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END OF YEAR MESSAGE 2022

As at December 10, 2022 the total number of people who tested positive for COVID – 2019 in USA from 2020-2022 remained at 99.4 million people while a total number of deaths stood at 1,095,000. Globally 649million tested positive while a total fatalities of 6,652,000 was recorded from the inception of the pandemic, a figure that is likely higher than the population of the world wiped off by the deluge during Noah’s time. COVID-19 was identified as the third leading cause of death in the United States, trailing only heart disease and cancer. Prudence and CDC caution on the need to continue masking and maintaining healthy distance, particularly during the coming holidays, as the Virus continues to wreck havocs sporadically all over the world.

Other Notable features of this year’s disasters

- 1)The 29 global whether related disaster - Drought damages of farm products and lands are already placed at \$38.4 billion globally and will surely continue to rise according to Insurance Broker Aon. 1.
- 2) Only three billion-dollar tropical cyclones have occurred in 2022: Hurricane Ian and Hurricane Fiona in the Atlantic, and Typhoon Nanmadol in the western Pacific. ...
- 3) Two weather mega-disasters costing over \$20 billion have hit Earth in 2022: Hurricane Ian in the U.S., and the European drought and heat wave. ...

Earthquakes: In 2022, there were **11 quakes of magnitude 7.0 or above, 121 quakes between 6.0 and 7.0, 1651 quakes between 5.0 and 6.0, 14697 quakes between 4.0 and 5.0.**

The Deadliest being 6.0 Mw Afghanistan, where 1,428 deaths were reported. The Lord is speaking through Nature, let us listen.

The 6th National Convention – The 2022 National Convention held at Crystal Gateway Marriott, Arlington Virginia/Washington DC, **Maryland-Washington Region ‘E’ tagged “Transformation 2022” was yet another great landmark achievement for the diocese.** Despite the unfortunate impasse in the diocese, this great convention held on May 5-8, 2022 attracted 504 attendees drawn from 51 parishes. During the convention the USA Central Choir provided an incredibly amazing and most spiritually transforming renditions of International standard while the youth also provided four well researched and articulated papers to transform the church. Seven thoroughly researched papers were presented and four were approved as Blue Prints for inclusion into the byelaws. The National Convention Board is currently on the drawing Board to finalize arrangement for the Venue and Strategies for the seventh Convention that will come up by God’s grace in 2024.

Regional Supervisors

AVSE. Oyelade
East Coast Region A

AVSE. Adekale
Great Lakes Region B

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South West Region C

AVSE. Olaniyan
South East Region D

AVSE. Adeyefa
Washington Region E

AVSE. Olorunkunle
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Special Duties

USA Diocese Imeko Property

The hard-working and dynamic Directorate handling this project has fenced and gated the six plots after obtaining the final approval of Ogun State Town Planning Authority of all the submitted Architectural, Engineering and Electrical Drawings. The commencement of the construction has been approved by the diocesan Executive Council and we strongly pray and hope that the new year 2023 will witness the building and dedication of this imposing edifice by the grace of the Lord.

Perhaps we should remind ourselves, once again, of EXCO approved levies: Every Parish: \$200.00, Every shepherd and Church worker: \$100.00 each. Every male and female elder \$100.00 and every member/parishioner: \$25. Pay into: Account: Bank of America NA Routing #021200339 CCC Property Dev. Account. Account # 3810 5482 5691. Please note that we are still expecting parishes and members to make good the pledges they made at the Convention. Your Receipt of payment should be communicated to the Committee's Treasurer – MC Adesola Obe Tel. 443-600-6644. We appeal to all members to please pay up as soon as possible.

Annual Pilgrimage to the Holy Land of Israel: The 6th 10-day pilgrimage to the holy land of Israel was successfully held on May 21 to May 30, by 22 amazing and great pilgrims drawn from four regions. It was highly spiritual, educative and intensive.

The 7th Pilgrimage consisting of 30 members with take off on 04/ 19 and return on 5/ 1/2023, with a more elaborate itinerary through Cairo and wilderness of Sinai and Horeb to Israel.

