

TO: Board of District Elders

Date: August 5, 2016

From: Suffragan Bishop Elect Spinks

The purpose of this memo is to introduce myself to all who may not know me and to open a dialogue between us.

My name is Vernon Spinks and I am from Raleigh, North Carolina. I am the pastor of [Praise Temple Apostolic Faith Church, Inc.](#), and presently serve as the assistant chairman for the [North Carolina District Council](#). In 1976, I was born again under the leadership of the late Pastor Marie D. Battle. After the demised of my former Pastor in 2001, I was installed as the pastor for Praise Temple. The Lord blessed me to plant a church in Fredericksburg, VA in 2004. It's named [Praise Temple Apostolic Faith church of Virginia](#) where I am the Senior Pastor and Elder Terrence Brown is the Pastor. During the PCAF's National Convention in 2006, I was ordained a District Elder. Since becoming a District Elder, I was very instrumental in uniting the churches in North Carolina and establishing the North Carolina District Council for our State. Prior to our State having its own Council, we were formerly with the Eastern and Southern States Council. I have been married to Evangelist Phillystine Cooper Spinks for 42 years and from our union we have six children.

I am honored and grateful that you have elected me to serve as your chairman. As many of you may already know, I was recently appointed at this year's National Convention (2016) by the Board of Bishop to the office of Suffragan Bishop Elect. I will, nevertheless, be able to serve as chairman until I am consecrated. Until such time, I am committed to serve and I am eager to accomplish as much as possible as your chairman.

Please join me in congratulating our newly elected Board of District Elders officers and our newly ordained District Elders.

Board of District Elder Officers

Suffragan Bishop Vernon Spinks – Chairman

District Elder Victor Trevino, Assistant Chairman

District Elder Donald Clay, Jr., - Secretary

District Elder James Denson, Assistant Secretary

District Elder Charles Thompson, Treasurer

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District Elder Frank Bass, Jr.

District Elder Roderick Jones

District Elder Dennis J. Shelton

District Elder Darrell L. Fairer

District Elder Duane Collins

District Elder Harrison W. Parker, Sr.

District Elder James D. Edwell

District Elder Donald Clay

District Elder Percy L. Camel

District Elder Charles Thompson

District Elder Anthony M. Moore

District Elder Samuel D. Watkins, Jr.

I anticipate that the skills, experience and the insight of these men will be an asset to this board and I look forward to serving with them.

I have launched this website for the District Elders in which I would like to have feedback from all of you. It is my hope that the website be a good tool used by all to stay informed. Until we have a chance to bring it before the Board to vote on, I have taken the responsibility to maintain it.

What a great convention we had in Detroit!!! Congratulation is extended to our newly elected Presiding Bishop, Bishop Lambert W. Gates and his cabinet. I am not sure what our assignment will be from our new Presider. However, he did give a synopsis of his plans for the future of our organization and this Board. He expressed that by the Midwinter meeting, he should have a full plan for us. I pray that you will be in attendance for that meeting. He stated that his theme is "*Kingdom,*" and he wants us to serve with *integrity, character, chemistry, and confidence.* Bishop Gates is asking for us to make him accountable, and he is requiring the same of us as District Elder. Within the next six months, he mentioned that it is his plan to visit as many Council as humanly possible. Let us continue to pray for him and make a commitment to be the best support to him on this Board.

It is important that we show our support by attending all conventions and when called be in attendance at Board meetings. If you cannot attend any meetings, please be sure to communicate. Let us make sure our credentials have been renewed and we are consistent in our 5% tithe

obligation. Often times, serving seems or appears to be a thankless job. Please remember that our Presider and Bishops have confidence in us which is shown by their recommendation of you to this Board.

I must say that I am excited about what I heard during the Convention and I look forward to serving in this great organization. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 919/413-6856 or vernospinks@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Suffragan Bishop Elect V.L. Spinks, Chairman

District Elder Board