



NORTHERN DISTRICT COUNCIL
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To the Beloved and Distinguished Members of the Northern District Council, including the Dedicated and Committed Bishops, Suffragan Bishops, District Elders, Pastors, and their Loving Wives:

The Northern District Council June Convention session has arrived, and we are preparing to enjoy this great fellowship as well as the preaching/teaching of the Holy Spirit through some of the P.A.W.'s finest men and women in Apostolic Christian ministry. David prophesied and declared in Psalm 87:6-7: *"6The LORD shall count, when he writeth up the people, that this man was born there. Selah. 7As well the singers as the players on instruments shall be there: all my springs (Holy Spirit and source of satisfaction) are in thee (Zion/Church)."* We anticipate that God will meet us in an abiding way and we shall glorify him in our service to him and one another.

Let us prepare our sacrificial giving to meet the required budgets of the Northern District Council and P.A.W. forthcoming 103rd Annual 2018 Summer Convention. It is essential that we be in attendance and fully participate at the level of giving necessary to fund our representation and the Convention. We implore all of God's leaders to kindly assist us with the following request on Friday evening in the service with the Honorable Bishop Horace E. Smith and choir:

Bishops	\$1,200	Pastors	\$150
Suffragan Bishops	\$750	Elders	\$100
District Elders	\$350	Auxiliary/Ministry Chairs	\$100

In addition, let us prepare for the forthcoming elections in Atlanta, Georgia. Many will be running from the floor. Bishop Horace E. Smith and I are aggressively attempting to secure the delegate documents due the Pastors in our Diocese. Thus far they are in the custody of Headquarters. When we are successful in securing their release, we will disburse the documents through the Office of Compliance. District Elder Wilbert Reed's office will sort, separate, organize, package, and disburse the delegates based on the P.A.W. Assessment Formula, "one delegate per \$500.00" in assessment contributions received per church. A brief explanation will be included in each Pastor's delegate envelope. Please follow the Holy Spirit's guidance in voting (Proverbs 3:5-6; Proverbs 18:18; Proverbs 16:33).

"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

If you are a qualified delegate, licensed or ordained minister, you are eligible to participate in voting at the Convention. All further questions will be addressed in the Council during Council Business Sessions.

In conclusion, let us congratulate Suffragan Bishop Wilbert Reed for his elevation to the office of Suffragan Bishop to be consecrated in the June Council. Let us pray for others among us slated to be elevated, both on the Eastside and Westside of the State. As the Diocesan Bishop, I have made the recommendations, and the process is in motion for those who have been notified. The board of Bishops will determine in the Atlanta Convention how to proceed. At that time when the aforementioned elevations have been consummated, we will make the announcements.

Let us all be patient and follow the words of Apostle James (5:7-9): *"⁷Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. ⁸Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. ⁹Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold the judge standeth before the door."*

A Servant of Our Lord Jesus Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bishop Ira Combs, Jr.".

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Diocesan-5th Episcopal District