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To the gifted, brilliant, intelligent, distinguished, fascinating, amazing, transformational, and ubiquitous Resident Bishops, Suffragan Bishops, District Elders, Pastors, and Lay Members of the Northern District Council:

Praise the Lord, and greetings in the matchless name of Jesus Christ.

I trust you and your families are doing well during this upcoming Easter season. Our prayers are that you prosper and be in health, even as your souls prosper (3 John 1:2).

This correspondence is to inform you that on Wednesday, March 4, 2026, during the PAW Midwinter Bishops Board Session, the Executive Bishops Council, together with the Executive Bishops, conducted formal restoration and reconciliation procedures for the return of Bishop Charles H. Ellis III to his position as a full bishop, and for his reinstatement to the South Carolina Diocese.

Bishop Ellis successfully completed the following steps of restoration:

1. Full acknowledgement and confession of moral failures, along with an honest request for forgiveness.
2. Suspension from all duties on the Executive Bishops Council, as well as suspension from functioning as a full bishop over the South Carolina Diocese, until he completed a term of counseling assigned by the Executive Bishops Council to the Presiding Bishop, the Honorable Bishop Theodore L. Brooks.
3. He submitted to and worked cooperatively with the terms of restoration under the supervision of Bishop Brooks, after which Bishop Brooks submitted a full report of Bishop Charles H. Ellis' compliance.
4. After presenting his report, Bishop Brooks made an unequivocal recommendation that Bishop Ellis be allowed to return to his responsibilities uninhibited.
5. The full board accepted the recommendation during an official board meeting. The vote was unanimous, a prayer of full restoration was offered for Bishop Ellis, and harmony and fellowship was restored.

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In conclusion, as the Diocesan Bishop of the Fifth Episcopal Diocese and the overseer of Bishop Charles H. Ellis in his service within the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, I respectfully request that everyone acknowledge that the matter concerning Bishop Ellis, along with all related accusations and charges, be regarded as things of the past, covered by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, fully forgiven, and he fully restored.

Furthermore, I request that there be no further discussion or conversation concerning this matter among our ranks. Those among us who are the recipients of New Testament salvation will understand and agree with this request.

The Scriptures remind us in 2 Corinthians 2:6–11:

“Sufficient to such a man is this punishment, which was inflicted of many; So that contrariwise ye ought rather to forgive him, and comfort him, lest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow. Wherefore I beseech you that ye would confirm your love toward him. For to this end also did I write, that I might know the proof of you, whether ye be obedient in all things. To whom ye forgive any thing, I forgive also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave it, for your sakes forgave I it in the person of Christ; Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.”

Always in the Master’s service,

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