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Bishop John H. Sheard, Chairman
Board of Bishops, Church Of God In Christ, Inc.
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Dear Bishop Sheard:

This letter is directed to you, as Chairman of the Board of Bishops; of which I am a member, to ask your assistance in helping the Delaware Jurisdiction to collect loans that were made to bishops of the Board of Bishops. More than two years ago, when our nation was in the midst of a financial crisis; and banks and lending agencies were not lending to churches, our brothers came to us with what appeared to be dire needs. The Lord had blessed our small jurisdiction to be in position to help; therefore, we made them loans to save their churches and protect their ministry. The loans were made in good Faith and with the promise that they would be repaid.

For your information, DE Jurisdiction was made to be delinquent in making a recent \$100,000 mortgage payment because of the failure of our bishops and pastors to live up to what they promised when they borrowed our money. We have always paid our bills and we have the assets to meet our obligations promptly. If our bishops and pastors will be men in business, we will be debt free.

Bishop Sheard, just before our Jurisdictional Holy Convocation, our beloved Presiding Bishop C.E. Blake called me with false information that we were on the brink of losing the Delaware Jurisdiction's Episcopal Residence because we were delinquent in paying the \$100,000 mortgage that was due. He offered to pay the \$100,000 mortgage note if I would agree to sign the property over to him. He suggested that he would sell the property for \$500,000. I assured him that we had made arrangements to satisfy the mortgage payment and that it would not be necessary that my family and I vacate our home.

The Presiding Bishop did not tell me the source of the false information, but he seemed to respond very quickly when he received what would have been bad news, if it had been true. If you will recall, it was acting on false information that the Presiding Bishop and the General Board made false accusations and caused so much trouble in this jurisdiction. I am glad that he called me before he attempted to act.

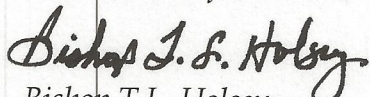
Even though the Presiding Bishop did not offer to lend the Jurisdiction the \$100,000.00 that we needed to make our payment, God provided what we needed, as he always does. If you and the Presiding Bishop will use your influence to encourage our Leaders and Pastors to honor their word and pay the Delaware Jurisdiction, we will be in position to satisfy our obligations and be able to help others who may have needs. The following is a list of those who owe the Delaware Jurisdiction and the amounts owed:

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1.	Bishop P. A. Brooks.....	\$197,000.00
	1st Assistant Presiding Bishop	
	Church Of God In Christ, Inc.	
2.	Bishop Samuel Green.....	\$ 46,000.00
	General Board Member, COGIC	
3.	Bishop Joel Lyles.....	\$140,000.00
	General Secretary	
	Church Of God In Christ, Inc.	
4.	Elder Charles Herron.....	\$150,000.00
	Pastor, Church Of God In Christ	
	Youngstown, Ohio	
5.	Elder Jerry Johnson.....	\$100,000.00
	Pastor, Southern California	
	Church Of God In Christ	
6.	Elder Joe Chase.....	\$100,000.00
	Pastor, Church Of God In Christ	
	Virginia	
Total Amount Owed:		\$733,000.00

If you will recall, the Delaware Jurisdiction was most gracious to the Bishops Conference when it was in Baltimore. We enjoyed being a blessing to our brethren, and we will be delighted to support future conferences when we are blessed to receive the funds that are owed to us.

In the Power of His Love,


Bishop T.L. Holsey