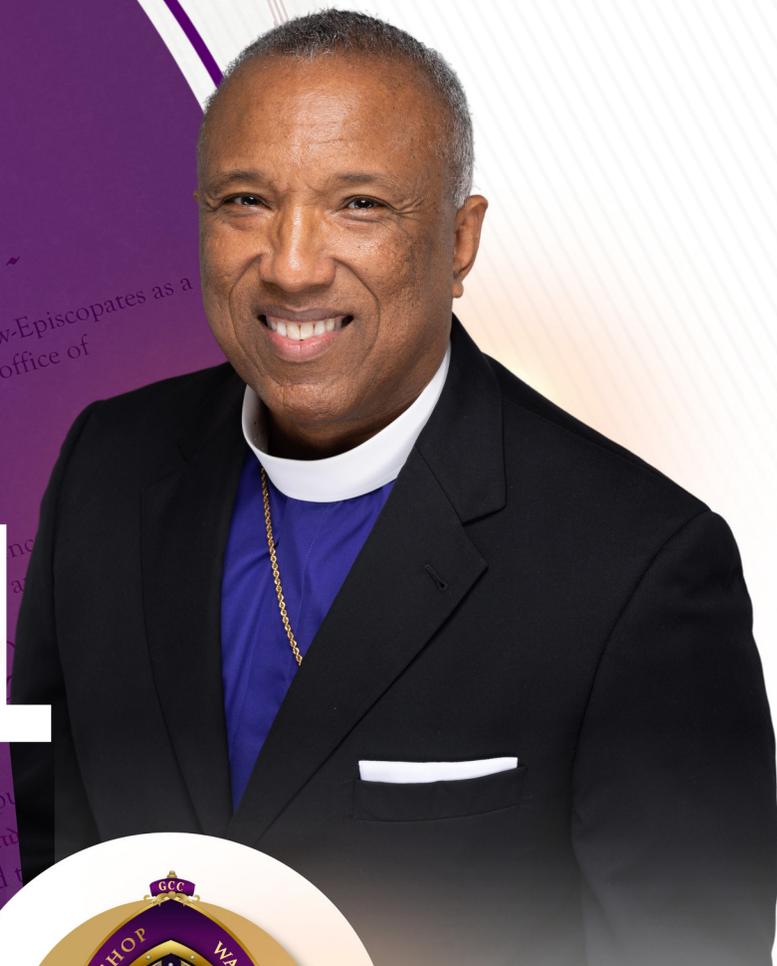


Episcopal



THE ORDINAL

BISHOP-ELECT
WALTER TURNER, JR.



SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2022

11:00AM

VENUE:
WORD OF RESTORATION
7620 FM 521 RD.
ROSHARON, TX 77583

The Most Reverend LINW
Presiding Prelate - United Christian
Chief Consecr

The Sacred Service of Episcopal Consecration

for

Walter Turner, Jr.

To the Office of Bishop in the Lord's Church

The Chief Consecrator

His Grace, The Most Reverend, Linward Bush

Presiding Prelate, United Christian Fellowship Alliance

The Co-Consecrators

Bishop Rochelle Hudson

Bishop Robert Larkin

Bishop Oscar Turner

Bishop Arthur J. Williams, Sr.

The Ceremonialist

Bishop W. Dexter Harris, Sr.

*Saturday, the Twenty-Third of July
Two Thousand and Twenty-two
Eleven O'clock in the Morning*

Word of Restoration International Church
7620 FM 521 Road
Rosharon, Texas 77583

The Seal of the Bishop



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The Seal of the Bishop is the visible insignia of the Prince of the Lord's Church, and its origin can be traced back to the early church, when symbols were employed to designate the Seal of an Episcopate.

The central focus of the seal is the Bishop's Crest containing a quartet of images, when brought together are emblematic of Bishop Turner's life and ministry.

The *Eagle* is a recognized symbol of bravery, courage, and freedom.

Next to the Eagle is the *Descending Dove*, which represents the ever-renewing anointing and power of the Holy Spirit.

Below the Descending Dove are the Greek letters *Alpha and Omega*. These letters represent the beginning and the end, the author and finisher of Bishop Turner's faith, the Lord Jesus the Christ, savior of the whole world.

