

CHURCH OF GOD (SEVENTH DAY) INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION

From: The Desk of the President

**To: Member Conferences of the Church of God
(Seventh Day) International Federation**



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MISSION



Brothers and Sisters,

I consider it an honour to extend sincere greetings to you through our Lord Jesus Christ who gave Himself to redeem us and to give us this blessed hope of eternal life. I trust you are prospering in health even as your spiritual man prospers.

November 2023 was indeed an historic and special time for the Church of God (Seventh Day). Delegates from 30 nations met in Nigeria, West Africa for the meeting of the International Ministerial Congress (IMC), and it was historic and special for several reasons.

Firstly, it was the first time the IMC was held on the continent of Africa, and I must say this was indeed an extraordinary occasion, that will be remembered by those in attendance.



Secondly, it was significant because it saw the birth of what is now 'The Church of God (Seventh Day) International

Federation,' as a Global Church. It is necessary to give you the background for this new development and change: following its 2016 Congress in Argentina, the IMC President Pastor Ramon Ruiz appointed a committee tasked with the responsibility of fulfilling the mandates of the following resolution approved by the Congress in Session:-

“WHEREAS the Church of God (Seventh Day) exists in many nations of the world and is growing into more nations of the world; WHEREAS the Church of God (Seventh Day) is organized in or among these many nations as local congregations, districts, and national or regional conferences; and WHEREAS these conferences are affiliated together as members of a ministerial organization – the International Ministerial Congress, but they are not affiliated as members of a global Church of God (Seventh Day) organization because a global Church of God (Seventh Day) organization does not yet exist; therefore, BE IT RESOLVED that the Officers of the International Ministerial Congress appoint a committee to prepare a plan for the creation of a global Church of God (Seventh Day) organization, said plan to be presented and discussed for possible adoption during the IMC 2020 meeting.”



To fulfil this directive, the Global Church Administration Committee was appointed

by the IMC President. The Committee members were: Whaid Rose (USA - Committee Chairperson), Ramon Ruiz (Mexico - IMC President), Bryan Cleeton (USA), John Klasses (Australia), Paulo Jorge Coelho (Portugal), Robert Crawford (United Kingdom, Africa) and Tluang Kung (Myanmar).

Thanks to the committee's dedicated efforts, the global church organization bylaws resulting from their discussions were successfully presented, discussed, and eventually approved after several amendments by the attending delegates.



We are now in a new era, the old has passed and we now look forward to new beginnings. I am aware that change carries with it challenges but by the grace of God I am confident that we can navigate those to the glory of God for the growth and development of the Global Church of God.



Ramon Ruiz handing over to the new federation president Robert Crawford

Having been elected as the first President of this new Federation, I have accepted this position with much humility, being conscious of the awesome responsibility of providing leadership for God's people around the world. I want to thank God for Pastor Ramon Ruiz, for the great service he has given over many years to what was then the IMC. His work and contribution will never be forgotten.



I want to thank God that I am not alone I do appreciate that I am surrounded by a wonderful group of brothers whom I know are committed to the task and together I know we can accomplish great things through Christ.

As the Federation we have carefully considered our Vision, Purpose, Mission, and Authority, which I will share in brief with the hope that we will embrace and take ownership to God's glory.

Vision: The Church of God (Seventh Day) International Federation is a fellowship of churches and conferences, connected across this world, yet united in its diverse gifts, talents, cultures, and callings. Its corporate identity is in its commitment to the centrality of Christ and the observance of the Ten Commandments including the Seventh Day Sabbath (Rev 14:12) as it increasingly reflects the image of Christ's body (1 Cor 12:12) and thereby achieving a greater vision than the sum of its individual parts.

NEW FEDERATION BOARD



Bryan Cleeton - (USA)
Secretary



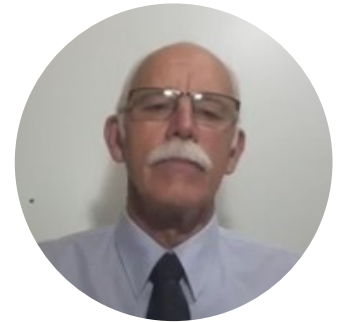
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Board Member



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Board Member



Purpose: The purpose of the Church of God (Seventh Day) International Federation is to facilitate the development, unity, and growth of its churches and conferences around the world, forming them into a cohesive and vibrant Christ community. The Federation joyfully fulfils its unique role in the greater Body of Christ, and in the world, through the transformative power of the gospel, teaching biblical truths and its application, until Jesus returns.

Mission: The Mission of the Church of God (Seventh Day) International Federation is to achieve by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, its stated vision and purpose through an administrative structure that is defined by Godly leadership, measurable goals and objectives, clear communication, a sustainable financial model, with innovation and creativity. In an environment of trust, mutual accountability, and a commitment to assist, encourage, and understand one another. The Federation prayerfully embraces Jesus' heart for the church He is building – in reconciling lost humanity to God, through Jesus' blood for the glory of the Father to the ends of the earth.

Statement of Authority: With Christ as its head (Colossians 1:18), with the Bible as its sole authority for doctrine and Christian conduct (2 Timothy 3:16), with its commitment to walking a healthy balance

between autonomy and interdependence (Acts 20:28, 1 Peter 5:2-5), and with its bylaws and organizing documents, the Church of God (Seventh Day) International Federation retains the right to function as a global ecclesiastical entity, to seek and protect the spiritual well being of its members, to conduct the business of the church, including the faithful stewardship of finances, to protect itself against liability and civil interference, and to protect its membership and material interests.

My joy is as members of the Board we share the Vision, Purpose, and Mission of the Federation. However I crave your sincere prayers for us, so that we will continue to be led by the Holy Spirit to fulfil the mandate of the Federation to the glory of God. I would like to, on behalf of the Board, express my sincere appreciation to the Leadership of the Nigerian Conference, and in particular to Bro Felix Obuah whose hospitality, love and care for the delegates exceeded all expectations. May the Lord continue to bless them for their labour of love.

Robert I Crawford

Robert Ikechukwu Crawford
President
Church of God (Seventh Day)
International Federation



PICTURE GALLERY



Delegates and Observers for COG7 International Federation in Session



Governor of Harcourt



Three Mile Market



The Oba of Omoku



Morning Devotions



Super Sabbath Worship



Super Sabbath Lunch