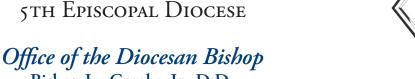


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## FACEBOOK ADVERTISEMENTS AND FLYERS BEING CIRCULATED IN AN IMPROPER MANNER UNDER THE BANNER OF THE NORTHERN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF THE PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES OF THE WORLD, INC.

Greetings, beloved of God, and to all the great ecclesiastical leadership and auxiliaries of this Fifth Episcopal District of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc. ("P.A.W., Inc."). My prayer and hope are that all is well with you in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

The reason for this email is of a cause that is prevalent among us, having been brought to my attention by the Diocesan Bishop and more so by the official Office of Protocol of the P.A.W., Inc.

There are those who are on Facebook and other platforms, advertising in a manner that is not conducive to the Northern District Council (N.D.C.) of which you are a member; the PAW, Inc.; nor to yourselves as ministers.

It is reported that you or some of you are using the P.A.W., Inc. and N.D.C. name (with or without its logo/ signet) in advertising your ministry in an improper manner. You CANNOT belittle the organization and this council while you are either licensed with the P.A.W., Inc. and/or possess fellowship certificates with the N.D.C.

You have been properly vetted and confirmed with an oath under the banner of the organization and that to uphold a standard and a holy representation of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Properly advertised flyers of yourself in ministry is an important one, but you CANNOT use the fact that you are licensed with the P.A.W., INC. or the N.D.C. as a SELF-PROMOTION PLATFORM. Remind yourselves of this scripture: John the Baptist said, "I MUST decrease and He MUST INCREASE..."

If we can't glorify Jesus in ministry by how we live and how we conduct ourselves, we are magnifying ourselves and not God. We are not to take that which is of God and misrepresent it. We are not to take that which is of the organization and do with it otherwise. This is one of major reasons why His name is blasphemed among the Gentiles.

I admonish the younger ministers that you must conduct yourselves as those who know your calling, place and what authority you have been placed under.

> "He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" – Micah 6:8

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Your focus is not to push and exalt yourselves through various social media platforms. It is important not to corrupt good manners, people, the organization, and truly the Lord Jesus Christ. If you have been called to preach the gospel, God will see to it that you are recognized and promoted in ways in which you can never do of yourself.

The Office of Compliance, with the Diocesan Bishop and the P.A.W., Inc., call these things to your attention so that you will not destroy nor defame anyone and as equally yourselves.

For ministers/officers holding official positions with the P.A.W., Inc. and/or state positions with the N.D.C (including the Western and Eastern Districts), you MUST include the P.A.W., Inc. or the N.D.C. logo in your advertisement as being dominant and not in any way diminished or omitted. In addition, there must be a picture of the Presiding Prelate at the top of your advertisement for P.A.W., Inc. programs/services and the Diocesan Bishop, in the same manner, for N.D.C. programs/services. The logo and pictures must not be jammed in the corner of your advertisement or too small to be seen. This is by order of the Office of Protocol of the P.A.W., Inc.

Therefore, as officers, you are to STOP with advertisements of yourselves on Facebook and other platforms, using your official positions as a means of what is not to be done otherwise. If you cannot comply, then you are to resign your position or you will be removed officially from your positions and from the use of your license with this organization.

If you have personal ministries, then, and then only, is it understood that you can advertise yourself in personal ministry, but not in the name of the N.D.C. or P.A.W., Inc.

When you advertise on behalf of the organization, then you are not to promote yourself. Your advertisement should be a promotion of the organization. Refrain from using clichés and wordings, and your official positions for self-purposes when using what belongs to the organization that you represent.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter, and may God bless you in all things pertaining to godliness.

In the Master's Service,

Suffragan Bishop Wilbert Reed, Jr. The Office of Compliance of the N.D.C of the P.A.W., Inc.