

INTERNATIONAL PENTECOSTAL YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION



EMPOWERMENT CONFERENCE 2025

# RESET

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# PASTOR KYRON SHORTER IPYPU PRESIDENT

**Greetings in the Matchless Name of Jesus Christ,**

Welcome to the IPYPU Spring Empowerment Conference 2025! After many months of organizing, planning, and praying, we have finally arrived here in the city of Chicago. We are excited about the opportunity to fellowship and lift up the Name of Jesus with young people from all over our great organization. This weekend is poised to be one of renewal, refreshing, and spiritual breakthrough. We pray that you are ready for a spiritual reset that will propel us collectively and individually into greater works.

Generational sociologists suggest that we are living in the most technologically progressive period in the history of mankind. In no other era has society been so saturated with accessible innovations literally at our fingertips. The result has been early exposure and an overwhelming dependency on devices, gadgets, and machines. Despite the wonders of technology, it comes with several challenges. In addition to concerns around privacy, data security, and cloud computing, automation, artificial intelligence, and algorithmic bias are reshaping societal norms and the way we think and function. Although convenient, over-usage and over-consumption can become unhealthy. What technology teaches us is that occasionally our systems, tools, and devices require a "RESET" in order to operate more effectively and optimally.

Such is the case spiritually. Seasons of revival require us to disconnect from systems and routines in order to receive necessary spiritual reboots. System shutdowns, restarts, and refreshes are needed to get the most out of the instruments required to accomplish great things. It is my prayer that you re-launch spiritually to receive downloads from heaven this weekend—downloads that will catapult you into next-level living. It is our prayer that the glory of the Lord reset, refocus, and upgrade you with purpose to "DO THE WORK" He's calling for in these last and evil days.

Our sincerest appreciation to our Host Pastor, Bishop-Elect Yolanda Hunt, and the Rehoboth Apostolic Worship Center for graciously opening their doors to the IPYPU. Bishop-Elect Hunt and the staff of RAWC have been nothing but accommodating and supportive since our earliest planning discussions, and for this, we thank you! We also extend thanks to our host Diocesan Bishop, Former Presiding Bishop Dr. Horace E. Smith, and the Illinois District Council Young People's President, Minister Raphael Mathis (father-to-be). Please join me in appreciating them all for their outstanding hospitality.

We also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our illustrious Presider, the Honorable Bishop Theodore L. Brooks, Sr., and Mother Janice Brooks. The IPYPU is blessed because of our Leader's commitment to reprioritizing youth ministry both locally and internationally within our organization. Our thanks also to our Day 1 supporters, the Honorable Bishop Lance (our Auxiliary Director) & Lady Debra Foster, as well as my wife, Lady Terrah Shorter, and our children—Kyah, Kameron, and Kristopher. And much love to the hardest-working group this side of heaven, the IPYPU Elected & Appointed Staff. Thank you for your prayers and the late hours spent making this experience so memorable for our young people.

To all our constituents and delegates, I hope and pray you are ready to be challenged, inspired, and blessed all weekend long. Not only are we excited about the opportunity to explore and evangelize here in Chicago, but we are also favored of the Lord to have some of the most profound voices in the Kingdom ministering to us in our sessions and seminars. Bishop C. Shawn Tyson, Archbishop William Hudson, Evangelist Bianca Ellis, Pastor Angela Bridges, Pastor Caleb Kirksey, Elder Jonathan Johnson, Pastor Angela Taylor, and Evangelist Rebekah Mickens are necessary voices for this reset, and I trust you will be blessed as they share. We are also honored to welcome our former IPYPU Presidents for an engaging dialogue on the future of our great organization.

My prayer is that we leave Chicago reprogrammed and re-wired to forge the future as we turn the world upside down. As you enjoy this weekend, ask yourself: What areas in my relationship with God need a reboot? And am I ready for Kingdom upgrades—both naturally and spiritually?

**Purpose Loading... I'm Ready for the RESET!**

**Pastor Kyron Shorter**  
IPYPU President 2022-2026  
Los Angeles, CA





# EVG. JAZMIN MCCONELL

IPYPU VICE-PRESIDENT

Hey IPYPU Family!

Welcome to the 2025 Empowerment Conference here in the incredible city of Chicago! We're beyond excited to have you with us. Whether this is your first time attending or you've been coming for years, you're part of something special. This city, known for its rich history and vibrant culture, sets the perfect scene for a gathering like this—one filled with purpose, connection, and Holy Spirit moments. From the moment you walked through those doors, you stepped into a divine appointment.

This week is going to be full of powerful encounters, meaningful conversations, and unforgettable memories. We encourage you to take it all in—every session, every workshop, every moment of worship. Let this be more than just an event on your calendar. Let it be a moment that marks you. Say yes to stepping out of your comfort zone, introducing yourself to someone new, and diving deep into everything God has for you during this time.

Our prayer is that you don't just attend this conference—you experience it. That means showing up fully—heart open, mind ready, and spirit expectant. These next few days aren't just about information, they're about transformation. You're going to be poured into by leaders, speakers, and peers who are passionate about seeing you grow, heal, and walk boldly in your God-given identity. So come ready to receive and ready to be changed.

