

**Historic Virginia First  
Jurisdiction Church Of God In  
Christ, Inc.**

*Office of the Jurisdictional Secretary*

**Celebration of Life for  
*Bishop Ted Gera Thomas, Sr.***

Dear Saints:

This correspondence is being sent by the Office of the Jurisdictional Secretary, as per Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr.

**Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Celebration of Life services for General Board Member, Bishop Ted Gera Thomas, Sr. has been postponed by one week and will be held on Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>.**

It is our endeavor to honor the legacy of our beloved leader, Bishop Thomas, and to celebrate the indelible impact of his ministry, service and life. The decision to postpone was made in order to more fully prepare a Celebration of Life service with the respect and distinction of our esteemed bishop. The Office of the Jurisdictional Secretary, on behalf of the Thomas Family, thank you for your understanding, continued prayers, and heartfelt support during this time.

The services for **General Board Member, Bishop Ted Gera Thomas, Sr.** will be as follows:

**WALKTHROUGH VIEWING**

Friday, July 10, 2020 – 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM  
**St. Stephen's Church Of God In Christ**  
189 S. Birdneck Road  
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23451

**JURISDICTIONAL CELEBRATION OF LIFE**

Saturday, July 11, 2020 – 12:00 NOON  
**New Community Temple Church Of God In Christ**  
3615 Bishop Ted G Thomas Way (formerly Tyre Neck Road)  
Portsmouth, Virginia 23703  
*Celebration Sermon: Bishop J. Louis Felton*

**EVERYONE ATTENDING EITHER OF THESE SERVICES ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR A MASK. YOU WILL BE TURNED AWAY IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ON A MASK.** You may also wear gloves or other forms of PPE, if desired. CDC guidelines on physical distancing, and government restrictions on gatherings, will be observed as much as possible.



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The Jurisdictional Adjutancy is requesting that all Clergy Men please wear your "Class B" attire on the morning of the Jurisdictional Celebration of Life. All credential women please wear your "Black Habits" and all other women please wear Black.

Yours for the Master's Use,

*Bishop Marc A. Thomas, Sr.*

Jurisdictional Secretary & Chief Adjutant  
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