The Bible, next to the letters Alpha and Omega, represents Bishop Turner's reliance on the integrity of the Holy Writ to be God's instructions for living by faith in obedience to His divine will.

Undergirding the Crest are the *Bishop's Staff - Crozier* denoting his call to be a shepherd, a shepherd of shepherds, as well as his authority over the flock entrusted to him. The *Episcopal Key* denotes access to the Kingdom of God to all its mysteries, promises and power. The *Miter* is a symbol of Bishop Turner's authority and service to the church. The *Miter* is positioned on the sword which is the symbol for honor and justice and denotes the manner in which Bishop Turner will serve the church.

The dominant and rich colors of the seal, purple, gold, and red are most apropos for the office to which Bishop Turner has been elevated. The resulting emblem is stately and truly captures the call and character of the Bishopric.

The Bishop Walter Turner, Jr.

Senior Pastor, Grace Congregational Church



For 48 years Bishop Walter Turner, Jr. has devoted his life to the gospel of Jesus the Christ and the ministry of Grace Congregational Church.

As a founding member of Grace Congregational Church and current Senior Pastor, Bishop Turner continues to serve faithfully in ministry. He was ordained as an Elder in 1988. Subsequently, he was appointed Assistant Pastor of Grace Congregational Church in 1994 by the late Bishop Richard L. Finney, Sr., the founding pastor. Bishop Turner was later chosen to be the pastorate of Grace Congregational Church, again by the late Bishop Richard L. Finney, Sr., the founding Pastor.

Bishop Turner has served in various areas of ministry. He served as the National Youth Director of the United Christian Fellowship Alliance where he was responsible for building a sense of national community throughout several churches nationwide. Bishop Turner served as Youth Pastor of Grace Congregational Church where he developed and implemented a curriculum for the spiritual growth of the youth at Grace and assisting parents with the spiritual training of the youth. Bishop Turner currently serves as the General Secretary of the United Christian Fellowship Alliance. Bishop Turner faithfully served and led the Prison Outreach Ministry at Grace for more than 15 years. He was passionate in outreach, preaching, and teaching the Word of God, by the transforming power of the Holy Spirit, to incarcerated men.

Out of his abundance of compassion, Bishop Turner implemented the distribution of clothing and food to assist over 100 families who suffered loss as a result of Hurricane Harvey and continues to posture the ministry of Grace Congregational Church to meet the temporal and spiritual needs of the community. Additionally, Bishop Turner traveled to Lagos and Ibadan, Nigeria where he had the opportunity to preach the gospel and visit the schools there. As a ministry, under the leadership of Bishop Turner, Grace financially supported one child in each grade level to attend one full year with full tuition paid. Bishop Turner has also had the opportunity to minister in several other countries, to include Russia and Israel.

The Bishop Walter Turner, Jr. (Cont'd)

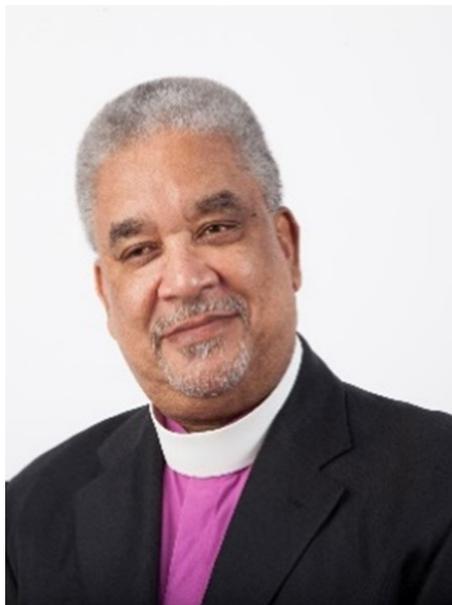
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Bishop Turner is the founder and CEO of U-Turn International Ministries. The aim of this ministry is to reach the underserved and disenfranchised, by the power of the Holy Spirit, and to produce a Christ centered uplift in their lives. The goal of the ministry is to empower persons from all walks of life, through job skills, training, and education, that transforms them into the future leaders of our communities. The purpose of the ministry is to effectively transform lives for the better, and to the glory of God.

