

The Western Assembly Disciples of Christ Churches

Post Office Box 405 , Newton Grove, NC 28366



153rd Annual Session

Agenda

“Passing on the Torch is Necessary for Existence”

Subject to Change

Tuesday	October 28, 2025
3:00 p.m.	Worship Service Presiding – Eldress Alice McClamb Scripture – Eldress Olivia Fredrick Prayer – Elder Kenneth Atkinson Introduction of Speaker - Eldress Alice McClamb Sermon – Rev. Dr. Alex Cox
Soup and Sandwiches 	
6:00 p.m.	The 45th Annual Banquet Ticket admission – \$25.00 Adults / \$10.00 Children Speaker – Minister Sherry Cousar UPDATED 
Wednesday	October 29, 2025
11:00 a.m. UPDATED	Mission Department Worship Service Presiding Eldress Ella Herring Scripture – Minister Brenda Robinson Prayer – Eldress Ella Herring Introduction of Speaker – Eldress Ella Herring Speaker – Rev. Dr. Janie T. Robinson Lunch – Churches bring 2 desserts – Long Branch, Piney Green, St. Stephens
Thursday	October 30, 2025
10:00 a.m.	Devotion - Eldress Shirley Blue and Mother Willa Bethea
10:30 a.m.	First Day of Official Business Guidance Remarks – Bishop and Vice Bishop Welcome Address – Sister Janice Barnes , Miss Western Assembly Roll Call of Ministers – Mother Deborah Underwood Roll Call of Churches and Delegates, Minutes – Mother Linda M. Owens Recommendations – Bishop Special Reports – Please submit written reports to Recording Secretary General Board - Sister Linda M. Owens, Secretary Council Board – Rev. Dr. Robert Marion, Chairman Media – Deacon Glenn Lofton, Chairman Steering Committee – Deacon Lenard Chesnutt, Chairman
12:00 noon	Worship Service Presiding – Rev. Dr. Dannie Robinson Scripture – Eldress Robbin Armwood Prayer – Eldress Brenda Stevens Introduction of Speaker – Deacon Glenn Lofton Sermon – Rev. Dr. Hattie Lofton (Pastor, Hosanna Disciple Church)
1:30 p.m.	Lunch - Churches to bring 2 Desserts– Hickory Grove, Hosanna, Point Level, White Oak
3:00 p.m.	Holy Communion

	Friday	October 31, 2025
	10:00 a.m.	Devotion – Deacon Lenard Chesnutt and Mother Helen Chesnutt
	10:30 a.m. 	Business Session – Reports Financial Report - Sister Edith Rogers Treasurer's Report – Sister Victoria Clark Building Fund Report - Deacon Julius Brackeen Auditor's Report - Brother Oscar Williams Recording Secretary's Confirmation Report - Mother Linda M. Owens
	12:00 noon	Worship Service Presiding – Rev. Dr. Vincent Armwood Scripture – Eldress Minnie Bennett Prayer – Eldress Robbin Armwood Introduction of Speaker – Rev. Dr. Vincent Armwood Guide Sermon – Rev. Dr. Robert Marion (Pastor, Long Branch)
	1:00 p.m.	Lunch <i>Churches - 2 desserts – Bentonville, Juniper Grove, My Brother's Keeper, Long Branch</i>
	2:00 p.m.	 Business Session – Reports <i>Please give summary and submit a full written reports to Recording Secretary</i> Trustee Report - Brother Charles Williams, Jr., Chairman Newsletter Report - Sister Gwen Ward, Editor Activities Coordinator Report - Dr. Wanda White Bible Institute – Dr. Wanda White Youth Department/CYF – Sister Patricia Leake Calendar - Mother Linda M. Owens Sick Report Grievance Report Ministerial Character Report Investigation Committee Report  Auxiliary Reports <i>(Reports must be made in full; copy of report given to Recording Secretary and one-third of annual income must be presented to the Assembly when report given)</i> <i>Please give summary report and submit a full written reports with 1/3 annual income to Recording Secretary</i> Choir Convention – Eldress Shirley Blue Deacons' Fellowship - Deacon Roy Williams Mothers' Alliance - Mother Ella Lofton Floral Auxiliary – Sister Pearl Warren Mission Department - Mother Sylvia Adams Sunday School Convention - Deacon Glenn Lofton Ushers Convention – Brother Larry Atkinson
	Friday	October 31, 2025 continued
	7:00 p.m.	Miss Western Assembly Queen Campaign Presiding – Sister Gwendolyn Ward Seating of former Queens Miss Western Assembly Contestants March Crowning of new Miss Western Assembly by Sister Janice Barnes

Saturday	November 1, 2025
10:00 a.m.	Devotion – Deacon Clifford Williams and Mother Janice Williams
10:30 a.m.	Annual Memorial Service Necrology Committee – Mother Ella Mae Lofton, Chairperson Processional of Ministers, Minister's Spouses and Home Mission Necrology Service – Songs of Praise Identifying deceased members by church
11:30 a.m.	Worship Service Presiding – Eldress Brenda Stevens Scripture – Eldress Janice Smith Prayer – Elder Michael Parker Introduction of Speaker – Eldress Cheryl Davis Sermon – Vice Bishop Calvin E. Davis
1:00 p.m.	Lunch - Churches to bring 2 desserts – Charity, Mingle Hill, St. James, Thaddeus
2:30 p.m.	W.L. Williams Scholarship Program – Sister Luretha Lewis <i>Reason Zaire Batts (White Oak), Justice Elliott Flemings (My Brother's Keeper), Bradley McDougald (St. James), Jakiyah Nance (St. James)</i>
	Christian Youth Fellowship (CYF) – Sister Patricia Leake
	Bible Institute Graduation – Dr. Wanda White
	Ordination Service Presiding Bishop Charles J. Williams, Sr. Vice Bishop Calvin E. Davis and Board of Ministry 1. Minister Anthony Curtis Peterson (Hosanna) 2. Minister Christopher Williams (St. James)
	Conferring of Doctor of Divinity Degree • Elder Michael Parker (Pastor, Mingle Hill)
Sunday	November 2, 2025
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School – Deacon Glenn Lofton, President Teacher – to be announced
11:00 a.m.	Worship Service Assembly Annual Conference Choir – Sister Shelby Jean Elliott, President Choir Director Brother Ryan Elliott, Presiding – Rev. Dr. Claudie Newsome Scripture – Rev. Dr. Montorom Williams Prayer – Rev. Dr. Deron McLamb Announcements – Sister Pearl Warren Introduction of Speaker – Rev. Dr. Claudie Newsome Sermon – Bishop Charles J. Williams, Sr. Altar Prayer – Vice Bishop Calvin E. Davis Financial Reports Finance Committee – Deacon Roy Williams, Chairman of Finance Financial Secretary – Sister Edith Rogers Vote of Thanks – Sister Gwendolyn Ward Remarks – Bishop Williams Benediction – Bishop Williams