

# A Celebration of Cities

*Thanksgiving  
International  
2007  
Berlin-Los Angeles-Mexico City  
....International Partner Cities*

Highlight of Worship Service acknowledging Men of Renaissance to be presented by Congresswoman Diane Watson.



## **REMEMBERING A RENAISSANCE**

Renaissance connotes a rebirth. Our knowledge of the history of the world and human kind is based on discovering our past which is always an exciting experience. A global perspective connecting our earliest human ancestors who first walked the African grasslands and have arrived to this new global perspective of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.... an enormously marvelous journey!!

These Renaissance transformations which included new ways of building, new styles of art, new ways of living--be it of the classical Greek Renaissance, Medieval, Fourteenth through Sixteenth Century European Expansion---Great individuals stepped forth out of the multitudes with their gifts, talents and dreams creating a chapter for the good of humankind.

Today, Celebration of Cities Thanksgiving International 2007,  
We salute three living Renaissance men of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Dr. Christian Stocks, German descent

Consulate General of the Federal Republic, Germany,  
Los Angeles

Bishop Charles E. Blake, American of African descent,

Presiding Bishop of the Church of God in Christ in  
58 Nations (Celebrating 2007 their Centennial)

Founder and Pastor of the West Angeles Church of God in  
Christ

And Los Angeles' own Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Spanish-  
Hispanic descent

Three great visionaries committed to strive for the common good as  
Diplomat --- as Dr. Christian Stocks --- as Man of the Cloth --- Man of God  
Bishop Charles E. Blake and as Mayor of a United States Metropolis ---  
Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa --- Today, Remembering a Renaissance, by  
remembering our three Representatives from each of the Sister Cities, three  
Great Renaissance Men.