



## **Bishop Charles Blake to Address Morehouse Graduates During Baccalaureate**

**ATLANTA, May 5, 2009** – The Morehouse class of 2009 will assemble for their last spiritual service on **Saturday, May 16 at 3pm** in the **Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel**. **Dr. Charles E. Blake**, the presiding bishop of the 6.5-million member Church of God in Christ will deliver the **Baccalaureate** address.

Blake, who is also the jurisdictional prelate of the First Jurisdiction of Southern California, oversees more than 250 churches. As founder and CEO of Save Africa's Children, he directs the support of more than 100,000 children in 340 orphan-care programs in 23 African nations.

He currently serves as the chairman and founder of the Los Angeles Ecumenical Congress (LAEC), an interdenominational coalition of religious leaders and pastors. He is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, Religious Advisory Committee.

Throughout his distinguished service to humanity, Blake has received numerous awards, commendations and accolades, including the Distinguished Leadership Award presented by the African Presidential Archives and Research Center at Boston University, the 2006 Trumpet Award, the Salvation Army's William Booth Award, the Greenlining Institute's Big Heart Award and the Harvard Foundation Humanitarian Medal.

Blake will receive a Presidential Citation at the service on May 16.

### **Media Logistics**

**Arrival:** Suggested arrival time for working media is 2:15 p.m.

**Parking:** Parking for media will be available on Lee Lane, directly across from the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel.

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*Recognized as one of the top feeder schools to the 15 most prominent graduate and professional programs in the nation by The Wall Street Journal, called "One of the best Southeastern colleges" by The Princeton Review and ranked "America's Hottest College for Men" by Kaplan-Newsweek, Morehouse College is the nation's largest, private liberal arts college for men. The College offers 26 majors in three academic divisions: Humanities and Social Sciences, Science and Mathematics, and Business Administration and Economics. Morehouse offers a number of programs and activities to enhance its challenging liberal arts curriculum through the Leadership Center at Morehouse College, Morehouse Research Institute, Andrew Young Center for International Affairs and the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel. In 2007, Morehouse launched a new Journalism and Sports concentration, which will one day grow into a major course of study.*

*Prominent alumni include Martin Luther King Jr., Nobel Peace Prize winner and civil and human rights non-violent leader; Dr. David Satcher, former U.S. Surgeon General and director of the National Center for Primary Care at the Morehouse School of Medicine; Shelton "Spike" Lee, filmmaker and president of 40 Acres & A Mule Productions; Samuel L. Jackson, Academy Award-nominated actor; Maynard H. Jackson, founder of Jackson Securities and the first African American mayor of Atlanta; and Nima A. Warfield, the first African American Rhodes Scholar from a HBCU.*