Bishop Walter Turner, Jr. is married to the caring, giving, and devoted First Lady Leanda Turner. First Lady Turner serves alongside Bishop Turner tirelessly as the epitome of a help meet and virtuous women. Bishop Turner is the proud father of four sons, one daughter, three grandsons and four granddaughters.

The Most Reverend Linward Bush

Presiding Bishop and Chief Consecrator



In 1961, Bishop Bush accepted the Lord Jesus Christ in his life. Within the same year, the Lord connected him with Evangelist R.W. Shambach where he traveled with Bro. Shambach for nine years starting as a Tent Engineer. It was there, Bishop Bush got his thirst for the gospel ministry in the areas of Evangelism.

In 1970, the Lord spoke to then, Evangelist Linward Bush concerning furthering himself in the ministry. Because of his thirst for biblical knowledge, he attended and graduated from New York Theological Seminary.

From 1970-1977, he received a Bachelor of Art in Christian Education and a Master of Theology.

In 1974, Reverend Linward Bush founded Universal Temple Church of God Outreach. In 1977, the name of the church changed to New Life Ministries where he now serves.

In 1988, Bishop Bush received his Doctorate of Divinity from American Bible College, Chicago, Illinois.

Bishop Bush serves on the New York City Police Department Community Relations Board, New York Race Relations Board and Board of Drug Prevention.

He serves on several Boards for the State of New York. He also sits on the Board of the College of Bishops for United Christian Fellowship Alliance, Inc.

He has received numerous commendations from the Brooklyn Borough President, the Mayor of New York City and numerous other Citywide organizations.

Bishop Bush's greatest challenge is to serve his church at large by feeding the flock. As an Evangelist, he has taken the gospel both nationally and internationally.

He is diligent in watching and caring for the flock. As an Educator, his vision is to equip those whom God has called to Ministry.

The church where he presently serves is New Life Ministries located at 347 E. 49th Street, Brooklyn, NY.

Apostle Carlos Malone

Homilist



Carlos L. Malone, Sr. is the senior pastor of The Bethel Church in Miami, Florida, a ministry that embraces all of the gifts God has given to the body of Christ for the purpose of its maturation and effectiveness. Carlos Malone is an Apostle, prophet, pastor, entrepreneur, motivational speaker, restaurant owner and author. His style of teaching is refreshing, authentic and genuine. His bold approach to deliverance and spiritual wholeness through transparency is a Biblical blueprint for those seeking a better way of life in God for their families, professions, communities, wealth and health.

He is a writer and has written several books which includes his newest book, "Rich Shepherd, Poor Sheep; The Call to Accountability". Other books include, "The Road to Purpose - The Journey Beyond Potential", "The Rib Connection", "The Prevailing Prayer Life", "God's Created Order", "Hidden in His Hands", and "ME; Your Transformation, Empowerment Guide". He has produced and directed theatrical works, which includes "Jesus for the People", "O'Come Let Us Adore Him" and "A Christmas Dream."

There is so much more we can say about Apostle Malone, as well as more books, music, and theatrical works to come. But we will just say that: Apostle Malone began preaching and teaching as a youth on April 21, 1977 in East St. Louis, Illinois, which began his journey of transitioning, building and edifying the body of Christ with indisputable kingdom principles, which he still employs to this day.

The Preface to the Ordination

The Holy Scriptures and the ancient Christian writers make it clear that from apostles' time there have been different ministries within the Church. In particular, since the time of New Testament, three distinct orders of ordained ministers have been characteristic of Christ's holy universal Church. First, there is the order of bishops, who carry on the Christian work of leading, supervising, and uniting the Church. Secondly, associated with them are the presbyters, or ordained elders, in subsequent times generally known as priests. Together with the bishops, they take part in governance of the Church, in the carrying out its missionary and pastoral work, and in the preaching of the Word of God and administering His Holy Sacraments. Thirdly, there are deacons who assist bishops and elders in all the work. It is also a special responsibility of deacons to minister in Christ's Name to the poor, the sick, the suffering, and the helpless.

The persons who are appointed and recognized by the Church as being called by God to the ordained ministry of the Bishopric are admitted to these sacred orders by solemn prayer and the laying on of bishops' hands. It has been, and is, the intention and purpose of this church to maintain and continue these three orders; and for this purpose, these services of ordination and consecration are appointed. No persons are allowed to exercise the offices of bishop, elder, deacon, or wear their insignia in this Church unless they are so ordained or have already received such ordination with the laying on of hands by those who are themselves duly qualified to confer Holy Orders.

