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BISHOP ROBERT L. SWAIN, SR. CONFIRMED AS PRESIDING BISHOP

(Fort Worth, Texas – January 30, 2009) The Board of Presbytery (Board One) of the Christ Holy Sanctified Church of America, Inc. voted to confirm Bishop R.L Swain, Sr. as the Presiding Bishop of the Christ Holy Sanctified Church of Am. (CHSC). Bishop Swain became the 7th Chief Apostle of the organization after the illness and subsequent passing of Bishop Georgia E. Jones in September 26, 2008.

In accordance with the Bylaws of CHSC, in the event of a vacancy of the President (Presiding Bishop), 1st Vice President, or 2nd Vice-President, the respective individuals automatically succeed to the next position in an “interim” capacity until the next regularly scheduled meeting of Board One (January or August.) The position is confirmed by a 2/3 vote of Board One and the individual fulfills any remaining term of the office until the next election. Bishop Swain will serve the remaining term as a result of the passing of Bishop Jones which ends in August 2010. A general election of the president (presiding bishop) and 1st vice-president (assistant presiding bishop) will then commence by the pastors and Board one. This will be an historic event as this election will be the first time in which nominees will be voted by the pastors and “distinguished persons” of CHSC and submitted for election by Board One.

A native of Texas, Bishop Swain is a 2nd generation product of CHSC and has served in every capacity and has held every major position in the organization as Pastor, Superintendent, Overseer (Prelate) of Texas-North Jurisdiction and now Presiding Bishop. His mother, Mother B.B. Charles, who passed in September of 2007, served as the president of the National Home and Foreign Mission Society (Now Home Women’s Department) for over 20 years as well as a pioneer of CHSC.

Bishop Swain is married to Mrs. Faye Swain and the father of the late Robert Swain, Jr, Dr. Mrs. Beverly Pringle, and Mrs. Tryphosa and currently pastors the Wayside CHSC in Fort Worth, Texas. In March 2009 during the jurisdiction convocation of Texas-North, Bishop Swain graciously transitioned the position as jurisdictional prelate, along with the administrative duties, in order to fully concentrate his efforts toward the national organization.

Christ Holy Sanctified Church of America, Inc. was founded in 1910 by Bishop Judge and Mother Sarah King in Lake Charles, Louisiana and has churches throughout the south, southeast, mid-west, and western portions of the United States as well as churches and missions in West Africa.

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