The Sacred Service

Of

Pastoral Installation

for

Pastor Elisha Sumo



Saturday, April 5, 2025

12:00 PM

CDMC Atlanta

2195 SR-138, Riverdale, GA 30296

Bishop Jean-Marie Sumo

Chief Celebrant - Presider, Christ Disciple Mission Worldwide

Bishop Michael A. Blue

Co-Celebrant - Presider, Christian Covenant Fellowship of Ministries

Homilist - Apostle Ryan Cole Bishop of Protocol - Bishop William Young Musical Guest - Tiffany McGhee

Greetings

A Message from Pastor Elisha Sumo

First, giving honor to God who is absolutely the head of my life and to my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It is by His finished work and our friendship that this moment has been made possible.

I would like to thank my wife, who has been a constant presence and unwavering support through every phase of this journey. I am deeply grateful to the entire Sumo family for your love and encouragement.

There are three individuals I love, cherish, and deeply honor for their leadership in my life: **Bishop Jean Sumo**, **Bishop Michael A. Blue**, and **Apostle Ryan Cole**. Thank you for all you are and that you do.

To the membership and supporters of **CDMC Atlanta**, thank you. For over 16 months now, we've walked together—drawn by the mission and vision of this church. I am thankful for your trust, your prayers, and your investment in what we're building for the Lord.

I'm truly grateful for every single person present today—whether you've been part of this journey for a long time, for a season, or are just beginning with us.

Welcome, family, friends, and esteemed guests. I extend a heartfelt welcome to CDMC Worldwide, CCFM, CDMC Atlanta, and all visiting ministers and supporters. Your presence today marks a significant moment of covenant and commissioning.

I am honored to serve, humbled by this divine call, and expectant of the great things God will accomplish through us. Together, let us pursue purpose and Kingdom impact with excellence, unity, and a heart for the glory of God.

In His Service, Elisha Sumo

Order of Divine Worship

Expeditor: Bishop James Rowson

Musical Prelude

"All Hail the Power"
"Receive Our Praise"

• (+) Episcopal Procession

"Total Praise" – Worship Team (Ministers, Deacons, Elders, Bishops, Pastor-Designate, Co-Celebrant, and Chief Celebrant)

- (+) Call to Worship Bishop James Rowson
- (+) **Invocation** Pastor JaShawna Bellamy
- (+) Reading of the Holy Scriptures
- Old Testament Bishop-Designate Gerald Wyatt
 - Old Testament Jeremiah 1:4-5 "Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying, 'Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.'"
 - Reader: "Blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it."
 - People: "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, but the Word of our God shall stand forever." (Isaiah 40:8)
- New Testament Overseer Marcus Scott Sr.

- New Testament Ephesians 4:11–13

 "And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ..."
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- Congregational Hymn "Blessed Assurance" Led by Musical Guest
- Acknowledgment of Guests Sister Marlissa Phillips
- The Worship of Giving Bishop Michael A. Blue
- Introduction of Homilist Bishop James Rowson
- Selection Led by Musical Guest
- The Homily (Sermon) Apostle Ryan Cole
- Song of Consecration Led by Musical Guest

The Rite of Installation

The Apostolic Letter

Presented by: Bishop William Young

The Presentation

Presented by: Bishop William Young

"Bishop Jean-Marie Sumo, Bishop Michael A. Blue, assembled Bishops and Pastors of CCFM, guest clergy, members, civic leaders, and the community of Atlanta, GA, trusting in the guidance of the Holy Spirit, do hereby present to you Pastor-Elect Elisha Sumo for public installation as Pastor in the Lord's Church."

The Declaration

Spoken by Pastor Elisha Sumo:

"In the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, Elisha Sumo, chosen a Pastor of the Church, solemnly declare that I believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, containing all things necessary to salvation. I solemnly promise to conform to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of the Church and pledge myself to render due obedience to the canons of this Church, so help me God through Jesus Christ."

The Charge to the Pastor

Led by: Bishop Michael A. Blue

The Examination of the Pastor

Led by: Bishop Michael A. Blue

Romans 12:1

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

In the Name of the Lord, Jesus Christ, the King, Head of the Church, and in His presence we are met as the Ecclesia to set apart these into the five-fold ministry as elders and deacons in the Lord's Church. Insomuch as this solemn act involves mutual obligations, I call upon you to unite in a **Covenant of Dedication**.

Bishop Michael A. Blue:

Do you believe that you are truly called by God to this work of ministry? **Pastor Elisha Sumo:** I do believe I am so called.

Bishop Michael A. Blue:

Have you prayerfully considered the responsibilities and obligations of the work of the ministry that you have yet be willing to submit yourself to the headship of this fellowship that the Kingdom may expand?