It is also recognized and affirmed that the threefold ministry is not the exclusive property of this portion of Christ's universal Church, but it is a gift from God for the nurture of His people and the proclamation of His Gospel everywhere. Accordingly, the manner of ordaining in this Church is to be such as has been, and is, most generally recognized by Christian people as suitable for conferring the sacred order of bishop (pastor), elder, and deacon.

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“At one-thirty in the afternoon on Friday, July 22nd, the Bishop-Designate was inducted into the College of Bishops in a closed ceremony, with bishops and elders in attendance. The first vestments were granted to the candidate for the bishopric and all credentials were endorsed by the bishops present. The Great Seal of United Christian Fellowship Alliance affixed to the documents during that solemn and private ceremony.”

The Order of Worship and Consecration

Note: Wherever indicated, † the congregation stands.

The Musical Prelude

The Pastor Jason Meachum
Starlight Baptist Church (Houston, TX)
“Holy, Holy, Holy”

The Order of Procession

Seating of the Bishop Designates’ Family
The Visiting Ministerium, The Pastors, The Overseers and The Bishops
The Diaconate, The Ministerium, The Pastors of United Christian Fellowship Alliance
The Ceremonialist
The Board of Bishops of the United Christian Fellowship Alliance
The Co-Consecrators
The Chief Consecrator
Attended by his Chaplains Attended by his Chaplains
The Bishop Adjutant
The Bishop-Designate

The Scripture of Consecration

Isaiah 61:1-4

The Bishop Arthur J. Williams, Sr.
New Day Ministries (Pittsburgh, PA)

The Call to Worship

The Bishop Linward Bush
New Life Ministries (Brooklyn, NY)

Presiding Prelate: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His Mercy endures forever.

Presiding Prelate: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit; that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen!

The Presentation

The Presenter

The Elder Cedric A. Davis, Sr.

The Bishops and people sit. Representatives of the Grace Congregational Church and United Christian Fellowship Alliance, both Presbyters and Laypersons, standing before the Presiding Bishop, present the Bishop-Designate saying:

“To the Most Reverend Linward Bush, a bishop and servant in the Lord’s Church, the clergy, and the people of United Christian Fellowship Alliance along with Grace Congregational Church, trusting in the guidance of the Holy Spirit, consent to the elevation of Walter Turner, Jr. to the office of Bishop. We therefore ask you to lay your hands on him and in the power of the Holy Spirit to consecrate him to be a Bishop and Chief Pastor in the one, holy, universal, and apostolic Church.”

The Presiding Bishop then directs that the testimonials to be read.

The Certificate of Episcopacy – The Brother Andrae Turner

The Evidence of Ordination – The Brother Aaron Turner

The Consent of the College of Bishop – The Brother Walter Turner, III

The Declaration

The Bishop-Designate makes the following declaration.

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, Walter, chosen Bishop in our Lord’s Church solemnly declare that I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the Word of God, and to contain all things necessary to salvation; and I do solemnly engage to conform to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of this Church, so help me God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Bishop-Designate signs the above Declaration in the sight of all present. The witnesses add their signatures. All then stand. The Presiding Bishop then says the following, words, and asks the response of the people.

The Examination

All now sit, except the Bishop-Designate, who stands facing the bishops. The Presiding Bishop addresses the Bishop-Designate.

My brother Walter, God has chosen you and we have appointed you while the people have affirmed their trust in you by acclaiming your appointment. A bishop in God's Holy Church is called to be one with the apostle in proclaiming Christ's resurrection and interpreting the Gospel, and to testify to Christ's sovereignty as Lord of lords and King of kings.

You are called to guard the faith, unity, and discipline of the Church; to celebrate and provide for the administration of the sacraments of the New Covenant; to ordain elders and deacons and to join in ordaining bishops; and to be in all things a faithful and wholesome example for the entire flock of Christ.

