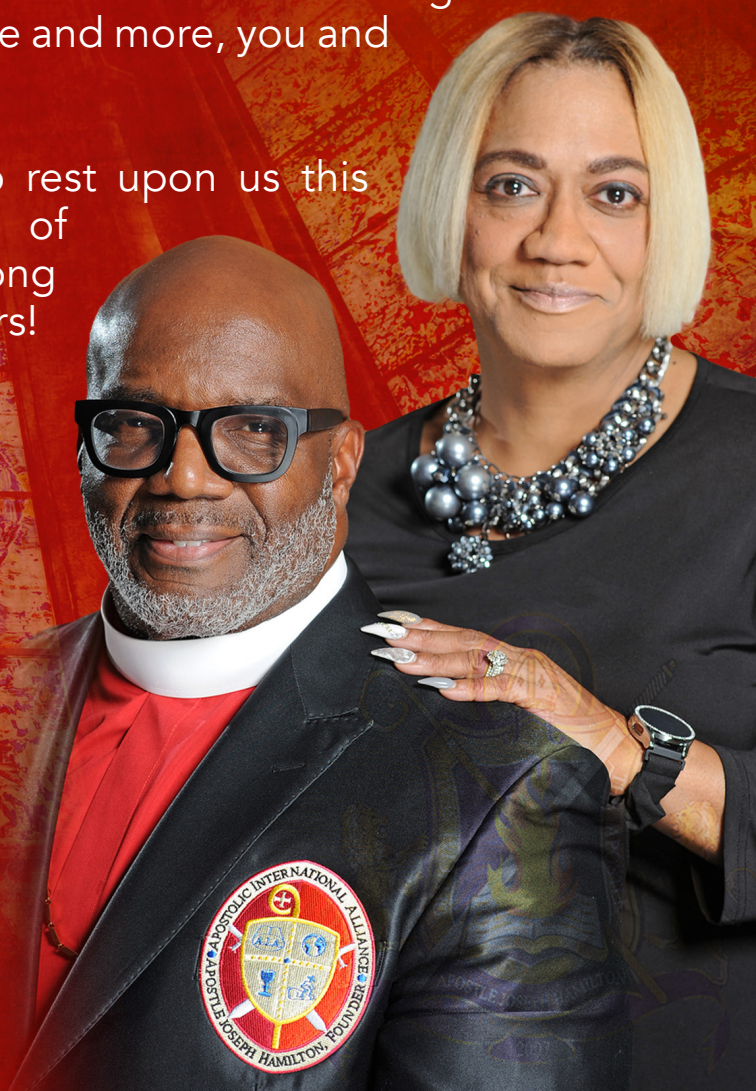
We are expecting God's glory to rest upon us this week and the manifestation of miracles, signs and wonders among this distinguished body of believers!

A Servant in the Lord's Church,



Apostle Joseph Hamilton

Founder & Chief Apostle of the AIA Fellowship



RODNEY G. BROWN



Bishop Rodney G. Brown is the anointed, visionary leader of Faith Dimension Church in Maylene, Alabama. Bishop Brown is the founding Pastor of Faith Dimension Church, Inc., A.D. 95.. God has blessed him with an amazing combination of diverse life experiences, which prepared him for his divine appointment at Faith Dimension Church.

Bishop Brown is joyously married to Lady Connie Brown and has two children, Austin and Indya Brown. His God-directed developmental path prepared him to handle the spiritual side of the church as well as the administrative and business sides.

Educationally, Bishop Brown earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Samford/Faulkner University (Birmingham, AL). He earned a Master of Education from the University of Alabama at Birmingham with a concentration in Exceptional Education. In addition, Bishop Brown attended the University of Montevallo to obtain his Leadership Certificate in Administration which makes him eligible to become a school administrator.

Bishop Brown earned a Master in Divinity (Counseling) from Master's International School of Divinity-Seminary & Bible College(Evansville, IN.) Bishop Brown has also been awarded an honorary doctorate from CICA-International University & Seminary, Orlando, Florida. In addition, Bishop Brown continues to work toward his doctorate in leadership from Friends International Christian University in Merced, CA.

