

ABOUT THE FOUNDER AND GENERAL OVERSEER / BISHOP

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Bishop Chea is the Founder and General Overseer/Bishop of Adonai International Ministries Global Outreach, Inc. (AIMGO), the parent organization of Adonai International Ministerial Fellowship Alliance (AIMFA). He is also the Founder & President of Adonai International Ministries Dominion Outreach (AIMDO); and Founder & President & Chancellor of Adonai International Theological College and Seminary (AITCS). Bishop Chea is a multi-gifted minister of Christ, who teaches and preaches a holistic Gospel that shuns religiosity and traditionalism, which detract from the work of the ministry and creates obstacles for believers.

Bishop Chea believes in total freedom for ministry and believers who seek to run with the mandate of the Gospel. His personal motto for ministry to follow Christ in the steps of the great apostles of Scripture, which has also been adopted for AIM Global Outreach and AIM Fellowship Alliance. He believes in the five-fold ministry gifts given to the church and that they are also for the church today. He is an apostle, evangelist, pastor, teacher, theologian, apologist, educator, chaplain, organizational-church-ministry consultant, motivational speaker, writer, and Singer. He believes in ministry without limitation, giving it all for the Great Commission. He has also served as associate minister, associate and assistant pastor, and evangelist during his early years in active ministry.

ORIGINATION AND RESIDENCE

Bishop Chea is a native of Liberia, West Africa, and born and raised in the city of Monrovia. He migrated to the United States in November 1989 before the 14-year long civil war that started on Christmas Day of that that year. He has lived in the United States now for over for 31 years. He lived in California 28 years, 2 years previously in North Carolina, and relocated back to Charlotte, North Carolina, and the ministries are based in Charlotte again.

SALVATION EXPERIENCE

Bishop Chea came to know the Lord through a youth evangelistic group in an evangelistic house meeting in May 1986. The name of the group was “Friends in Jesus.” This was a group made up of teenagers and young adults between the ages of 16 and 22. The group came to his family home on a Saturday evening to hold a meeting, and his brother was also a member of the group. After the meeting that night, he came forward and gave his life to Christ. Though before that day he had considered himself a Christian by going to church; but it was through the group that he came to understand the Gospel, Christianity and what it really meant to be saved.

MINISTRIAL CALLING AND SERVICE

After his salvation experience, Bishop Chea joined the evangelistic group that led him to our Lord Christ. They went through many towns ministering the Gospel in evangelistic services. While he served in the ministry, it was not until 1995 when he accepted his full calling and became active in the ministry at a different level. Due to the level of religiosity, traditionalism, and spiritual abuse he has observed over the years in churches he was a part of, he decided not to continue in these circles and chose to be a non-denominational minister. He went through an ordination program ten years after his salvation experience and was ordained in 1996 by Grace Ministerial Association. He was also ordained in 1997 by Harvesters Christian Fellowship; and later in 2000 by Adonai Full Gospel Fellowship International (the original name for AIMGO/AIMFA). Bishop Chea has helped develop and train many pastors and ministers around the world over the years.

EDUCATION

Bishop Chea has attended several academic institutions in pursuit of higher education and considers himself as a lifetime learner. He is a graduate of South African Theological Seminary (Theology); Clarks Summit University (organizational leadership; educational administration); Baptist Bible Seminary (biblical apologetics); and University of California-Davis Medical Center (Clinical Pastoral Education). He also has done graduate studies with Kings Evangelical Divinity School (Theology); Luther Rice College & Seminary (leadership; biblical counseling); Maranatha Baptist Seminary (theology); and Maranatha Baptist University (teaching and learning).

HISTORY OF AIMGO/AIMFA

AIMGO/AIMFA was founded by Bishop Chea in Sacramento, California, U.S.A. The ministry was originally founded as Adonai Gospel Crusades International (AGCI), an evangelistic association in 1999 and incorporated in 2000 as Adonai Full Gospel Fellowship International, Inc. (AFGFI).

Bishop Chea, considering that he had broken away from denominationalism, traditionalism, and religiosity, felt that there were many ministers and Christian workers who had taken the same position. He felt that there were church and ministry leaders in a similar situation. He also knew that this position could sometimes lead to the feeling of being alone, excluded, and isolated. After much prayer and research the entire year of 1999, Dr. Chea felt led to broaden the vision of Adonai, to establish an umbrella to cover nondenominational and independent ministers and Christian workers who had no covering or an organization to identify with. To this end, AGCI was reorganized in January 2000 and renamed Adonai Full Gospel Fellowship International, Inc. (AFGFI).

In 2001, there arose a concern in the fellowship, due to the fact that many had thought that it was a local church. The fellowship was mistaken for a local church based on the name. In order for the fellowship to grow, it needed a clearer name that represented what it really was. The fellowship needed a better identity. Thus, the name was changed to Adonai International Fellowship of Full Gospel Assemblies, Inc. (AIFFGA). “Full Gospel was later removed from the name, and the organization was changed to Adonai International Fellowship Assemblies, Inc. (AIFA). Other concerns later arose about the word “Assemblies” and some felt it was still closely aligned with Pentecostals and that another word that is more neutral and acceptable by all with regards to our nondenominational identity be used. To this effect, “Alliance” was adopted to replace

“Assemblies,” and the organizational became Adonai International Fellowship Alliance, Inc. (AIFA). The organization was restructured in 2013 and with Adonai International Ministries Global Outreach (AIMGO) becoming the parent organization and the fellowship being renamed Adonai International Ministerial Fellowship Alliance (AIMFA) and placed under the umbrella of AIMGO as a ministry of the organization.

HISTORY OF AITCS

The Lord spoke to Bishop Chea in November of 1998 and instructed him to establish a Bible college and seminary to equip His people; to be a source of funding for the ministry; and to be a blessing to many. In obedience to the instruction of the Lord, after much prayer and research, Adonai International Bible College and Theological Seminary (AIBCTS) was also founded and established as an educational ministry under AFGFI in February 2000, and as the official school under its legal structure. The name of the school was later changed to Adonai International Christian University (AICU) in 2002 with separate names for the undergraduate and graduate divisions, namely: Adonai Theological College (ATC) and Adonai Theological Seminary (ATS) respectively. Adonai Theological College & Seminary then became the unofficial name of the institution. In 2018, “Christian University” was dropped from the name of the institution and Adonai International Theological College & Seminary (AITCS) became the official name.