With your fellow bishops, you will share in the leadership of the Church throughout the world. Your heritage is the faith of patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and those of every generation who have looked to God in hope. Your Calvary is to endure the loneliness of the office, to never require approval but exercise your duty to act in the best interest of Christ's Church. Your joy will be to follow Him who came, not to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

The Presiding Bishop then says:

In order that we may know your mind and purpose, and that you may be strengthened in your resolve to fulfill your ministry, you must answer the questions we now put to you.

Consecrator: Do you believe that God has called you to the office of a bishop in His Church?

Answer: I DO BELIEVE THAT GOD HAS CALLED ME.

Consecrator: Will you accept this call and fulfill this trust in obedience to Christ?

Answer: I WILL OBEY CHRIST AND WILL SERVE IN HIS NAME.

Consecrator: Do you accept the Holy Scriptures as uniquely revealing the work of God and containing all things necessary for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ?

Answer: I DO ACCEPT THEM.

Consecrator: Will you teach and proclaim the Gospel of the Kingdom of God inaugurated by Jesus and declare its meaning to the world?

Answer: BY THE HELP OF GOD.

Consecrator: Will you devote yourself to prayer, to reading the Holy Scriptures, and to such studies as may deepen your faith and increase your love, reverence, and service to God?

Answer: I WILL FOR THE LOVE OF GOD.

Consecrator: Will you boldly proclaim and interpret the Gospel of Christ, enlightening the minds and stirring up the conscience of your people?

Answer: I WILL, IN THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT.

Consecrator: Will you accept the discipline of the Church and faithfully exercise authority within it?

Answer: I WILL BY THE HELP OF GOD.

Consecrator: Will you be faithful in ordaining and commissioning those whom you believe God has called; will you constantly guide, support and encourage them and all others whom, minister in the Church?

Answer: BY THE HELP OF GOD, I WILL.

Consecrator: Will you strive to fashion your own life and that of your family and household according to the way of Christ, so that you may be a wholesome example to all the people?

Answer: BY THE HELP OF GOD, I WILL.

Consecrator: As a chief elder and pastor, will you encourage and support all baptized people in their gifts and ministries, nourish them from the riches of God's grace, pray for them without ceasing, and celebrate with them the sacraments of our redemption?

Answer: I WILL IN THE NAME OF CHRIST, THE SHEPHERD AND BISHOP OF OUR SOULS.

Consecrator: Will you be merciful to all, show compassion to the poor and strangers, and defend those who have no helper?

Answer: I WILL FOR THE SAKE OF JESUS CHRIST.

Consecrator: Almighty God, who gives you the will to do all these things, grant you grace and power to perform them, that He may complete the good work He has begun in you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

† The congregation now stands as the Presiding Bishop says:

Walter, through these promises you, have committed yourself to God, to serve His church in the office of Bishop. We, therefore, call upon you, chosen to be a guardian of the Church's faith, to lead us in confessing that faith."

The Bishop-Designate begins by saying:

"I BELIEVE IN ONE GOD."

† Then all the people will say together, The Apostles Creed (340 A.D.)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who conceived of the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy apostolic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

† **The Hymn of Consecration**

The Brother Robert Hawkins
"To God Be The Glory"

The Act of Consecration

While the people remain standing, the Bishop-Designate kneel before the Presiding Bishop. The other Bishops assist and stand to the right and left of the Presiding Bishop. The people remain standing, the Presiding Bishop then offer the Prayer of Consecration.

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, father of mercies and God of all comfort, dwelling on high but having regard for the lowly, knowing all things before they come to pass; We give you thanks that from the beginning you have gathered and prepared a people to be heirs of the covenant of Abraham, and have raised up prophets, kings, and priests, never leaving your temple unattended. We praise you also that from the creation you have graciously accepted the ministry of those whom you have chosen.

While the time of prayer continues, the Presiding Bishop first lays his hands upon the head of the Bishop-Designate, followed by the other Bishops saying together:

“Therefore, father, make Walter a bishop in your Church. Pour out upon him your princely Spirit, whom you bestowed upon your beloved Son Jesus Christ, with whom He endowed the apostles, and by whom your Church is built up in every place, to the glory and unceasing praise of your Name.”

As the other Bishops stand back at their places, the Presiding Bishop continues the prayer, by anointing the head, the ears, and the great finger and the soles of his feet. The people respond in a loud voice.... “AMEN.”

The people sit and the new bishop arises from his knees.