Under the leadership of the late Bishop Jasper Roby, Bishop Brown received his elder's ordination/license in the AOH Church of God in 1991. Bishop Brown was consecrated a Bishop in the Lord's Church during the first AIA Conference 2015, Apostle Joseph Hamilton, Chief Celebrant. Bishop Brown is an educator in the Hoover City Schools in Hoover, Alabama. Bishop Brown has taught in the public school system for 23 years.

Bishop Brown's voice articulates a Christ-centered, Bible-based message with relevance for the twenty-first century with clarity, precision, and conciseness. He uses a variety of sources to support his viewpoints. He uses quotations from Greek philosophers, African folktales, and contemporary sporting events in various sentences. His gifted preaching tackles the difficulties and issues of today and offers biblical solutions in an upbeat, encouraging manner.

Some of his most memorable and impactful sermons are "The Witch That Made The Switch"; "The Miracle is in Your Mouth"; "Whatcha You Gone Do When The Bad Boys Come for You"; "I Think Myself Happy"; "A Nude Dude in a Rude Mood"; "Come Out of Lodebar"; "Your Affliction Is Your Increase"; "The Wait Is Just About Over"; "Staying Clean In A Dirty World"; and "Stay With The Ship".

Isiah 61:1-2, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek, he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord," is the verse that best conveys Bishop Brown's ministry.





VANT H. HARDAWAY

Rev. Dr. Vant Hardaway is the second of four children born to the late Overseer Gatha and Stella Hardaway. He spent most of his early childhood in the city of his birth, Birmingham, AL. A pastoral appointment for his father prompted a move of the Hardaway family to Athens, TN in 1956.

On the path of academic development, Dr. Hardaway received his B.A. degree from Tennessee Wesleyan College in 1971. His additional degrees include an M.A. in Educational Administration and Supervision from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville in 1987; an M.S. degree in Industrial and Organizational Psychology from the University of Tennessee in Chattanooga in 1989; an Education Specialist degree from Tennessee Technological University in 2008; and a Doctorate of Ministry from the Ministry International Institute in 2012. An honorary degree of Doctor of Public Service was conferred on May 1, 2021 by Tennessee Wesleyan University President and Board of Trustees.

Rev. Dr. Hardaway retired from his secular occupation as Supervisor of Safety and Equity with the McMinn County School System. Prior assignments in the education arena included Alternative School Supervisor, middle school History Teacher, and basketball coach. On the local and state level, he was a member of the Executive Committee of the Athens Education Association and served on the Tennessee Education Association Board of Directors.

His call to ministry was acknowledged in 1974. In the fall of 1977, he launched a "new start" ministry in Nashville, TN, which began as a Bible Study on the campus of Fisk University. In 1986, prompted by a desire to be support in the ministry of his aging parents, Dr. Hardaway relocated his family to his hometown of Athens, TN. In 1996, he accepted an opportunity to be a change agent in the restart of a ministry in Sweetwater, TN. Many were introduced to the gospel of Christ and baptism in the name of Jesus. In this ministry was the initiation of a two year bible college curriculum on site. Participants earned an Associate degree in Ministry.

He received unction from the Lord in 2015 to extend his ministry into the wider kingdom. As a member of the AIA Fellowship since 2015, Bishop Hardaway currently serves as First Assistant and Membership Director. Bishop Hardaway is active in the Athens community by his association with the Tennessee Wesleyan University Board of Trustees, Starr Regional Hospital Board of Directors and volunteer chaplain, and Mentoring Supervisor for Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Corridor of East Tennessee. He was named the 2016 Athens & McMinn County Man of the Year.

Bishop Vant Hardaway and his wife, Janice, reside in Athens, TN; parents of two daughters: Vanessa of Fayetteville, NC; and, Julie (Brandon) Williams of Athens. As grandparents, they enjoy the company of three grandchildren: Destiny, Jaekobi and Sydney.



NOAH W. ROCKER, JR.



Noah Rocker, Jr. is the senior pastor of the Abundant Fountain of Life Ministries, Inc. of Bessemer, AL. Established on the foundation of Jesus Christ, he planted the ministry in 2007 with the purpose of planting the Kingdom of God in the earth. Noah seeks to epitomize the life and love of Jesus Christ. In his time of ministry, he has impacted the lives of many across the nation by preaching the message of deliverance, salvation, healing, and liberty in Christ. In addition to his local pastorate, Noah serves with the Apostolic International Alliance as director of youth, the budget oversight team, and the College of Bishops. He was consecrated to the Bishopric in 2016 at the Holy Convocation of the Church of God Pentecostal, Inc.

