LITURGY OF *Installation*

Officiant: The Honorable Bishop A. Glenn Brady, 1st Assistant Presiding Bishop, Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in His Presence, we have met here as a council to install and consecrate Bishop Gentry Richardson, Jr., as Diocesan of the 66th Episcopal District of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc., the Central California District Council. Inasmuch as this solemn act involves mutual obligations, I call upon each of you to unite in the spirit of Covenant Dedication.

I now call forward the Honorable Bishop Gentry Richardson, Jr.

Bishop Gentry Richardson, Jr., do you now before God and this Council reaffirm your ordination vows; Believing with all your heart that Jesus is the Christ, God in flesh, our Savior and soon coming King. And that the Holy Scriptures, as inspired of God through the Holy Spirit, contain God's plan and method of Salvation, which is the only way to be Born Again into the Body of Christ?

Bishop Richardson: Before God and this Council, I do so affirm.

Bishop Gentry Richardson, Jr., do you acknowledge before God and this Council, your affirmation as Bishop of the Central California District Council, that you have been called of God to this Office as Diocesan?

Bishop Richardson: Before God and this Council, I do so acknowledge.

Bishop Gentry Richardson, Jr., after due process according to the constitution and by-laws of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World. Inc., and in good Christian Order, you have been appointed and assigned as Bishop of the Central California District Council. Do you accept this responsibility, and believe it is the will and good pleasure of Almighty God?

Bishop Richardson: With my whole heart and mind, I do believe and given God's grace, accept this awesome responsibility.

(Charge to the Executive Board of the Central California District Council)

Do you acknowledge Bishop Gentry Richardson, Jr., as your Diocesan, and recommit and reaffirm yourselves to love and support him, being loyal to the vision that God gives him, and being faithful to carry out all the duties and responsibilities that he may assign to you?

Executive Board's Response: We do so commit by the help of the Lord.

(Charge to the Pastors of the Central California District Council)

Do you acknowledge Bishop Gentry Richardson, Jr., as your Bishop and recommit and reaffirm yourselves to love and support him, being loyal to the vision that God gives him, and being faithful to carry out all the duties and responsibilities of your offices?

Pastors Response: We do so commit by the help of the Lord.

(Charge to the Membership of the Central California District Council)

Do you accept with love and grace Bishop Gentry Richardson, Jr. and his wife, Lady Denise Richardson as Bishop and First Lady? Do you commit to them your love, loyalty, and support? Do you commit to pray for and defend them? Do you commit to join them in the work, committing your time, talents and treasure to their care and the work of the Lord in this Council?

Council Membership Response: We do so commit by the help of the Lord.

(Charge to Bishop Richardson)

Are you willing to accept all the responsibilities of the Bishopric: To diligently endeavor to teach, feed, care for, empower, serve, counsel, defend, rebuke, and exhort the people of God and all that the Lord will send to this 66th Episcopal District? Will you give faithful diligence to minister the two great sacraments of the church: namely, water baptism in the Name of Jesus Christ, and Holy Communion? And do you covenant to live a life that is circumspect and Holy, as an example before God's people, being diligent in prayer and in the study of the Word of God, loving and serving all the people, loving the Lord with all your heart, expanding the Kingdom of God and bringing glory and honor to His name?

Do you acknowledge that you are the designee of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc. and as such are committed to supporting it in all of its ministry objectives and projects?

Bishop Richardson: I will give my best to do so, the Lord being my help.

(Charge to the First Lady Denise Richardson)

Lady Denise Richardson, do you commit to standing beside and supporting your husband in the work of the Lord and in the care of God's people in their Episcopal District?

First Lady Richardson: I do so commit, the Lord being my help.

Do you commit to praying for your husband, that the Lord will order his steps and guide his movements as he goes among God's people to minister to their needs?

First Lady Richardson: I do so commit, the Lord being my help.

Do you commit to serving in the ministry, doing as the Lord God leads you to help build, maintain, and sustain the calling of God on this council and the people thereof?

First Lady Richardson: I do so commit, the Lord being my help.

Do you commit to being a role model for the members of the 66th Episcopal District? Do you commit to displaying Godly demeanor, always conscience that your actions are being watched, and the members of your council will view you as a role model and mentor as they see your service unto the Lord?

First Lady Richardson: I will do so, by the help of God.

Anointing of Oil, Prayer of Dedication & Laying on of Hands
Note: The 1st Assistant Presiding Bishop will call for the Chief Adjutant to bring the ceremonial oil.

(Presentation of Diocesan and First Lady)
Bishop Gentry and First Lady Denise Richardson, Jr.