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COGIC Charities Banquet Celebrates Students Achievements

(November 10, 2007 – Memphis, TENN) The Church Of God In Christ (COGIC) Charities, Inc., held its annual fund-raising banquet today during the Centennial Convocation in Memphis. More than 1,000 COGIC Saints and corporate sponsors attended to hear banquet speakers Church of God In Christ Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake and special guest, Dr. Robert Michael Franklin Jr., president of Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia.

COGIC Charities awarded more than \$100,000 in scholarships to 58 deserving students from around the country as part of its educational focus. “One of the most important roles we can play as a church is to guide and direct young people in the way that they should go,” said Elder John Penton, executive director of COGIC Charities. “It is very rewarding to be able to give college scholarships to deserving youth and we are grateful to the support of our corporate sponsors who make that possible.”

COGIC Charities 2007-08 corporate sponsors include AT&T, Church Insurance Partnership Agency, Chrysler Minority Dealer Association, Clear Channel Radio Station, Comcast Communications, ReadyHealthcare Services and Tri-State Bank of Memphis.

About COGIC Charities

COGIC Charities was founded in 2002 by the late Presiding Bishop G. E. Patterson and the General Board of the Church Of God In Christ. As part of their mission, the charity has committed to taking a very active role in raising funds to help support areas devastated by natural disasters and create educational scholarships for those in need.

About Church Of God In Christ

The Church Of God In Christ is the fourth largest Protestant religious denomination in the United States of America with an estimated membership of more than six million. COGIC headquarters is located at Mason Temple in Memphis, Tennessee.

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