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To the distinguished, intelligent, gifted, dedicated, and committed members of Northern District Council,

I trust this letter of notification finds you and your families blessed and in good health even as your soul prospers (III John 1:2). I'm writing to inform all members of the Council including Suffragan Bishops, District Elders, Pastors, and Ministers that the Executive Bishop's Council (EBC) with the full Board of Bishops and after receiving a formal recommendation from the PAW Judiciary Committee has suspended former Presiding Bishop Charles H. Ellis III for a period of time to be determined. The PAW Judiciary and EBC has received the formal apology of Bishop Charles H. Ellis III regarding indiscretions and inappropriate interactions with a young lady who has been expressing herself in the court of public opinion. The Board of Bishops does not adjudicate matters of moral failure in the court of public opinion but in the confines of the sacred halls of jurisprudence of the church court. For clarification, said suspension pertains to the Board of Bishops and the 24^{4h} Episcopal District South Carolina State Council.

Our prayers are for Bishop Ellis, First Lady Crisette Ellis, the Ellis children, the Ellis family, the Greater Grace Temple institution, the complainant, the Pentecostal Assemblies of the Word, Inc., and finally the Body of Christ. We know the ministry of reconciliation is for us all (II Corinthians 5:18). We trust as victory is in repentance, restoration, and reconciliation these Apostolic principles will prevail and all involved will overcome. Thank you for your kind consideration of this notification. I remain the Master's Servant.

A Servant of Our Lord Jesus Christ,

Bishop Ira Combs, Jr., D.D.

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