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All Regional Supervisors
All States Supervisors
All Shepherds & All Parishioners

## **Memorandum #01 -2019**

Beloved and co-laborers in the Vineyard of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we are again welcomed into a new year. May the good Shepherd Himself make this year a Crown of peace, blessing and glory for all.

As we step into the new year we want to remind you of some highlights of the last Convention and some EXCO recent observations. The following critical issues should be addressed with all seriousness by the Parochial Comm. and the Shepherds. Please note that they are mandatory.

- 1) Ensure that the Insurance Policies over your home/church and contents are effectively in place. Make sure that adequate value is placed on your owned church building and the contents. If they have lapsed or non-existing, please take immediate step to rectify.
- 2) Ensure that your fire Extinguishers are serviced for the year and get them well positioned.
- 3) A Life Policy for the shepherd for at least \$15,000 \$50,000 shall be maintained by each Parish. (The Parochial Committee should note for immediate implementation). Members are also encouraged to maintain Life Policy it is a prudent thing to do.
- 4) Pastoral and Diocesan Returns for the last quarters ending December 2018 should be released.
- 5) Schedule of Payments by parishes and disbursement of same. We need a record of the parishes that are complying and those that are not for administrative processes.
- 6) The statistical form on number of members, birth, baptism, marriages, graduations, death & new parishes for 2018 must be received from the regional Secretaries on or before 01/15/19. Also the Harvest Roster for your region for 2019 must have been received now by the Secretariat for consolidation.
- 7) As resolved at last Convention, Worship Service on Sundays should not extend beyond 1.30 2.00 pm under any circumstance unless there is an unusual special celebration.

Announcement should not extend beyond 15 minutes while Sermons should be restricted to 45 - 50 minutes. The Choir is required to exercise restraint and maintain decorum. Services shall be in English and most of the Service songs shall be in English.

- 8) Youths of 18-33 years of age must be encouraged to participate in Services and Preaching. One Sunday every two months must be declared as Youths day.
- 9) Members of the special Diocesan Inspectorate Division Corps of Compliance officers will be out this year to ensure compliance to tenets and issuance of Citations. The division shall be at every regional level. We ask for the cooperation of all.
- 10) Regional Executive Council Meeting shall be held by every region monthly.
- 11) The Sanctuary of the Church shall not be allowed under any circumstance for use by any theater group for movie, drama or filming. It is a desecration of God's Holiness.
- 12) What goes into the world through the electronic media shall conform with the highest ecclesiastical and moral codes. Practices, behaviors, songs and dances that are likely to portray the Church as a Synagogue of Satan shall be strictly avoided. The media council shall keep a close watch and monitoring for violations and citations.
- 13) Magicians, fetish priests and prophets parading themselves as Ministers of God shall not be imported or allowed in any of the parishes of USA Diocese. They are an abomination.
- 14) Money spraying, chewing of gums and usage of telephone within the Sanctuary should, please, be strictly avoided in the Sanctuary as they constitute serious disrespect to God and grievous abuse to the sanctity of His Sanctuary.

Please read repeatedly at random to all members and implement.

Once again, we pray that the good Shepherd will have mercy and save us through the perils of this year.

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