



THE PHILADELPHIA CALL

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Welcome Remarks



Another quarter in the year has just ended and the Philadelphia Church International is still moving strong for the Lord despite all odds. If you are long lost member or a first time visitor, it is our fervent hope that this newsletter will bring you up to speed on what God is doing this Ministry.

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PCI Member Recognition



Barely two months since Sister Carol joined the church, she has distinguished herself as a friend in the time of need. Sister Carol is always ready to move when called upon to volunteer time with the Share Food Program and in other areas within the church. She also single-handedly raised over \$200 for the Youth Department summer camp fund raising drive. God bless you and keep up your good works.

A Recap of our 5th Anniversary Celebration

Contributors for this edition are Brother Lazarus Coleman and Brother Jonathan Okutoro



Worshippers from the 5th Anniversary Celebration



PCI kids dancing for joy @ the 5th Anniversary dinner reception

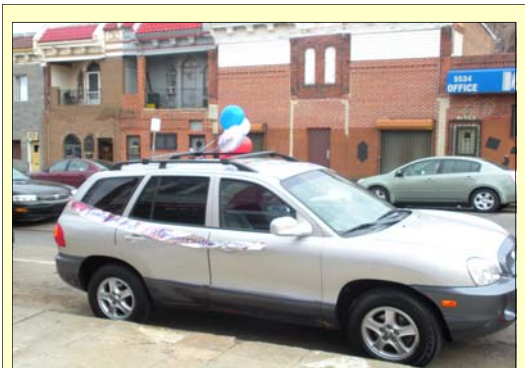
PCI celebrated its 5th anniversary of existence in the city of Philadelphia. The three days of festivities were graced by delegates from far and near. Guests and well wishers came as far from the States of Minnesota, Oklahoma, Maryland, New York, etc. The guest speaker of the occasion was non other but Bishop Joel Laurore of the World Revival Temple in Tulsa, Oklahoma .

The three (3) days festivities was marked with opening ceremony on Friday, April 17th. The commencement, conducted by Brother Paul Hassan included a series of formal introductions of several dignitaries from affiliate churches; Mission Bethel Outreach, Philadelphia Church International of Minnesota, and the Church of the Living God. Bishop Joel Laurore gracefully blessed the occasion with a powerful message that established the premise of Phase I of "Preparing for the Glory".

"Dwelling in the Lord's Presence" - was the hallmark of the Leadership Workshop held on the following day of the anniversary. The workshop, led by Bishop Laurore,

enlightened listeners about the importance of stewardship. The empowering and thought-provoking message gave an invigorating sense towards the purpose of fulfilling God's ministry. Moreover, Bishop Laurore stressed that "leaders lead people to what they are".

On Sunday, April 19th, the final ceremony of the anniversary brought forth one of the most memorable events. Prior to Bishop Laurore's last sermon, Brother James Koian preserved time for a special recognition in honor of our dear beloved spiritual father, Pastor Samuel B. Martin. Brother Koian along with other respective contributors unveiled the grand prize of the day, a 2007 Hyundai Santa Fe, which was presented to Pastor Martin and family as a gift from a grateful congregation.



Picture of the car presented to Pastor Martin & Family
Photographs provided by Brother Lazarus Coleman



PCI 5th Anniversary messages are still available for a small contribution in support of our Media Ministry. Please see [Brother Jonathan Okutoro](#) or [Brother Lazarus Coleman](#) for further details.

PCI 5th Anniversary Message: "Preparing for the Glory" Volumes 1, 2, 3.
These messages are also available for free download on our website @ www.philadelphiachurchinternational.org

PCI Youth's Corner



The Youth Department is reserving energy to provided all details from their Summer camp in the next edition of the Philadelphia Call. They would like to extend their thanks and appreciation to everyone who contributed in making their camp a success.

Academic Accomplishments



Philadelphia Church International salutes the following individuals for the completion of an academic milestone. We pray and hope that your newly acquired knowledge will be used to the glory of God and the edification of the body of Christ. Amen

Brother Willie Doeleh
Bachelor Degree in Nursing
LaSalle University

Samina Martin
High School Diploma
Academy Park High School

Sister Ruth Josiah
Associate Degree in Fine Arts
Mercer County Community College

Michael Okutoro
Pre-kindergarten Certificate
Trinity Cathedral (Trenton, NJ)

Gregory Moore
Junior High Diploma
Beverly Hills Junior High

Testimony - God breaks a fall



lovely daughter of Sister Rita and Brother Ama Vincent. Little Amara fell from a three storey balcony and suffered no major injury except for few scratches.

What would have happened had this little girl suffered a major injury? We praise God and give him the glory because he continues to watch over his own.

Testimonies will never cease in this Ministry. One testimony worth sharing is the miraculous survival of little Amara, the

Progress on Project Favor

Targeted Amount = **\$50,000**

Current Donations = **\$4809.99**

Balance = \$45,190.01



God is continuing to bless this ministry with the fruit of the womb and we are almost running out of space to accommodate our little angels. With a contribution of \$500 per member, we are hoping to provide a day care facility for our children where they can be brought up in a godly environment.

You can obtain more details about this project by calling the church @ (215) 476 3109.

Members Recognition at the 5th Anniversary



Award Recipients having a photo ops with Bishop Laurore

Award recipients not included in this photograph:

- Brother Ballahun
- Brother Gayou
- Sister Hawa Crawford
- Sister Mary Guehi

Award Recipients

PCI acknowledged the following individuals for exceptional services rendered to the Ministry.

From left to right:

Pastor Samuel Martin, Brother James Koiyan, Brother Jonathan Okutoro, Sister Yvette Okutoro, Brother Paul Hassan, Bishop Joel Laurore, Brother Josiah Ballahun, Sister Laverne Moore, Brother Lazarus Coleman, and Sister Esther Orega. Sister Hawa Crawford, Sister Mary Guehi, and Minister Daniel Gayou (PCI 5th Anniversary Committee Chairman), also received awards.

PCI New Born Babies



Mosi Ayo Balogun

Do you know that Sister Laverne Moore is a first time Grandma?



William Thomas Barnes II

Sister Monica Barnes baby boy



Please watch out for more PCI baby photos to be published in our next edition.

Expecting Mothers



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- Sister Yvette Okutoro
- Sister Amelia Hassan
- Sister Zoe Brownell

Please remember to pray for these mothers that God will carry them through a safe and sound delivery. Amen