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POSTPONEMENT of 100th YEAR HOLY CONVOCATION CELEBRATION

After consultation from members of the Board of Presbytery (Board One - the ruling body of Christ Holy Sanctified Church), the presidents of the national auxiliaries, the executive director of the Board of Administration, and, of course, much prayer, it has been decided to postpone the Christ Holy Sanctified Church (CHSC) 2020 Holy Convocation, which was scheduled for July 26-31, 2020 in Beaumont, Texas. This was not an easy decision, but it was the right decision because the focus at this time must be on home and family. With so many variables, unknowns, and "opinions" with COVID-19 as of date, and with the effects this pandemic is having, it is difficult to justify convening a milestone celebration under these conditions.

While many tasks related to the planning of the 100th Year Holy Convocation are already completed, there are some time-sensitive items that might be diminished as a result of vendors not being open, the "Stay at Home" directives, and family life events that could be in effect for many weeks. But what are most important to me, as presiding bishop, are the people; you and me, our families, our pastors, our churches, congregations, and well-wishers.

Schools are closed, many are being or will be laid off, and many important life events (weddings, graduations, home-going celebrations, milestone birthday celebrations) cannot take place as a result of this pandemic. This is the reality all of us are facing and it will take time to return to normalcy. In addition, pastors and leaders must focus on the needs of their congregations and community and with the gathering restrictions, this is creating a strain on the financial resources of all ministries. Having a holy convocation, while all of us need to deal with life's priorities, would not be expedient, and I am not going to add to a very stressful situation.

The good news is that, with the help of the Lord, we can "fix" this. Please understand we are not canceling the 100th Year Holy Convocation Celebration; we are only "postponing it" until 2021, and postponing now will allow us to stay the course, reload, and continue preparations for 2021 because right now, we do not know the possible ramifications of planning travel, lodging, or what position restaurants, city government, and retailers in Beaumont might be in. Personally, I want to be able to enjoy eating in Beaumont's many fine restaurants versus ordering "to go." I want attendees to be able to fellowship without socially distancing themselves. Therefore, we will just "ride this out" for 2020 and be ready to praise God as we celebrate this milestone in 2021, the 100th Year Holy Convocation Celebration.

Finally, the Board of Presbytery (Board One), pastors, national officials, administrative personnel, and the general membership of Christ Holy Sanctified Church remain vigilant and prayerful as we endure as good soldiers. I believe that when we all get together in 2021, it will be a celebration like no other. And, let us continue to pray for our nation, the world, our communities, the medical professionals and first responders, our local, state, and federal governments and elected leaders, and for the body of Christ at large.

Because of Calvary,

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