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To:
All Regional Supervisors
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All Shepherds/All Parishioners.

Memorandum # 06 – 2020 **Shepherds Meeting's Resolution on COVID-19**

Dear beloved of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

An emergency Meeting of the Council of Shepherds of US Diocese was held yesterday March 23, 2020 to review the current devastating Coronavirus and appropriately strategize our processes to protect and safeguard our members. 100 members were in attendance.

Decisions taken through the collective wisdom of the Council are:

- ❖ The Shepherds Retreat originally scheduled for April 24 – 26 in Detroit has been placed on hold. New date will be announced later in future. Payments already made by some members shall be held in Escrow Account. Those who have not registered are encourage to do so.
- ❖ Due to the unabating exponential rise to almost 500,000 positive victims and over 22,500 in death globally, various mandates from the government, recommendations from world health experts, the stern measures taken across the entire world and of utmost importance, the safety and wellbeing of our members; Parishes are now required to consider complete shut-down. Worship Services, Night Vigils and Bible Lessons shall, until further notice, be conducted through Video/Audio tele-conferencing.
- ❖ Holy Week activities: There shall be no parade anywhere during Palm Sunday and Services shall be held through Video/Audio tele-conferencing. The Mandatory seven days fasting marking the feast of Un-leaven bread shall commence on Saturday April 04 to Good Friday April 10, 2020. On Saturday April 04, 2020 at exactly 12.00 noon EST, all the Regional and State Evangelists with their vessel of water in their various homes shall connect to Exco Conference line 1-712-770-4010, Access Code 561821. The Head of Diocese will pray with them after which individuals shall wash their own feet and those of their households. On Tuesday April 07, 2020 at exactly 7.00 pm all Shepherds in their various locations, in their regions, shall have water in basins. Prayers shall be held by their Regional supervisors on phone and thereafter, each shepherd shall wash his

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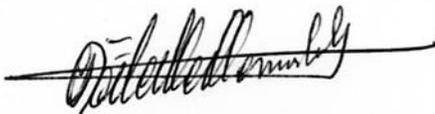
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own feet and those of his household. On Holy Thursday, April 09, 2020 at exactly 7.00pm members of each parish is required to have water in a basin in their various homes. Appropriate prayer shall be rendered by the shepherd of each parish over his members, after which each member shall wash his/her own feet and those of his household. Worship Services on Easter Sunday shall, as usual, be done through Video/Audio Tele-conferencing. “Come my people, enter thou into thy Chambers and shut the doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment until the indignation be over-past” Isa. 26:20-21. During this uneasy period, we must learn to live by faith and not by sight.

- ❖ Each parish is required to have a Welfare Unit at this crucial period to check and monitor the well-being of members and to provide relief either financially or by grocery/food supply for those who are in dire need. Please maintain a continual checks on the elderly.
- ❖ Members who are able, during this difficult period, are encouraged to pay their tithes, offering and contributions through Paypal, Zelle, or Cash out App.
- ❖ The effectual fervent prayer of the righteous avails much. This is the time for fire seasoned prayer with fasting from all, unto the compassionate God of Heaven and our merciful Lord and Savior for the termination of this virus and healing of the world.

As the number of fatalities, unfortunately, continue to rise in USA, please, let us all listen and comply with all local governments and national/world health authorities warning by avoiding all gatherings and maintaining social distancing; avoid handshakes and body contacts, using masks & gloves and more importantly keeping ourselves safe under God’s refuge in our homes.

Perhaps we should conclude by offering the diocese’s most sincere condolence to Elephant and Castle parish - London, the Diocese of UK, the Board of Trustees, his Eminence - the Pastor and the family of late VSE (Baba) Julius Shebioba – Shepherd of Elephant and Castle Parish and a giant of the Church in UK who was reportedly affected by the ruthless ravaging COVID-19. May his devoted Soul be received into the glory and beauty of Heaven. We join thousands in grieving with the family while praying that God will grant them the fortitude and faith to bear this colossal loss.



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