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England Pilgrimage Registrations

Reminder: Final Registrations for the Tabernacles Pilgrimage Festival are to be made before the 30th of September.

Bishop Succession in The Christ's Assembly.

At whichever locale the Christ's Assembly has convened, whether it be at St. Joseph's in Glastonbury, or in Orange California, we recognize the Celtic Biblical Culdee model for succession of Bishops.

This succession was well documented in the book "Celt, Druid and Culdee" By Elder:

"The Culdee Church was ruled by bishops(2) and elders - elder and priest (from presbyteros) being synonymous terms.(3) From an ancient authority we learn that the Culdees made no alteration in the terms used by the Druids; and they retained the white dress of the Druidic priests.(4) A superintendent among the Druids in Britain was a 'deon,' i.e. a 'dean.'

The clergy of the early Church came into office hereditarily; the principal of hereditary succession ran through the whole Celtic polity. The crown was hereditary with certain modifications peculiar to the Celts themselves. The bards were hereditary without much reference to qualification. In Ireland there was a hereditary succession in the bishopric of Armagh for fifteen generations.

Giraldus Cambrensis, Bishop of St. David's, in the twelfth century, a strong supporter of the Latin Church, complains of the Celtic Church that 'the sons after the deaths of their fathers, succeed to the ecclesiastic benefices, not by election, but by hereditary right.'(5)"

2. Tertullian terms Bishops "Presidents", De Corona, Milit. 111, 4 (A.D.211).

3. Cyprian in Ep. II, applies the term Levite to a Presbyter. (A.D. 230.)

4. McCallum, History of Culdees, pp.158,159.

5. Book of Llandav, p.279. Topograph. Hebern. Distinct, III, Gap. XXIX.

6. Dugdale, Monasticon, Vol. I, p.2. D. McCallum, 'History of Culdees,' p.159.

7. Jamieson, 'History of Culdees,' p.35, note.

So we see the Biblical model for priestly succession remained in force, as it had always been for the Levites. Jeremiah the Prophet (an Aaronic High Priest), brought this which became later called Druid and Culdee universities. This was established when he came to Ireland in circa 500BC as the scripture says he transplanted the Kingdom to the Isles Northwest, and brought with him his Aaronic Priests (and descendants of Zadok) which included Baruch the scribe, the King's daughters, David's Harp, and the Stone of Scone (David's literal throne).

The Priests recognized by the Christ's Assembly are normally from established priestly families, with genealogical lines back to the first apostles in Great Britain, where Jesus had spent the majority of His

life. Lines by mere ordination anointing are not accepted as higher or as replacing the anointing on your family house. Such as the covenants YAHWEH made with Levi:

Isa 59:21 “As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the LORD; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever.”

Jer 33:22 “As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured: so will I multiply the seed of David my servant, and the Levites that minister unto me.” (please see context to see this covenant can never expire)

Myself, a Bishop, Reverend Stephen Michael, do demonstrate multiple lines to Levi, David, to Joseph of Arimathea, and the original apostles lines as per the website <http://houseofnott.co.cc> , while I do also have what main denominations call “Apostolic Ordination” succession as well.

On the other hand, a Biblical Bishop will have multiple assemblies already brought under his guidance, and because there is more than one assembly, he is a Bishop. These are for the most part, a jurisdiction inherited by his forefathers. If there has been a lapse in such inheritance, the ancestral anointing right may be reclaimed, and with much prayer will be supported by the Christ's Assembly to become a Priest, and Lord willing his ministry will expand. For more information see the Ministry Definitions of the Christ's Assembly at http://christsassembly.com/religious_orders_TCAWW.htm

These true Culdee priests withstood Rome at all costs. These Culdee were slandered and besmirched as being “Anabaptists”, of which my family proudly has 5 generations documented as priests who made it through the bloodiest years of martyrdom in this church as later called “Seventh Day Baptists”.

One such year of my family's struggle, being 1645 in the English Civil War, when the “Parson” Bishop Charles Nott led a band of 2,000 Clubmen of Worcestershire to defend the townsfolk against the two armies at war (Parliamentarians and Royalists). He made multiple declarations as the leader of the Clubman movement. One Declaration strongly demonstrated their intentions were against the “popish party” and to preserve the King's rights and the privileges of Parliament.

