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magnifying Christ, edifying the assembly in love and expanding the missionary works of this body of devout communicants.

As a testimony of the God-given talents of youth members of the assembly, the afternoon session of the Convocation was highlighted by a stirring dramatic presentation. The two-act Play, titled, "Only What You Do For God Will Last" was performed by a cast of twenty-one. The play was written and directed by Minister Vernon Kinsey of the St. Paul Church of God in Christ. The audience was blessed by this outstanding display of youth talent, depicting the doctrine of the church through evangelism, preaching, fellowship and freedom in the Holy Ghost. Among many high points in the production, the most moving and poignant scene took place in the epilogue, during which "The Doctrine of the Last Things" was portrayed - "prepare to meet thy God" (Amos 4:12). It was a blessed testimony of the church's belief that "the Doctrine of Last Things is a powerful factor in shaping conduct, quickening conscience and enforcing the obligations of service for God and man."

At Tuesday's Official Opening of Convocation, Presiding Officials of the Home/Foreign and Evangelist Department included: Elder Willie Gray, Elder George Cotton, Missionary Ruby Holiday and Evangelist Louise Shelton. Greetings were extended by Jurisdictional Bishop E.N. Webb and Mother Sweetie A. Porter. On the themes "In as Much as ye Have Done it unto one of the Least of These My Brethren, Ye Have Done it Unto Me" (Matthews 25:40) and "Follow Me and I will make you Fishers of

men" (Matthews 4:19), Presiding Elder George Cotton lead the Ministers and Junior Missionaries in jubilant exhortations. The message for the occasion, marked the first of daily broadcasts of the Convocation on KCEP-FM radio. Broadcasts were coordinated by Supt. J.W. Wynn.

Presiding over the Young People's Willing Workers Department's program Wednesday morning, Elder Billy Gilmore, Pastor of Friendly Church of God in Christ, illuminated the assembly with a workshop on the theme "I Can Do All Things Through Christ Which Strengtheneth Me", Phillipians 4:13. Missionary Rochelle Wynn's presentation to youth was yet another testimony of the Gospel at work. The workshop for Youth Leaders stressed a youth ministry that is grounded in the Word of God, overflowing with love that serves the youth of the community, as well as the church. Topics discussed in the workshop titled, "I Can" included: Dedication of the Mind; Cultivating Your Gifts and Talents; Responsibilities and Obligations of Young People to the Church and to Adults; and Faith to Believe I Can. A morning of fruitful discussions with youth and youth leaders involved specific implications for the home, church, school and job situations. At the evening session, youth represented their districts in a presentation of music and the elocutionary and literary arts.

Elder Claude Parson, Pastor of Vegas View, was the recipient of a special award. The presentation, which included special commendation from Supt. of Clark County School District, Dr. Robert Wentz, was made by Mrs. Virginia Brewster, Trustee of the Clark

County School District. Elder Parsons was cited for outstanding contributions as a working member of the Sex Education Advisory Committee in furthering the goals of education in Clark County.

On Thursday, the Sunday School Department was inspired by the theme, "The Harvest Truly is Great, But the Laborers are Few" (St. Luke 10:2). Exemplifying their dedication to the Lord, youth were led to a greater understanding of the church and to a personal commitment of God. Providing the inspiration and enlightenment were presiding officers Elder O.L. Jefferson, Superintendent and Missionary Arma Mack, Field Representative. Over young people were in attendance at the convocation.

Thursday evening's session was highlighted by a message from Presiding Bishop J.O. Patterson of the International Headquarters of The Church of God in Christ, Inc.

The theme "Gods Gracious Benefits in Retrospect" set the stage for a spiritually powerful program of workshops conducted by the Women's Department on Friday. Presiding officer was Mother Sweetie A. Porter; Missionary Stella Parson served as coordinator. A series of comprehensive, thought provoking presentations served to enlighten participants on the Doctrine of the Church, providing Scriptural references and assurances. Auxiliaries of the Women's Department are: 1. The Prayer and Bible Band; 2. The Young Women's Christian Council; 3. The Sunshine Band; and 4. Purity Class.

Other highlights of the 35th Annual Holy Convocation included:

* Published greetings from Nevada's Governor Richard H. Bryan, Lt. Governor Robert A.

Rodena Williams Guest Instructor At Musical Workshop, July 18-22

Rodena Preston Williams, nationally known pianist, choir director and recording artist, will be the guest instructor of a musical workshop July 18-22 at Second Baptist Church,

500 Madison St. The workshop of America (GMWA) with sessions at 6:30 pm the first four days highlighted by a musical of session participants and guests the final Friday night.

WA and is the Mass Choir Coordinator for the National Gospel Music Workshop. She has performed with gospel recording artists the Reverend James Cleveland, Walter and Edwin Hawkins, Gabriel Hardeman, Andrae Crouch and her brother, Billy Preston. She has accompanied Billy Preston on his gospel albums and has traveled extensively with him in Europe, South America and Bermuda.

Las Vegas Chapter of GMWA is composed of 125 singers and musicians of all races and denominations from our area. The purpose of the group is to enhance and perpetuate the art form of gospel music through training and performance. Charles Holder, Las Vegas Chapter Representative, says anyone wishing to join the local chapter may do so by calling him at 362-9863 or the chapter secretary, Linda Grier at 642-8830 or Rev. Sam Roberson at 648-8180. Joining fee is \$10.50 with monthly dues of \$2.50. Bi-monthly meetings are held the second and fourth Mondays at the OIC Building, 1000 "D" Street at 7:30 pm. Fee for the five-day workshop is \$7.50 for non-members and \$5.50 for chapter members.



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Cashell, Mayor William H. Briare, City of Las Vegas, and Sheriff John Moran.

* An Official Dinner, June 17, at Pentacostal Temple, compliments of the Hospitality Department; and
* State Annual Banquet, June 18, Aladdin Hotel on the Strip, presenting Bishop Franklin D. Washington as Guest Speaker.

Among other departments serving the Convocation, the exemplary contributions made by Ruth Turner, Chairperson of the Jurisdiction's Public Relations Department and her committee, was further testimony of a commitment to the work of the church in its mission to win souls for Christ.

History will record the accomplishments of the 35th Annual Holy Convocation in Las Vegas as a "moment" which celebrated the true greatness of a church with a far reaching ministry - preserving and nurturing the spiritual unity of a chosen generation building Christ's Kindom of Love.

Special guest of the musical will be the Voices of Deliverance Choir of Los Angeles, California. Williams is founder and director of the Voices of Deliverance which has made recordings and appearances throughout the United States.

Rodena Preston Williams is the Los Angeles Chapter Representative of GM-

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Commission report concludes: "As more and more women and children enter the ranks of the impoverished, the implications for the future of our society become overwhelming. To ignore these implications is unconscionable negligence. The bodies, minds, and spirits of millions of women and children are being inevitably and ineluctably affected by the dispiriting hand of poverty."

There's a disturbing sidelight to that report. The Administration plans to replace some members of the Commission who have been critical of its policies with die-hard conservatives. Stacking the Commission with opponents of affirmative action, school busing and other key issues will reduce its effectiveness as a watchdog over other agencies and as an advocate for the poor.

Its role in reminding America of the paramount issues of discrimination and poverty must not be compromised by politics.

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