♣ See the ancient pyramids of Egypt, Ride a camel near the Pyramids / See the famous statue of the Sphinx ♣ Discover the fascinating Egyptian Museum of Cairo, see the house where Joseph, Mary and baby Jesus lived when they fled out of Herod's slaughter in Israel, Climb Mount Sinai in the wilderness of Sinai where the ten Commandments were given to Moses by God, ♣ Stand in awe at the incredible carved entrance of the city of Petra ♣ Visit Mt. Nebo/Pisga where Moses died and Madaba, visit Mara where the bitter water was sweetened ♣ Visit Mount Carmel, where Elijah issued his challenge to the False Prophets ♣ Explore Megiddo and the Valley of Armageddon (Revelation 16) ♣ Enjoy breathtaking panoramic view of Nazareth from the top of Mt. Precipice ♣ Visit Cana of Galilee, where Jesus performed his first miracle-turning water into wine at a wedding feast (John 2:11) ♣ Sail of the Sea of Galilee in a wooden boat as the disciples did 2000 years ago ♣ Visit the Ancient Jesus Boat at Kibbutz Nof Geonsar / Visit Yardenit - the baptismal site on the Jordan River ♣ Ascend to Masada by cable car and discover this ancient fortress built by King Herod ♣ Enjoy a relaxing afternoon at our Dead Sea Resort hotel, also Pool of Bethesda where the paralytic for 38 years was raised by Jesus, the Wailing/Western Wall and Calvary- the crucifixion site. Please call Sister Ijeoma Umoru at (973) 476-4336 or email her at handmaidathisfeet@gmail.com for details.

Women Councils: We congratulate our Regional Women Councils for successfully hosting at least two Retreats each, two evangelical crusades and monthly powerful bible expositions and prayer sessions. The Programs for the new year will be enriched and enlarged with inter-regional fellowship.

Directorate of Evangelism: Two national Crusades on Johannine Gnostic Gospels were zoomed internationally and complimented with powerful Revival and fire seasoned Prayer sessions. A more elaborate and diversified Program for the new year will commence in January.

Shepherds and Church workers Retreat – 2022. In view of the unrepenting wave of the Pandemic, this year's shepherds and Church workers Retreats were held virtually. Four sessions spread over four months were dedicated to providing critical analysis of every possible component of SWOT (Strength, Weakness, Opportunity and Threats) in relation to our Church. to make it effectively relevant to the challenges of the contemporary age. An average of 80 clergies and Church workers participated in each session. The Program for next year Retreat will consist of physical attendance at Michigan Hilton Hotel in May followed by two virtual Sessions.

The Harvest Convocation of this year was largely affected by the current internal disturbance within the diocese and the lingering pandemic. However, on the balance of expectations the Harvest Services were successful and were devoid of any rancor, misfortune or any reported incident. May we have the grace to celebrate many more harvests in the land of the living in love and oneness of spirit and be counted among the chosen at the end-time Convocation.

Pastoral Visit: His Eminence, Pastor EMF Oshoffa was on his missionary journey to USA in September. Parishes were visited and blessed and two dioceses were endorsed to operate in USA on his departure.

Sup. Evang. Oluwole Adetiran. During the year the church lost a musical giant in the person of SE Oluwole Adetiran, the Director General of CCC Central Choir at the age of 75 after a protracted illness. USA Diocese played a pivotal and most crucial role in providing the Casket and some burial necessities while also providing a soft succour for the family left behind. The diocese was represented by US Diocese Central Choir director SE Kayode Oladimeji and his deputy MC Olubunmi Adebayo. May the Soul of the departed continue to rest in peace.

Christmas is the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, the giver of life, the author of Salvation, the only source of enduring joy, and peace. Please be reminded that at Christmas you are required by the Scripture to appear before the Lord with your thanks-offering in appreciation of His awesome grace, love and mercy. As a true believer, remember to provide friendly gifts that are truly reflective of divine love, peace and hope to someone in your family, in your neighborhood and in your church. Let the less fortunate, the handicapped, the orphans, widows and the laborers in the Vineyard know that you care, and so store up treasures for yourselves in heaven.

As usual, we are taking advantage of this Season to express our most profound gratitude for the wonderful support, and cooperation received from all parishioners, officers, and shepherds by the states, regional, diocesan, and pastoral administrations of this great church during the outgoing year. We also appreciate your unflinching faith in CCC as the end-time Vessel of Salvation. May the good God of reciprocity keep you & give you peace.

On behalf of the Pastor and Spiritual Head of the Church, Pastor EM Oshoffa, the Board of Trustees, the Pastor - in-Council and the Diocese of USA, the Council wishes all members a Merry Christmas and a most peaceful, fulfilling, prosperous and joyous 2023.

And unto Him who has made it possible for us to see the year end in good health, peace, joy and freedom, the Almighty God of all Creations, King of immortality, Everlasting Holy Father, His beloved Son, Lord & Savior Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit be the glory, honor, majesty, power and dominion now and forevermore. Amen.

**THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
DIOCESE OF UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - DECEMBER 12, 2022**