Prayer for Lady Elect

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The Bishop Ruth A. Ollison

The Beautiful Beulah Land Church (Houston, TX)

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for Elect Lady Turner, who supports her husband, loves him, and serves him and with him. Lord, please strengthen their marriage every day. May your Holy Spirit empower her to continue sowing, to continue doing good. Bless her Lord. Equip her to do your will. Protect her from any temptation that would come to tear her down or hold her in bondage. Lord, please protect her from the schemes of the enemy and his attack on their marriage. Please send encouragement to her today and every day. Remind her daily of her value and the love you have for her. Reveal to her the purpose for why she is where she is. Refine her and fill her with your wisdom. By extension Lord please bless the Turner household and keep them wrapped in your grace and mercy. May your peace and joy abound in their hearts. Dear God this prayer is offered in the wonderful name of Jesus our Messiah; AMEN!

The Investiture

The new Bishop is now vested according to the order of bishops. This segment of the service is both colorful and solemn. During the Induction into the college of Bishops, he received his purple cassock and cincture. Now he will receive the following Episcopal appointments:

Prayer over Vestments

The Bishop Michael Forney
Lifestyle of Christ iChurch (Houston, TX)

Reading of the Vestments

The Bishop Louis A. Osborne, Jr.
Apostolic Assembly of Love (Houston, TX)

The Cassock is the foundation garment of the Bishop, over which all other garments are layered. It is a close-fitting garment, reaching to the feet, and may be worn by all ordained clergy as a symbol of a servant. The Bishop wears the cassock in accordance with the Lord's instruction "whoever will be chief among you, let he be your servant." Mt 20:27.

The Cincture is worn with the cassock and girded about the waist, even as the Bishop is exhorted to gird himself with truth. It also speaks to us of the humility with which our Lord girded Himself with a towel as He washed His disciples' feet.

The Rochet is a white garment with full sleeves, which are tied at the wrists by bands. It is a ceremonial garment that serves as a symbol of the Priesthood. It is reminiscent of Aaron's white ephod found in the book Leviticus and is a reminder to the Bishop that his role as Celebrant and Worship Leader is prominent in the total mandate of the office.

The Chimere is a sleeveless gown worn over the rochet and is the symbol of the Prophet (Preacher). The Bishop of the Church becomes the Chief Defender of the faith and preacher of the doctrines in the church. This is the symbol that set him apart as one who speaks the things, which become sound doctrine.

The Tippet/Bishop's Stole is skillfully wide cut of black material and is symbolic of one called to an office, denoting one who is yoked. Worn by Bishops over the Chimere, and is embellished with his personal coat of arms, the Diocesan coat of arms or seminary of matriculation.

The Ichthys and Chain is born around the Bishop's neck as a symbol of his imprisonment for Christ. The gold chain is a symbol of endurance, which emphasizes that the bearer is not a novice. Receive this Ichthys, the early symbol of believers and followers of Jesus Christ, and may you never be ashamed to confess the faith Christ Crucified, Risen, Ascended and Glorified.

The Episcopal Ring is the symbol of authority. It is worn on the right hand (the right hand represents God-given authority), just as Christ sits on the right hand of God. It represents that marriage between Christ and the church and is the sign of induction into the College of Bishops in the Church. Take this ring: be merciful in your exercise of authority and be faithful to the bride of Christ.

The Crozier is a shepherd's staff which symbolizes the Bishop's pastoral ministry, as well as his authority over the flock entrusted to him. "*feed the flock of God, which is among you, taking the oversight thereof...*" I Pet 5:2.

(After vesting, a bible is presented with these words)

"Receive the Holy Scriptures. Feed the flock of Christ committed to your charge, guard and defend them in His trust and be a faithful steward of His Holy Word and Sacraments."

The Presentation of the New Bishop

The Presiding Bishop presents to the people the new Bishop saying:

I, LINWARD, a bishop, and servant of the Lord, present, Walter Turner, Jr., Bishop in our Lord's Church.

The new Bishop then greets the church.

The Presiding Bishop and other Bishops greet the Bishop Walter Turner, Jr., and he greets the other members of the clergy.

The Benediction

Grace, mercy and peace from God, our Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ be with each of you.

AMEN!



Bishop Walter Turner, Jr.