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To:

All Regional Supervisors
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All Shepherds/All Parishioners.

Memorandum # 05 – 2020 <u>COVID-19 Updates</u>

Dear Members of the Household of Christ,

The number of Coronavirus cases continues to grow at an alarming rate in various parts of USA and globally. Unfortunately, the number of fatalities is likewise rising high. Local governments and national/world health authorities have recommended avoidance of gatherings greater than 10 people. Others have asked their residents to just stay at home for 2-4 weeks. Schools, malls and restaurants remain closed to limit the spread of the virus and to keep people safe.

Due to the 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 partial or complete shut-down.

Please note that we cannot afford to be spiritually naïve, by putting God on trial or test. Coronavirus is a reality of serious deadly consequence – a single infected member can contaminate the entire congregation and bring the parish under the focus and total closure from the authorities. If you are embracing partial shut-down, no more than ten members can be allowed to carry out the Worship Service while others join them on- line. Please note that this is beyond the discretionary authority of any Shepherd. To ignore or play- down on this message is to compromise the safety of your members and put the name of the Church in jeopardy.

Parishes are encouraged to continue prayer groups and short services via teleconference lines. Due to the fluid nature of the situation, regular updates will be made continually as we remain prayerful for God's mercy over His people. Please avoid handshaking, hugging and body contacts. We shall all be kept safe and sound under the shadow of the Almighty, in Jesus name.

VSE Joseph O Olorunnisola Head of USA Diocese

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