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**All Assemblies
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Beloved in Christ,

"Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God" (Rom 13:1, ESV).

Following the directives announced by the President of the Republic of Ghana, H. E. Nana Addo Dankwa Akuffo-Addo, in his address to the nation on Sunday, March 15, 2020, the Executive Council of the church would like to direct full compliance with the given directives.

In furtherance to the previous circular, COP/CO/VOL.38/0113/20, dated March 13, 2020, the Executive Council hereby informs the church public as follows:

1. All church services including retreats, revivals, conferences, funerals and weddings be suspended for the next four (4) weeks.
2. All Church of Pentecost schools be closed till further notice.
3. The second part of the Apostolisation programme scheduled for Monday, March 16 to Sunday, March 22, 2020 has been cancelled.
4. The Royals and Politicians Conference scheduled for Monday, March 23 to Saturday, March 28, 2020 has been postponed. A new date will be announced later.
5. The 2020 Easter Convention which falls within the four-week ban announced by the President, has been cancelled.

2020 General Council Meeting

Due to the fast rate of infection of the Coronavirus in many nations of the world, especially, in those considered 'high risk' zones, and considering that many of our delegates would be coming from over 100 nations, the 2020 Council Meetings have been rescheduled as follows:-

- Executive Council Meeting: Monday, June 1 to Saturday, June 6, 2020;
- Heads meeting: Sunday, June 7 to Tuesday, June 9, 2020;
- General Council Meetings: Tuesday, June 9 to Saturday, June 13, 2020.

This is however, subject to the pandemic situation drastically improving or returning to normalcy, as the situation is being reviewed on a regular basis.

Interim reorganization of church activities

In order to sustain church life through prayer, fellowship and the dissemination of information relative to the pandemic during the interim period, while still maintaining the necessary social distance, the Executive Council further recommends the following:

1. Intensify intercessory prayers at individual and family levels;
2. Take daily personal and family devotions serious;
3. Area heads will arrange and lead ministers and their wives to meet **three** (3) times a week at zonal levels to pray, share fellowship and disseminate information;
4. Periodically organize family and friends meetings in their homes to pray and share fellowship;
5. Ensure that our church buildings are opened during the day to give access to individual members who may want to go there to pray and meditate;
6. In all meetings, let us keep to the safety and preventive measures announced in the last circular.

Use of electronic and social media

PENT TV

Leadership has decided to reorganize the activities and programmes on PENT TV to meet the spiritual needs of the members. Members are encouraged to patronise PENT TV and other social media platforms of the church.

Ministers, officers and the entire membership are encouraged to use the social media and other electronic means to reach out to one another. Where possible such programs should be run online.

In addition, the use of radio and other local information centers should be intensified.

Observing the Lord's Day (Sunday)

*"And let us consider **how** to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near" (Heb. 10:24-25, ESV).*

As exhorted by the above Scripture, we should find ways of spurring one another on in times like these. None of us should consider these times as a period to be lax in our Christian convictions and devotions. Rather, we should be encouraged by this scriptural admonition to, among other things, joyfully observe the Lord's Day

(Sundays) in meaningful and spiritual devotions amongst family, friends and neighbors in small numbers.

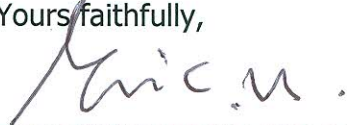
Fasting and Prayers

In the next four weeks, every Friday shall be dedicated for fasting and praying for the nation and the world against this pandemic at the individual level.

All ministers, officers and members must take note of the above and comply accordingly.

May the Lord be with you.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric N.", written over the typed name below.

ERIC NYAMEKYE (APS.)

CHAIRMAN