

Rescinding the Emeritization Process and Continuing Service

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Notice and Context

Dear Bishop J. Drew Sheard and General Board,

This letter serves as my official notice to rescind the process of emeritization from my position as Jurisdictional Bishop of Texas North Central Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction. Although neither I nor my family have ever submitted an official request for emeritization, Bishop Sheard initiated the process based on a conversation that he and I had less than 3 months after I lost my wife of 63 years. I was grieving heavily at that time, and I was speaking to him from an extremely emotional state of mind. This situation has led to significant confusion and distress among members due to Presiding Bishop J. Drew Sheard's unlawful involvement in the affairs of my local church, Holy Tabernacle Church of God in Christ, which also functions as the State Headquarters of our Jurisdiction.

Impact on Church and Jurisdiction

As a result, many members are experiencing chaos and uncertainty. I am receiving numerous calls from Pastors, Elders, and members both within the Jurisdiction and beyond, seeking answers and expressing concerns.

Actions Taken and Concerns

At the direction of Bishop Sheard, the locks to my church and office doors have been changed, and I have been denied access to my office by his instruction to Holy Tabernacle management. After more than 55 years of devoted service to this church, I am deeply disheartened by the level of dishonor, disrespect, and disregard I am currently experiencing.

Commitment to Continue Service

Until these matters are resolved within the church and the Jurisdiction, I will continue in my role as Jurisdictional Bishop of Texas North Central Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction. As affirmed