Through charismatic leadership, Noah uses scriptures and principles of leadership to empower, train, and develop ministry leaders both locally and in fellow network ministries abroad. Further, he firmly advocates that all believers pursue the Dominion Mandate and operate in their Kingdom authority. By operating freely in the gifts of the Spirit, every believer has the power to change lives, communities, nations, and the world.

In the City of Bessemer, AL, Noah works diligently to effect change and touch lives through the Gospel of Jesus and various ministry activities. Just as the body has its composition of many parts, Noah seeks to collaborate and partner with various organizations within the community to seek the greater good for all. His involvement includes Bessemer Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Bessemer's Building Healthy Communities Coalition, PROject Ahead Community Coalition, Seek the Peace organization, Board of Directors for The Grace Place, and Clergy United. Events include food distribution, peaceful demonstrations, prayer vigils, and much more to extend the love of Christ and concern for humanity to the community. Additionally, Noah and the Fountain of Life Church have partnered with the Alabama Aerospace and Aviation High School. In August 2022, the Fountain of Life campus began serving as temporary home to the AAHS staff and students whose education focus will be aerospace and aviation.

In 2006, he completed studies to earn a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of South Alabama. Following graduation, he accepted employment with Alabama Power Company. Noah's crown jewel is his wife and best friend Jada. To their union was born two daughters, namely, Adelyn Grace and Anslee Faith. He enjoys spending quality time with family, searching the scriptures, and cooking.





RONALD L. DEMERY, JR.

Bishop Ronald L. Demery Jr. is the only child of the late Ronald L. Demery Sr. and the beautiful Barbara Demery-Johnson. He served and pastored the historic Bible Way Church of Washington, DC with a compassionate heart fueled by God's divine Holy Spirit for 8 years. His authentic love for God's people is observed in the way he ministers the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Bishop Demery attributes his spiritual formation to his parents and late grandparents, Apostle James, and Mother Vera Silver.

Bishop Demery has served the Body of Christ as Men's Ministry leader. He was ordained a deacon in 2004. In 2006 at the 49th Holy Convocation of the Bible Way Churches Worldwide Minister Ronald Demery was ordained as an Elder in the Lord's Church. As Elder Demery continued his service to the local church and pastored successfully, his Episcopal Consecration to the office of Bishop took place on October 3, 2015. He was consecrated by his grandfather Apostle James Silver and Bishop Alphonzo D Brooks.

In September 2021 Bishop Demery and his wife, PastorLaShawn established a new church ministry for Jesus Christ, Christ Way Cathedral where souls will experience "Care With Compassion".

Bishop and Pastor Demery have traveled extensively across the country ministering the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Recently, they answered their global call to ministry and have established Christ Way Cathedral Ghana in Obuasi, Ghana West Africa in 2 locations.

Bishop Demery currently serves as a visionary Shepherd who envisions the Church as a holistic place of worship ministering to the complete person in mind, body, soul, and spirit. Bishop Demery majored in business management at the University of the District of Columbia and has earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Biblical Studies from Lancaster Bible College and Capital Seminary. He is pursuing a master's degree from the same institution. Bishop Demery is married to his high school sweetheart, Lady LaShawn and they share three gifted children Aniya, James, Autumn-Jimmie and one Son-in-love Jordan Williams who are all actively involved in ministry.



THE SERVICE OF *Confirmation*

✠ SYMBOL MEANS TO STAND



THE ORGAN PRELUDE

THE MOMENTS OF WORSHIP

THE INTROIT....."Total Praise"

THE GREAT PROCESSION

The Ministerium
The Diaconate
The Elders
The College of Bishops
The Concelebrants
The Ascending Apostles
+Attended by his Chamberlains
Chamberlain to the Vice Presiding Bishop
The Vice Presiding Bishop
Chief Adjutant
The Presiding Bishop

THE HYMN OF PRAISE....."The Water Way!"
(Hymnody - page 14)

THE CALL TO WORSHIP.....Prophet Jeremy McDonald

Leader

This is the day that Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Blessed be the Lord. The LORD hath been mindful of us: he will bless [us]; he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron.

