

Perfecting Saints

Church of God in Christ



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Dr. Don General is the founder and senior pastor of Perfecting Saints, Church of God in Christ (COGIC), located in Suffolk Virginia. Perfecting Saints COGIC is one of nearly 60 churches and ministries under the leadership of Bishop G. Wesley Hardy, Sr., Jurisdictional Prelate of the Fourth Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Virginia. Dr. General has served his Bishop in multiple capacities; humbly serving as the Jurisdiction's first Executive Secretary from its inception until December 2015, in December 2012 Elder General was appointed *Superintendent* over the Solid Rock District of churches, missions, and ministries and in 2017 Dr. General was **elected** by his peers to serve as *Chairman* of the Jurisdictional Council of Pastors and Elders.

Dr. General is a third generation COGIC member, originally from Morristown New Jersey, where he was reared within the 1st Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of New Jersey under the late Bishop Esau Courtney and his pastor the late, Superintendent Gordon A. Rogers. Dr. General enlisted in the United States Marine Corps after attending college and served the Lord across the United States and abroad. This allowed Dr. General to witness different leadership techniques and approaches. He witnessed first-hand, while stationed in Oceanside California, the leadership of his pastor the late Superintendent Thomas Hammonds (former COGIC Judiciary Board Member) and his Jurisdictional Prelate, Bishop Charles E. Blake, now presiding bishop of our great church. These experiences have had a profound effect on his hands-on collaborative approach to ministry!

Dr. General preaches and teaches faithfully the redemptive message of *The Cross*. He believes that servant- leadership-**by-example** is essential when leading God's people.

An advocate of "life-long" learning, he has earned a Bachelor's degree from Park University, a Master's degree from the University of Maryland, a Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degree from the Norfolk Theological Seminary and College (Dissertation title: "*Cyber-Sin: Exploring Spiritual Challenges in the 21st Century*"), and he has completed doctoral coursework to obtain a Ph.D. from Northcentral University in Business Administration.

Dr. General is married to Evangelist Missionary Tanyeil "Tangie" General and they are the parents of five children: Donovan, Trenton, Haven, Cameron and Kyra. In 2017 they welcomed their first grandchild, Donovan Jr.

For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, **woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!**" 1 Corinthians 9:16

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