

Church of God in Christ has new bishop

Frank H. Douglas Jr., founding senior pastor of Beth-Judah Ministries in Kansas City, was consecrated last week as a bishop of the Church of God in Christ.

He succeeds the late Bishop Emanuel Newton Sr. in the church's Missouri Western First Jurisdiction. Douglas, 43, is the youngest bishop in the denomination.



Douglas Charles E. Blake, the newly elected international presiding bishop, was the chief celebrant at Douglas' Episcopal consecration service Jan. 25 at Trinity Temple COGIC in Grandview. An inaugural banquet was held Jan. 26 at the Marriott Country Club Plaza hotel.

Douglas is a native of Kansas City and received his bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. He is a member of several religious and civic organizations, including Concerned Clergy, and serves as vice president of the Lions Hiram Young Community Service Center in Independence.