Congregation

And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever. Hallelujah!

(Remain Standing)

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION.....Prophet Jeremy McDonald

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

We exhalt thee, We exhalt thee, We exhalt thee, Oh Lord!

(Kindly Be Seated)



THE STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.....Apostle Robert McClain

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A Lesson from the Old Testament Reading.....Bishop-Elect Curtis Whitehead
Christ Way Cathedral, Upper Marlboro, MD

- Isaiah 42:1-9

A Reading from the Epistles.....Pastor Gloria Robertson
Christ Way Cathedral, Upper Marlboro, MD

- Ephesians 4: 3-12

A Reading from the Gospel.....Pastor Anthony Gerald
The Meeting Place Worship Center, Upper Marlboro, MD

- The Gospel According to St. Matthew 9:35-38

THE OFFERTORY.....Apostle Joseph Hardy, Sr.

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC.....A.I.A Music Ministry
"Revelation 19:1"

THE PRESENTATION OF THE PREACHER.....Apostle Joseph Hamilton

THE HOMILY.....**APOSTLE LEE A. HENDERSON, SR.**
*Vice Presiding Bishop, The Apostolic International Alliance
Senior Pastor, The Tabernacle of Praise Ministries*

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC.....A.I.A Music Ministry
"We Offer Praise"

THE PRESENTATION.....Apostle Robert McClain
**The College of Bishops and the people sit. The representative will publicly present the Ascending
Apostle by saying...."*

Your Grace, The Very Reverend Joseph Hamilton, Bishop's in the Lord's Church, the clergy, and the people of Apostolic International Alliance, trusting in the guidance of the Holy Spirit, consent to the Apostolic Affirmation of **The Honorable Bishop Rodney G. Brown**, Faith Dimension Church, Maylene, AL, **The Honorable Bishop Ronald L. Dermery, Jr.**, Christ Way Cathedral, Upper Marlboro, MD, **The Honorable Bishop Vant G. Hardaway**, Hardaway & Hardaway Ministries, Athens, TN, **The Honorable Bishop Noah W. Rocker, Jr.**, Fountain of Life Church, Bessemer, AL to the ascension gift of Apostle. We therefore ask you to lay hands on them and in the power of the Holy Spirit to affirm them as Apostles of the Lord Jesus Christ the one, Holy, and Universal Church.

THE SERVICE OF Affirmation

The Chief Celebrant directs that the testimonials be read

The Apostolic Annunciation

The Honorable Bishop Rodney G. Brown
The Honorable Bishop Vant H. Hardaway
The Honorable Bishop Noah W. Rocker, Jr.

The Apostolic Annunciation

The Honorable Bishop Ronald L. Demery, Jr.

THE PROMISE

"In the name of God Almighty I am called to be an Apostle of the Lord Jesus Christ and by Divine providence do solemnly declare that I shall faithfully and accountably serve in the Lord's church and shall dutifully observe and keep His statutes, ordinances and customs, and preserve the liberties of the churches and people entrusted to me; and shall set forward and promote such works as may be fitly done therein for the service of God, for the benefit of his Church, and for the extension of the Kingdom of God, so help me God through Jesus Christ our Lord."

The Ascending Apostles will sign the above Promise in the sight of all present. The witnesses add their signatures. All then stand. The Chief Celebrant then says the following words and asks for the response of the people.

✠ THE RESPONSE

Apostle Joseph Hardy, Sr.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, you have heard the testimonies of the **Ascending Apostles**. You have been assured of their suitability and that we, the Church, believe that they are suited for this sacred responsibility. Is it your will that we affirm **them** as Apostles in the Lord's Church?

Congregation.....This is our will.

Apostle Joseph Hardy, Sr.

Because you have accepted lofty responsibility and approved by the people, to lead this Church in the power of the Holy Spirit, I now call upon you to lead us in the confessing of our faith.

(continue to stand)



The Ascending Apostles begins by saying:

I believe in one God.

