



BISHOP BRANDON B. PORTER GENERAL BOARD MEMBER CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Dear Pastor and Superintendents,

Greetings to each of you; it is my prayer that you and your family are well.

The General Board officially voted to request a new jurisdiction from TXSE 1st which will allow Bishop Johnny Tate and those of you who desire to work with him to operate. Subsequently, as you know, Pastor Destry Bell requested that the General Board allow him to apply for a jurisdiction as well. Bishop Blake, along with the General Board, has agreed to allow him to be screened in order to qualify for such.

I am sure you are being bombarded with calls and requests concerning what you should be doing and to whom your loyalty and support should be given. Polling will take place on Tuesday night, March 14, immediately after our worship service in Beaumont, Texas. You will have three (3) choices:

1. To remain in TXSE 1st and await the undetermined results of lawsuits and proposed trials of Bishop Kyle.
2. To align with Bishop Johnny Tate, as many of you did months ago, as your new leader in the newly requested jurisdiction by the General Board.
3. To align with Pastor Destry Bell as he seeks qualification for a second new jurisdiction to be formed from TXSE 1st.

Bishop Malcolm Coby, along with his staff from the Extension Committee, will be meeting these requests during our Workers' Conference Tuesday night in Beaumont. If you want to affirm where you and your local church would like to serve, please be present and make your request known at the appointed time.

It is my utmost desire, as I have expressed to the committee members and others, that none of these proceedings interrupt the sanctity of our Workers' Conference in any way! We want to see the glory of God as we come together nightly for spiritual direction and empowerment.

I look forward to our time of fellowship next week. Please note, I would like to personally address this matter with you Monday night in Beaumont. And because of its seriousness, if any of you would like to speak to me directly, feel free to call me at 901.484.3357.

We apologize for the short notice of these matters!

Humbly serving Christ,

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