Pastor Elisha Sumo: I have.

Bishop Michael A. Blue:

Do you promise that, always seeking divine help, you will faithfully perform the duties that this office requires, studiously endeavoring to learn and do the things that will make for the peace, purity, and spiritual growth of the congregation you serve?

Pastor Elisha Sumo: I will endeavor to do so, God being my helper.

Bishop Michael A. Blue:

Will you do your best to pattern your life (and that of your family, household or community) in accordance with the teachings of Christ, so that you may be a wholesome example to the people?

Pastor Elisha Sumo: I will, God as my helper.

(Pastor Elisha Sumo will be seated)

The Charge to the Church

Led by: Bishop Michael A. Blue

The Examination of the Church

Led by: Bishop Michael A. Blue (Only CDMC Atlanta Members will stand and respond.)

Bishop Michael A. Blue:

Do you, the people of Christ Disciple Mission Church Atlanta, continue to profess your readiness to receive as Pastor Elisha Sumo, whom you have called to be your Senior Pastor? Do you promise to receive the Word of Truth from his mouth, with meekness and love, and to submit to him in the due exercise of discipline?

The Church: We do so promise, the Lord being our Helper.

Bishop Michael A. Blue:

Do you promise to encourage him in his arduous labor, and to assist him in his endeavors for your instruction and spiritual education?

The Church: We do so promise, the Lord being our Helper.

Bishop Michael A. Blue:

Do you promise that, while he is your Pastor, you will assure his adequate maintenance by continuing to generously and consistently give of your resources according to the Scripture, and to do whatever else may be needful for the honor of the faith and his comfort among you?

The Church: We do so promise, by the help of Almighty God.

Bishop Michael A. Blue:

Do you promise that, though their roles will differ, you will honor Lady Sumo as one with the Senior Pastor, so that as a team they may render service to this Church, for God's glory? Will you respect them, give heed to their voices for their Scriptural wisdom, encourage them with your support and attendance,

protect them and their household with your love, and cover them all with your

prayers?

The Church: We willingly promise, by the help of Almighty God.

(CDMC Atlanta Members will be seated.)

Bishop Michael A. Blue:

You have declared your purpose to give your life in the service of Jesus Christ, and have received such approval of this Church. In order that you may be formally affirmed, will you now kneel and receive the laying on of hands, as we ask the blessings of God upon you.

(Pastor Elisha Sumo shall come forth for prayer)

Prayer of Affirmation

Led by: Bishop Michael A. Blue

The candidate kneels. Laying on of hands by Bishops and Clergy.

The Investiture

Led by: Bishop Jean-Marie Sumo

Assisted by: Bishop Michael A. Blue & Apostle Ryan Cole

The Proclamation

Chief Celebrant Bishop Jean-Marie Sumo:

"As Senior Leader of Christ Disciple Mission Worldwide, I declare that you, Pastor Elisha Sumo, are duly installed as Pastor of Christ Disciple Mission Church Atlanta. Take your authority to execute the office in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Brothers

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and Sisters, by the grace of Almighty God, I present to you Pastor Elisha Sumo, a duly installed Pastor in the Lord's Church."

Remarks & Greetings

Pastor Elisha Sumo & Lady Sumo

Benediction & Recessional

Led by: Celebrants & Clergy

Reception to Follow

at the conclusion of the program

Bishop Jean-Marie Sumo

Chief Celebrant Presider, Christ Disciple Mission Worldwide

Dr. Jean-Marie Sumo, Sr., PhD is a seasoned global leader, author, educator, and minister with decades of experience spanning diplomacy, business, and ministry. He currently serves as the Senior Global Leader of Christ Disciple Mission Worldwide, a thriving international ministry focused on discipleship, healing, and Kingdom advancement.

Dr. Sumo's professional journey began after graduating from the Ghana School of Translators Institute of Languages in 1977. He launched his career in Accra as a bilingual translator and interpreter, and later broke new ground in 1981 as the first Branch Manager of DHL International in Cameroon, where he played a key role in marketing the company's services. His diplomatic and commercial acumen led him to serve as Commercial Assistant at the British Embassy in 1986, helping secure local contracts for British businesses. In 1989, he was appointed Commercial Economic Adviser to the U.S. Embassy in Douala, Cameroon, where he managed numerous business transactions until the embassy's closure in 1994.

In ministry, Rev. Sumo was ordained in 1991 and founded the Christian Brother Community Church, a spiritual healing center. In 1994, he established Jesus Christ Disciple Church in Washington, D.C., a nonprofit ministry dedicated to serving the spiritual and physical needs of the underserved. His apostolic vision expanded with the founding of Nations Community Restoration (NCR, INC) in 2002, an organization he later headquartered in Atlanta, GA, where he continues to serve as CEO.

