

CHRISTIANS EQUIPPING CHRISTIANS FOR OUTREACH



AN INTRODUCTION TO CECO:
A VIEW OF THE VISION

*Behold,
I will do a new thing;
now it shall spring forth;
shall ye not know it?
Isaiah 43:19*

Beloved,

As God's Spirit continues to move across the nation, Christians Equipping Christians for Outreach Fellowship (CECO) has received a fresh anointing to carry out greater works in the Kingdom of God. CECO is in a position to mentor other ministries, establish fellowship among the body of Christ and engage in innovative strategies to evangelize the lost and disciple those who are in need of spiritual leadership to the glory and honor of God.

CECO is a living organism that is founded on sound biblical principles, but also embraces change in the structure of church and ministry leadership for the purpose of effective Kingdom Building.

In the classic hymn, "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand" the first verse begins with a prophetic declaration that "time is filled with swift transition." In these words we find a sobering truth about the society in which we live. If we are not anchored to a Biblical worldview, we can fall prey to any wind or doctrine that so easily besets us.

In the midst of several schools of thought regarding church structure and leadership in our ever-changing culture, CECO continues to be steadfast in adhering to the Word of God as a foundation from which to train, teach and father other ministries. The growing number of ministries joining in fellowship with Christians Equipping Christians for Outreach (CECO) has found that the relevance of the spiritual leadership and order in the first church (as mentioned in the Book of Acts) can function as a model for the spiritual structure and organization of leadership in today's churches and ministries.

What you now hold is a small view of a broad vision. CECO seeks to be a leader in equipping churches, ministries and individuals for effective kingdom building throughout the nation and the world.

We encourage you to read further to learn more about CECO.

In His Service,

Bishop Russell L. Freeman

Presiding Prelate, Christians Equipping Christians for Outreach Fellowship (CECO)
Senior Pastor, United Community Cathedral (UCC)

CECO'S HISTORY

Christians Equipping Christians for Outreach (CECO) Fellowship was birthed as part of a God-inspired vision given to Bishop Russell Larry Freeman. Through the collective efforts of his spiritual sons, manifestation of the original vision occurred in February 2008. These great men of God, under the leading of the Holy Ghost, performed the necessary tasks which were needed to open the door for Bishop Freeman and the United Community Cathedral. In this, CECO serves as a help and an encouragement to other ministries within the Kingdom of God.

These sons, along with their spiritual father, became the founding fathers of CECO – Bishop Russell Larry Freeman, Bishop Lester Woods, Jr., Bishop Herman Dean Ware, Jr., Bishop Darrell Dwayne Luther, Sr., Overseer Arnulfo Peat, Jr., and Overseer Todd Robinson. In August 2009, CECO's Fathers unanimously elected Bishop Freeman as the Presiding Prelate.

CECO'S MISSION

In answering the call of the Great Commission, CECO will fulfill its mandate of ministry by equipping the Body of Christ to: (1) establish Christian Fellowship with a local and global outreach, (2) revive a Kingdom-mindset in the Church and, (3) strengthen its laity for excellence in every area of ministry. CECO will accomplish this to the Glory and Honor of God.

CECO's Vision (L.I.F.E.)

To see where the Spirit is leading, we focus on growth in four dynamic areas.

Leadership/Mentorship

Jeremiah 3: 15 — "And I will give you pastors according to mineheart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding."

Innovation

Habakkuk 3:2 — "O LORD, I have heard thy speech and was afraid: O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy."

Fellowship

Hebrews 10:25 — "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

Evangelism/Discipleship

St. Matthew 28: 18-20 — "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

CECO Network of Ministries

The list of connected fellowships is growing, and the territory covered is expanding

United Community Cathedral:

Bishop Russell L. Freeman Columbia, MO

Urban Empowerment:

Bishop Lester Woods, Jr. and Pastor Christine Woods
Columbia, MO

New Hope Christian Center:

Bishop Darrell Luther, Sr and Co-Pastor Nikesha Luther
Boonville, MO

Chosen Generation Ministries:

Bishop Lorenzo Lawson, Columbia, MO

Lafayette Park Baptist Church:

Bishop Reggie Hall, St. Louis, MO

Cathedral of Praise Christian Development Center:

