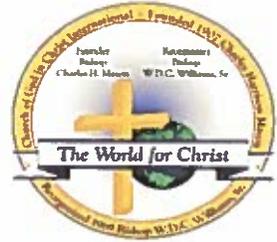




**New Life Temple Outreach Ministries**  
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September 9, 2016

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley  
Office of the Governor  
1205 Pendleton Street  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

We greet you in the Matchless Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It is with great enthusiasm that we extend to you an invitation to the

**50<sup>th</sup> Year In Ministry Celebration**  
**for our**  
**Bishop Dr. Richard A. Copeland**

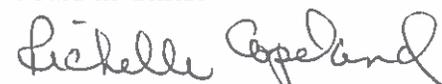
We will be celebrating this grand occasion on **November 12, 2016 at 6 p.m.** at the **Garden Room, 1190 Orangeburg Mall, Orangeburg, SC 29115.** The attire will be formal.

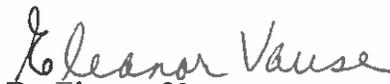
As our Governor, we would feel honored if you would come and enjoy this great occasion with us, representing our great State of South Carolina. We would also greatly appreciate you presenting a Proclamation from the State of South Carolina to Bishop Copeland. If you cannot attend, please feel free to send a representative from your office. Bishop Copeland has been ministering in South Carolina for the past 30 years. Enclosed you will find a brief biography for Bishop Copeland.

We look forward to seeing you as we celebrate our Bishop, Dr. Richard A. Copeland, Pastor and Founder of New Life Temple, Church of God in Christ, International.

If you should have any questions, or need directions or assistance, please contact Elder Eleanor Vause at 803-997-2148 or Evangelist Richelle A. Copeland at 803-240-3985.

Yours in Christ

  
Evang. Richelle Copeland  
Committee Chairman

  
Dr. Eleanor Vause



***Bishop Dr. Richard A. Copeland***  
New Life Temple Church Of God In Christ, International  
Orangeburg, South Carolina

Bishop Dr. Richard A. Copeland was elevated by the Honorable Senior Bishop Dr. James C. Watford to the position of First Administrative Assistant for the Church Of God In Christ, International and he also serves as the National General Chairman, the National Director Of Education and the National President of the Home and Foreign Missions Department of the Church Of God In Christ, International.

Bishop Dr. Richard A. Copeland is a 1984 graduate of South Carolina State University of Orangeburg, SC with a Bachelor of Science Degree in counseling. He is also a 1985 graduate of the Full Gospel Bible College of Coatesville, PA where he earned his Doctor of Divinity Degree in Theology. He also received his Doctor of Religious Philosophy in Christian Education from the Overcoming School Of Religion of Columbia, SC.

Bishop Copeland is the Jurisdictional Bishop of the South Carolina Jurisdiction for The Church Of God In Christ, International. He is also the founder and chancellor of the New Life Theological Seminary and the Williams-Clemon-Davis Bible College and He is the pastor and founder of the New Life Temple Church Of God In Christ, International, Orangeburg, South Carolina. He was also honored as an African Chief of the Gospel Village, Good News Community International, Nigeria, Africa. His Nigerian name is "Chief Odudu Abassi" (The Power Of God). He was also made an honorable member of the Massai Tribe of Kenya.

He is a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree Black Belt karate instructor in the art of Shorin-Ryu Karate and have taught karate for over 20 years. He is the author of six books: "Blood On The Razor's Edge", "Who Say Ye", "The Foolishness Of Preaching", "Black Pentecostalism", "Grow Up Saints", and "The Measure Of God's Love".