



CELESTIAL CHURCH OF CHRIST UNIFICATION AND REFORM GROUP  
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## CELESTIAL CHURCH OF CHRIST: ACTIONS FOR UNIFICATION

We are a group of concerned members of the Celestial Church of Christ under the aegis of Celestial Church of Christ Unification and Reform Group (CCCURG): comprising groups formerly known as CCC Unification and Reform Mission (CURM), Global Unification and Reform Group (GURG), Universal Unification Forum (UUF) and Northern Elders Forum (NEF). Several meetings have been held by our hitherto various groups with various factions of the Celestial Church of Christ and the factional Leaders/Pastors and their key stakeholders without any meaningful result being achieved from such peaceful overtures.

We have observed as follows:

1. That the story leading to the impasse within the Celestial Church of Christ is well known to the whole world, and it specifically has to do with the mode and manner of appointing a new pastor for the Church after the demise of the late Pastor/Founder, S.B.J. Oshoffa, of blessed memory, in 1985.
2. That Section 111 of the Celestial Church of Church Constitution is self explanatory on the subject of leadership succession and more importantly, the pronouncement of Papa S.B.J. Oshoffa before his demise, that the appointment of a new leader of the church must be revealed through the Holy Spirit.
3. However, the above provisions or directives have not been complied with since his demise. This led to various litigations culminating in the judgment of the Supreme Court delivered on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2000, which among other things, specifically annulled the appointment of late Rev. A.A Bada, of blessed memory, to the position of Pastor of the Church and which judgment consequently forbids anybody either then or in the future from parading himself, as pastor, without complying with the provisions of the Constitution and/or the directives of the Pastor/founder.
4. That apart from the nullification of late Rev. A. A. Bada's appointment, the judgment was clear to the effect that no pastor can be appointed without the confirmation of the Pastor/Founder, Rev. S. B. J. Oshoffa, who is now deceased, except the Constitution of the Church is amended.
5. That the confusion in the church has led to the emergence of various factions and appointment of "factional Pastors" which is ultra vires the pronouncement of the Supreme Court.
6. That the amendment envisaged by the court can only be done by the whole church and not a faction, and the church is presently divided into many factions, with about 40 'pastors' and until these factions are brought together under one umbrella through the unification process, there is no other way any single faction could fulfill the conditions laid down by the Supreme Court.
7. That in the light of this development, a lot of negative image had been inadvertently engendered, terribly tarnishing the image of the church as one consisting of a bunch of undisciplined, unorganized and leaderless worshippers, with the unfortunate result that lack of unity in the Church of Jesus Christ, has allowed uncommon spiritual powers to take flight from the Church while only few parishes experience residuary of such powers, contrary to the position of the church under the late Pastor/Founder, under whom people rightly perceived the church as the epitome of spiritual powers.

We have therefore consequently resolved as follows:

- i. That, in as much as all those presently parading themselves as Pastors, are doing so in flagrant disobedience of the Supreme Court judgment, it is in the best interest of all such persons to henceforth desist from further parading themselves as Pastors of the Celestial Church of Christ;
- ii. That the affected persons should henceforth stop further "annointment" of Church members (a pastoral privilege, the exercise of which has implicitly added more to the confusion within the church); and
- iii. That these persons should also immediately embrace, in their own interest, the Unification movement of the above mentioned concerned groups, to restore the Church back to the period of grace.

TAKE NOTICE that all the affected individuals are reminded that should they continue to act in disobedience of the judgment of the Supreme Court, they are inevitably working towards being held liable for contempt of court.

Signed For and on behalf of CCC Unification & Reform Group.

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