



SECOND EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

James Levert Davis
Servant Bishop

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 22, 2020

TO: Second Episcopal District Pastor and Congregation

FROM: James Levert Davis, *Servant Bishop*


SUBJECT: **“THE PRESIDENT’S DIRECTIVE TO OPEN CHURCHES/EDIFICES ON SUNDAY”**

I implore you, the people of the church of Allen, to not be taken in by the directive of The President of the United States to open churches as early as Sunday. Please give yourselves time to methodically follow a deep cleansing of your churches that was presented and suggested by the Motir Group before returning to your buildings. Let us not be bamboozled and hoodwinked by someone who does not have our best interest at heart. If we allow that to happen, we might as well take the hydroxychloroquine medication as he is trying to make us believe he is doing and pump Clorox into our veins.

We agree wholeheartedly that churches are essential elements to our society in so many ways including the following ways:

1. Telling the truth and speaking truth to power when others lie;
2. Looking out for the health and welfare of our congregation who trust their leaders to do what is in the best interest of the people we serve;
3. Representing and showing accountability to a higher power who is as much concerned about souls of individuals as He is about the economic and social conditions that enslave them.

CDC statistics show that COVID-19 is affecting African Americans at exceptionally high rates and dying in greater proportion to our population numbers. We makeup 13% of the US population but account for 30% of the country’s COVID-19 patients. As we have stressed throughout this Coronavirus pandemic, take care of yourself, your family, your congregation, and the community.

Follow the guidelines from the health professionals, local and state officials as we continue to navigate through the uncharted waters of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Let us continue to pray for guidance and strength daily. Even in these troubled times, we can face the future with hope. As Christians with an unshakeable faith in Christ, we are victorious and can deal with all circumstances through Christ which strengthens us.

Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

Psalms 46:10