Bishop Earl Moore, St. Louis, MO

Christian Cultural International Ministries:

Bishop Arnulfo Peat, Jr. & Nicole Peat, Columbia, MO

Fresh Anointing Prosperity Ministries:

Overseer Patrick Lampkin - Founder;
Apostle Michael Lampkin - Senior Pastor
St. Louis, MO

Omega International Ministries

Bishop Michael Stevens and Lady Andrea Stevens
Cocoa, FL

Emmanuel Temple of Deliverance

Bishop Quinton O. Smith and Lady Alesia Smith
Opilka, AL

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Word of Life International Ministries:

Bishop-Elect Herbert H. Thomas, Jr. and Pastor Christine Thomas
Montgomery, Al.

His Word His Way:

General Overseer LaMont Walker, Columbia, MO

I AM Plan:

General Overseer Damian Dean, Columbia, MO

Wonderfully Made for Women:

Overseer Angeline Robinson, Columbia, MO

Worth Gathering Ministries:

General Overseer Linda Moss, Columbia, MO

Love Fellowship Church:

Pastor Kevin Ware, Pearl, MS

Tender Heart and Brave Heart Ministries

Pastory Zacqrey and Lady Tamara Woods, Springfield, MO

Greater Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church:

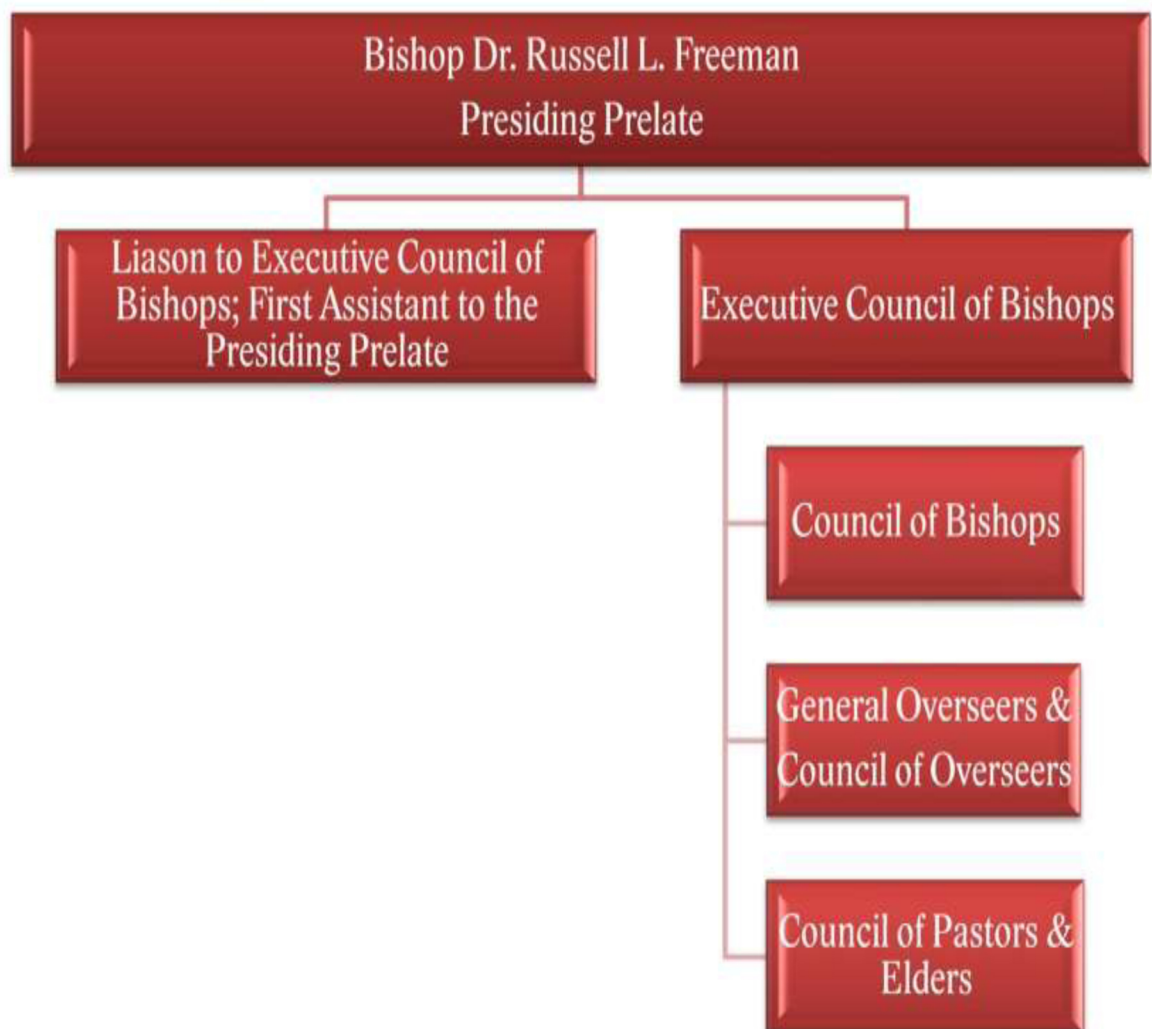
Pastor Zacqrey and Lady Tamara Woods, Springfield, MO