We know life can be heavy sometimes. You might've arrived carrying things no one else can see—worries, pressures, fears, or just plain exhaustion. But here's the beautiful thing: you don't have to leave with them. This is a safe space where you can lay it all down. Let God trade your burdens for peace, your anxiety for joy, and your questions for clarity. There's healing in this atmosphere, and God is already moving.

And let's not forget—this is also a time to have fun! Laugh loud, take pictures, explore the city, and enjoy the people around you. Fellowship is part of the blessing, and sometimes breakthrough comes through a simple conversation or a shared moment with someone who just \*gets it\*. You never know how God will speak—maybe it'll be through a sermon, or maybe it'll be over lunch with a new friend. Be open to all of it.

We believe this conference could be a turning point in your life. So let's lean in together—with expectation, with joy, and with boldness. Let's trust that God has already gone before us and is preparing something greater than we could imagine. We're honored to walk this journey with you and can't wait to see all that unfolds. Let's make this more than a weekend—let's make it a moment that sets the tone for the rest of the year!

Evangelist Jazmin McConnell  
IPYPU Vice President 2022–2026





# MIN. RAPHEAL MATHIS IDCYPU PRESIDENT

Welcome to Chicago IPYPU!

Greetings in the mighty and matchless name of Jesus Christ!

It is my absolute joy and honor to welcome you to our great city for the International Pentecostal Young People's Union (IPYPU) Empowerment Conference 2025! On behalf of myself, President Rapheal Mathis, the Illinois District Council Young People's Union (IDCYPU) staff and auxiliary, our Council Chair, Bishop-Elect Yolanda Hunt, and our Diocesan Bishop, Dr. Horace E. Smith, M.D., we extend our heartfelt welcome to each and every one of you.

For weeks, we have been praying, preparing, and believing in God for this very moment. We are in great anticipation of what He is about to do in this conference! We believe that you are here by divine appointment—God has something specific, something powerful, something life-changing just for you.

As we step into this gathering, I encourage you to come with an open heart, a ready spirit, and an expectation to receive. We are in a new season naturally, but even more so spiritually. This conference is a divine setup—a moment of empowerment, refreshing, and renewal that will equip you to walk in victory in the months ahead.

While you are here, I also encourage you to enjoy the city! Chicago is rich in culture, history, and, of course, some of the BEST food you'll ever eat. Take some time to experience a classic deep-dish pizza (or thin crust because it's just as good if not better), a Chicago-style hot dog, or some famous Garrett's popcorn! And don't forget to take advantage of the excursion we've planned—it's a great chance to fellowship, make memories, and experience the heartbeat of our city.

Most of all, get everything you need while you're here—soak in the Word, experience the power of worship, connect with fellow believers—then take it back to your families, churches, communities, cities, and spheres of influence. What God does in you here will be the catalyst for transformation wherever you go!

If there is anything you need while you're here, please don't hesitate to let us know. We are beyond excited that you're in our city, and we are here to serve you!

May this be a time of divine encounters, fresh anointing, great fellowship, and supernatural empowerment. The best is yet to come!

In His Service,

**Minister Rapheal Mathis**

President, Illinois District Council Young People's Union (IDCYPU)





# EMPOWERMENT CONFERENCE 2025

## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

### THURSDAY • APRIL 24

9:00AM - 10:00AM

EVANGELISM: PRAYER WALK

10:15AM - 11:30AM

MORNING WORD/PRAYER: PASTOR ANGELA BRIDGES

11:45AM - 1:00PM

LEADERS LEAD LUNCHEON: BISHOP HORACE SMITH, M.D, IDC, DIOCESAN BISHOP

2:30PM - 4:30PM

EXPLORE DOWNTOWN CHICAGO (ON YOUR OWN, TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED)

7:30PM - 10:30PM

EVENING WORSHIP: BISHOP C. SHAWN TYSON, BAJA CALIFORNIA SOUTH, DIOCESAN BISHOP

### FRIDAY • APRIL 25

9:00AM - 10:00AM

PAW LICENSING UPDATE AND REQUIREMENTS: DR. LINDER HOWZE

10:45AM - 12:00PM

MORNING WORD/PRAYER: ELDER JONATHAN JOHNSON

12:30PM - 2:00PM

THE IMPARATATION LUNCHEON: NICHOLSON, MORRISON, SHORTER, PERDUE

2:30PM - 3:30PM

EVANGELISM: EFFECTIVE CONNECTIONS

3:45PM - 4:45PM

REFRESHING WORSHIP: ELDER REBEKAH MICKENS

7:30PM - 10:30PM

EVENING WORSHIP: ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM HUDSON III, PRESIDING PRELATE OF THE PILGRIM ASSEMBLIES INT'L

### SATURDAY • APRIL 26

10:00AM - 11:30AM

IPYPU TEEN SERVICE MORNING GLORY: EVANG. BIANCA ELLIS

11:00AM - 12:00PM

CHAT-N-CHEW

1:00PM - 2:30PM

AFTERNOON WORSHIP: ELDER CALEB KIRKSEY



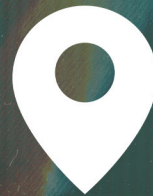
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## NIGHTLY WORSHIP SERVICES

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