(Congregation will say.....)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: who conceived of the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day, He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence, He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, one holy, universal and apostolic Church, the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen. **(The Apostle's Creed, 340 A.D.)**

✠ THE SACRED ACT OF APOSTOLIC AFFIRMATION

While the people remain standing, the other apostles and bishops assist and stand to the right and left of the Chief Celebrant. The people remain standing, the Chief Celebrant offers up this prayer or prays as the spirit leads him.

THE INVESTITURE

The newly affirmed Apostle is now vested according to the order of apostles and bishops. This segment of the service is both colorful and solemn.

(After vesting, a Bible is presented with these words.)

"Receive the Holy Scriptures. Feed the flock of Christ committed to your charge, guard and defend them in His truth, and be a faithful steward of His Holy Word and Sacraments."

THE PROCLAMATION

The newly affirmed Apostles will then greet the church.

Musical Prelude as Chief Celebrant and Concelebrants transition to
"The Service of Acknowledgement, Elevation, and Promotion"
(continued on page 12)

**THE
SERVICE
OF** *Acknowledgement,
Elevation,
AND
Promotion*

PROPHET JEREMY MCDONALD

General Secretary

BISHOP JIM PERINE, JR.

Fervent Life Worship Center
Jackson, Alabama

APOSTLE LEE A. HENDERSON, SR.

Vice Presider

BISHOP VANT HARDAWAY

1st Assistant

APOSTLE ROBERT MCCLAIN

2nd Assistant

APOSTLE JOSEPH HARDY

3rd Assistant

Special Presentations by the Vice Presiding Bishop

THE BENEDICTION AND RECESSIONAL



THE INVESTITURE

The **CASSOCK** is the foundation garment of the Bishop and Apostle, over which all other garments are layered. It is a close-fitting garment, reaching to the feet, and may be worn by all ordained clergy as a symbol of a servant. The Apostle wears the cassock in accordance with the Lord's instruction "whoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant." (Matthew 20:27)

The **CINCTURE** is a wide belt, which is tied around the waist, even as the Apostle is exhorted to gird herself with truth. It also speaks to us of the humility which our Lord girded Himself with a towel as He washed His disciples' feet.

The **ROCHET** is a white garment with full sleeves, which are tied at the wrist by bands. It is a ceremonial garment that serves as a symbol of the priesthood. It is reminiscent of the linen ephod worn by the high priest in the book of Leviticus.

The **CHIMERE** is a sleeveless gown worn over the rochet and represents the mantle of a prophet. It is worn exclusively by the Apostles and Bishops because they are the chief proclaimers and defenders of the faith in the apostolic tradition. It is often worn by Overseers with special dispensation.

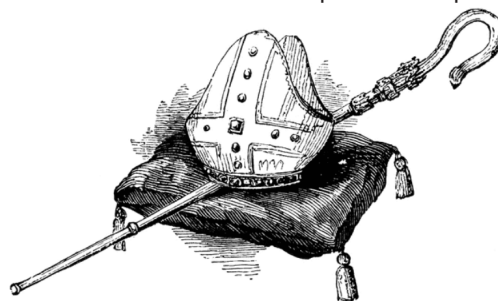
The **TIPPET** is a skillful wide cut black material worn over the chimere, and may be embellished with the personal coat of arms of the Apostle or Bishop, the Diocesan coat of arms or the seminary of matriculation. The Tippet is used instead of the stole that is normally used with the Chausable.

The **ZUCCHETTO** is the indoor covering. A small, semispherical headdress, skullcap worn by the clergy. It is ordinarily made of cloth or skin. The color is scarlet, red-purple, blue-purple, cardinal-red or magenta.

The **GOLD CHAIN & PECTORAL CROSS** is worn only by Apostles and Bishops. The cross of Gold is hung around the Apostle's neck as a symbol of his imprisonment for Christ. The gold chain is a symbol of endurance, which emphasizes that the wearer is not a novice. The cross is the sign of salvation and man's redemption. Although it is placed on a beautiful gold chain, it is not suspended around the neck, but is placed in the left-hand pocket. Therefore it is not worn, but borne over the wearer's heart.

The **APOSTLE'S RING** is gold with amethyst or ruby depending on preference. It is worn on the right hand as the signet of the Bishop's authority, as well as his dedication to Christ and His Church.

