

## THE NATIONAL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CONFERENCE HISTORY

The National Christian Fellowship Conference also known as NCFC was founded Saturday, August 11, 1979 in Los Angeles California. Its inception happened when the spirit of the Lord spoke through Bishop James McNeal Jr., to establish “an organization founded on the principles of Christian Love and Fellowship.” The National Christian Fellowship Conference is a distinct, organization, established by the handshake of two pastors; Bishop James McNeal Jr. and Reverend Hansford K. Worline.

Bishop McNeal and his entourage of 23 were on a first-time fellowship with the Reverend Hansford K. Worline of Compton California and his congregation of the Calvary Resurrectional Missionary Baptist Church. The two congregations had never seen each other, yet the two pastors had met and fellowshiped in Philadelphia. At the end of the weeklong fellowship in Los Angeles California, Bishop McNeal announced the vision that God had given him in the founding of NCFC as a Fellowship in Christian Love. During the first year Bishop McNeal traveled more than a quarter of a million miles growing a fellowship that has spanned through more than eighty-five cities, including Jamaica, West Africa and Great Britain.

Five years later while in Houston Texas, we expanded the reach of our organization, forming NCFC International. The Ninth Anniversary was celebrated in the newly constructed edifice of the Church of New Hope and Faith Inc., the Headquarters of NCFC International. In 1988 Bishop McNeal and his entourage of seven traveled to Lagos Nigeria to consecrate the West African Coordinator to the Bishopric.

Our 15th Anniversary and the first Convention held in Chicago, Illinois marked the birth of our Youth Auxiliary; and the unveiling of the official flag for NCFC International and regional flags. The 19th Anniversary was celebrated in Our Nation’s Capital, Washington, D.C., and for the first time our Convention was opened with a theme; “We Belong Together.” We witnessed our Chairman under the anointing, crossing the barrier of denominations as he consecrated to the Bishopric, a Baptist Pastor, a Pentecostal Pastor and an Apostolic Pastor in the same ceremony!

In 1999 our Chairman presented the Prestigious Essay Medallion for our first Youth Essay contest in Dallas, Texas. The 2002 International Convention and 23rd Anniversary Celebration held in Chicago, Illinois left everyone in awe as we unveiled the official NCFC South, South Nigeria Regional Flag.

As one body under the 2003 theme, “Endeavoring to Keep the Unity,” our Chairman appointed the first NCFC Youth Auxiliary Coordinator in Houston Texas. The anointing fell at the Headquarters Church of New Hope and Faith as the spirit of the Lord lifted our Founder, naming the first Seer of NCFC. The half has not been told! In 2006, Bishop McNeal and his entourage of ten traveled to the world’s second largest continent to consecrate the first Archbishop in NCFC. This ceremony was performed in the presence of the King and the Governors Cabinet during the Calabar, South South Nigerian Regional Conference. This year NCFC will celebrate the “BIG 40” at our 40<sup>th</sup> Annual International Convention in Baltimore, Maryland will mark the celebration of our Thirteenth Annual “Founders Day” in honor of Our Founder and Chairman.

Each year our Chairman carefully selects a different city to enhance our fellowship and broaden our horizons. This leaves us wondering, where our Chairman will take us next. Our conference is growing, and our auxiliaries are expanding! NCFC is flourishing as our fellowship spreads around the world, building bridges of Christian love and fellowship in the hearts and minds of people from all walks of life. This holds true to our theme, “BEHOLD, How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!” Psalm 133:1