New Life in Christ Ministries

Pastor Wayne Jones

THE FELLOWSHIP'S ORGANIZATION

CECO is governed under an episcopal form of government, with Bishop Freeman serving as the presiding prelate. Below is an overview of how Fellowship leaders are connected to the body:



BIOGRAPHY OF BISHOP DR. RUSSELL L. FREEMAN

Bishop Russell Freeman was born on January 27, 1948 in Boonville, MO to Deacon and Sister Clarence Freeman. His ministry began in 1975 after accepting his call while serving on the Sheriffs Department of Jackson County, Missouri. Bishop Freeman's first sermon was preached in January of 1976 at Emmanuel Baptist Church of Kansas City, Missouri where Bishop Dr. W. H. White is the Senior Pastor. Following the Call of the Lord, Bishop Freeman moved to Wichita, Kansas and soon began worshipping at Tabernacle Church and New Jerusalem Baptist Church.



Preceding his consecration to the bishopric, Overseer Freeman served seven wonderful years as a District Overseer in the state of Missouri under Bishop Paul S. Morton, Sr. and the Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship. While under Bishop Morton, Overseer Freeman's administrative abilities were exercised and honed in bringing the State of Kansas online within the Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship. Following his years under Bishop Morton, Overseer Freeman came along side his father in the ministry, Bishop Dr. W.H. White Sr. and helped bring New Vision Jurisdictional Fellowship online as one of its founding fathers. In this capacity, Overseer Freeman again exercised his administrative abilities in gathering pastors, churches, ministries and the like for New Vision. As the Lord would have it, Bishop White moved to consecrate Overseer Freeman to the Office of the Bishopric in September 2005.

Not long following his years of service with New Vision Bishop Freeman joined United Covenant Churches of Christ under the leadership of Bishop Larry D. Trotter. Under this divine assignment, Bishop Freeman was appointed as State Bishop over Missouri and would become responsible for building and strengthening United Covenant Churches of Christ within Missouri and its neighboring states.

Yet this would not be the culminating work God would have for Bishop Freeman. In 2008, God utilized Bishop Freeman to bring Christians Equipping Christians for Outreach (CECO) Fellowship into existence, and in 2009 Bishop Freeman received Apostolic Succession from Bishop Larry D. Trotter and was enthroned by the same as CECO's Presiding Prelate. With this great mantle having been sealed in the Spirit, Bishop Freeman continues to advance the Kingdom of God in fulfilling Ephesians 4:12. With all of this, Bishop Russell Freeman continues to serve the United Community Cathedral of Columbia, Missouri as its senior bishop and senior pastor... and has faithfully done so for over 25 years since first being called to United on July 15, 1984.

Other than being an exceptional minister of the gospel, Bishop Freeman is a first-rate family man. His family consists of his daughter Mia Ferrell, and her three children (Secily, Jaccara, & Montiarra); and his mother Sis. Emma Freeman, who continues to be his biggest supporter. Bishop Freeman's present goals are to impact his community by "Building and Releasing Capable People" for Kingdom Building, and impacting the world through Evangelism. Bishop Freeman strives to equip the Body of Christ by preaching and teaching in numerous circles. His purpose in life is to reach beyond any color or denominational barriers in an effort to bring all people together, without restraint, for Christ's sake.

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