A scholar and educator, Dr. Sumo also teaches Leadership and Business at Beulah Heights University. His research interests include ethical leadership, nonprofit performance, and global development. He is the author of several academic works, including *Ethical Leadership and Leader's Effectiveness* and *The Effect of Ethical Leadership on Nonprofit Organizational Performance*.

Additionally, he authored *Divine Healing Power: Today's Greatest Hope*, a faith-based resource providing biblical strategies for healing and holistic well-being.

Through his apostolic leadership, public speaking, authorship, and teaching, Dr. Jean-Marie Sumo, Sr. continues to champion restoration, revival, and discipleship across nations and generations.

Bishop Michael A. Blue

Co-Celebrant Presider, Christian Covenant Fellowship of Ministries

Michael A. Blue was born in NC and raised in SC. He served as an award-winning educator for twenty-five (25) years. Bishop Blue has been in ministry since 1980. In 1992, he and his wife became the founding pastors of The Door of Hope Christian Church, Marion, SC. He was consecrated to the bishopric in 1997 and has served as presiding prelate for the Christian Covenant Fellowship of Ministries (CCFM) from 2000 until the present.

Bishop Blue's work as a musical composer and artist has received national acclaim. Besides being the weekly speaker for the church's various media outreaches, Bishop Blue has been a featured guest in various national television forums such as the following: *The Right Side with Armstrong Williams*, *The Word Network's Rejoice in the Word*, and *TBN's Praise the Lord*.

Bishop Blue is the author of *Building Credibility in Leadership: Principles for Secondary Leaders* (published by Creation House, 2011).

He travels widely speaking on various platforms—both "secular and sacred": in addition to religious settings, he has presented in leadership and educational conferences such as SCABSE (South Carolina Alliance of Black School Educators), the AKA Sorority Regional Conference, and others.

Bishop Blue was honored to serve as Commencement Speaker for Florence-Darlington Technical College in May of 2021, and as keynote speaker for SC HeadStart Association's Fatherhood Conference in April of 2023.

He has served the community in numerous capacities: South Carolina State Board of Education (2010–2013), iMPACT Marion County Committee, and Marion County Long Term Recovery Group (Hurricane Matthew). Furthermore, Bishop Blue hosts the CCFM national conference annually.

Bishop Blue is a 1985 graduate of Francis Marion University (FMU) in Florence, S.C., earning a bachelor's degree in English. He has done graduate studies at the College of Charleston and various other institutions.

His honors include a Doctor of Divinity from Cathedral Bible College (May 2010), a Doctor of Humanities from FMU (December 2010), the Governor's Ambassador of Economic Development Award for Marion County (May 2016), FMU's Outstanding Alumnus Award (March 2017), and Marion County School District's Superhero Award (November 2022).

He is married to the former Malinda J. Tarte of Camden, NJ. They are the loving parents of two children Michael II (also known as "B.J.").

Bishop Blue's chief desire is to know Christ more intimately and to make Him known more fully. It is a paraphrase of his primary life motto, one that he shares every week with his church family: he is "committed to bring pleasure to Christ's Heart and fame to His Name."

Homilist Apostle Ryan Cole

As an Apostolic Leader and five-time author, Ryan Cole is a dynamic voice of empowerment, uniquely gifted in communicating timeless Biblical principles with depth and practicality.

With two decades of experience in both pastoral and corporate leadership, he has dedicated his life to equipping individuals and churches for Kingdom advancement.

From a young age, Ryan served in various capacities within churches and ministries, including teaching, worship leading, and developing creative teams. His passion for teaching and preaching was further cultivated under the mentorship of Dr. Cindy Trimm, positioning him as a sought-after speaker at conferences and events both in the U.S. and abroad.

Ryan's Apostolic calling has led to several successful church plants, and his keen ability as a leadership strategist has made him an invaluable resource to pastors and leaders around the world.

Since 2019, he and his wife, Viktoriya, have expanded their influence by launching a marriage ministry, which includes conferences, events for couples, and a suite of resources—including best-selling books—to help couples discover God's original design for marriage.

Ryan has merged his Theology degree from Liberty University with years of one-on-one counseling and coaching to create a transformative mentorship model that equips individuals to step into their God-given purpose with clarity, confidence, and lasting impact.

His best-selling books include *Constructing Paradise* and *I Love You More, Most, & Forever*, as well as his latest release, *Needed Conversations*, co-authored with his wife.