The **CROZIER** is a tall staff which represents the office of the Shepherd. It is a symbol of a Bishop's authority and role as a watchman and overseer of God's precious people.



THE *Hymnody*

TOTAL PRAISE

written: Richard Lee Smallwood, 1996

Lord, I will lift my eyes to the hills
Knowing my help is coming from You
Your peace You give me in time of the storm

You are the source of my strength
You are the strength of my life
I lift my hands in total praise to You

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen

THE WATER WAY!

*written by Sister Hattie Edwards Pryor, 1919
printed by Bishop G.T. Haywood*

Long ago the maids drew water,
in the evening time they say
One day Isaac sent his servant,
to stop Rebekka on her way
But my master sent me here to tell you
See these Jew-els rich and rare
Would'st thou a lovely bride be in the country
over there?

Have you looked and often wondered,
why the pow'r is slack today.
Would you stay in that back number,
and go on in man made ways.
Oh soul who never has been baptized,
in the precious Name of God,
Let the Truth now sanctify you,
it's the way the Apostles trod.

*There shall be light in the evening time
The path to glory you will surely find
Through the water way it is the light today
Baptized in Jesus name!!
Young and old repent of all your sins and the
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THE APOSTLE

(A brief synopsis)

An apostle is, in a sentence, a special messenger. More precisely, an apostle is a specially commissioned messenger. The first apostle was a "sent one". The very first "Sent One" was sent from heaven to earth to redeem humanity back to God. I Corinthians 15 calls him the Lord from heaven and the Spiritual Man. The principle was set in motion, a spiritual man must be apostle to go with power and spirit to snatch the chosen elect out of the hands of satan and the bowels of sin.

The Apostle's call's include the dispatch to a vision as God calls them to spearhead and dominate His new moves. The apostles of the age must exert supernatural power and exercise heavenly authority to once more call out those who have melded with the world church and forsaken the true and living God and his only Savior Jesus Christ. The word itself, we know well by now, means fundamentally a sent one. It describes one sent with extraordinary power on a mission, a delegation, on behalf of another, for a commissarial assignment.

It is a ministry of ambassadorship; meaning the sent one is dispatched to a foreign field to handle the affairs, settle the accounts, and negotiate agreements (which almost always includes peace terms and commerce pacts) in the best interests of the one who sent him.

An apostle is a delegate of the kingdom of God. Obviously, the foreign field he is sent to by the Lord is the kingdom of men. As a delegate, the apostle is deputized with certain powers and privileges that allow him to act largely independent of his Commissioner's direct involvement.

A "commission", is most basically, a written paper giving certain powers, privileges and duties to its bearer or the one named therein. It contains a warrant to confirm and verify the "sent one." The warrant outlines the reason the person is sent. the purpose for their mission, and the legal limits of their rights, privileges and proxy actions. The Commission Letter from the sending one attests to the sent one's authenticity. Its warrant serves the special function of backing the authority of the one who is sent, or the delegate. The Commissioner's Warrant defines the delegate's license to act and certifies the veracity of his service. A commission is the direct result of an appointment or election to perform certain accomplishments much like that of an agency. The orders, in summary, authorize, empower, and activate the delegate's service; and says to the citizens of the foreign land, or field and its government, the sent one is not alone and is acting with the full backing of the power that commissioned him.

The Apostle is the forerunner and the catalyst. The apostle is sent to aggressively take back what was stolen. To support his mandate of aggression, he is given enormous powers and phenomenal supernatural support. The apostle's presence in a land or a territory makes a difference. The Apostolic Ministry is never docile; it is never quiet, never easy on the nerves or soothing to the norm. The Apostolic Ministry is catalytic and, count on it, when this move takes place in the earth, once again the world will be turned upside down.

The Apostolate, as defined in several sources, is a standing office of a religious institution. It, the office has full divine accreditation with a universal commission. The position gives its officer full authority to initiate and act on behalf of his institution. He is its subsidiary. The apostolate is designed to revolve around oddly interactive and uniquely participatory exchange between the lord and the apostle. The office is more than a position or prescribed job description, it is a charge.

(Reference Material: the Five-Fold Ministry Offices Manual by Dr. Paula Price)

