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Bishop Nominee

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Vision

As I was going through the process of being considered as a nominee, God placed in my life highly respected elders of our church family to counsel and give me guidance, which has helped me. One wise counsel that has stood out was to “enjoy daily preparation.”

In my daily preparation, I decided to read through the Book of Discipline along with my devotional time of prayer, worship, and study. I believe as we focus on what God has next for us, we must water our roots in prayer and be well-versed in our history so as to continue to grow in God’s purpose of being “a transformational church” in our sound doctrine and historical perspectives. It would be beneficial as we move forward with “igniting a Spirit-fueled movement” to look with fresh eyes again at the purpose and character of the FMC and the Preamble of the Constitution of the FMC.

If I were called by God and confirmed by the church to serve as bishop, I know that together with the Board of Bishops who are elected, we would earnestly through prayer, seek and ask God to guide us in the direction He would have us lead His Church. I believe God would show us His will for our denomination when we obey His voice and are willing to do His will. Then we can watch God open the door, and we could humbly, boldly, and triumphantly go through it with the heart of God to love, train, develop, and disciple all people to serve in every level of leadership in the FMCUSA.

Personally, God has been speaking to and through me about raising up spiritual parents, mature leaders whose passion and purpose are to prepare global leaders who will be a bridge, which is designed to go both ways and would reach all ethnic groups cross-culturally. We would truly be a multicultural denomination with one voice and the mission of holy love. Our focus must be intentional, and we must speak not just to our fruitful servant leaders whose churches are multiplying. Every FM church that is faithful to their call is important and relevant in the place where God has called them, whether they are rural or urban. We are to encourage, empower, and equip every church with resources, training, and connecting with them by doing life together as an organic reformation movement.

Experience

- Pastor, Kingdom Cathedral Church Plant, San Bernardino, CA (2022–Present)
- Executive Pastor of Leadership Development, Chapel of Change, Paramount, CA (2020–2022)
- Senior Pastor, John Wesley FMC, Indianapolis, IN (2015–2020)
- Oversight, New Vision in the City, Washington, D.C. (2005–2015)
- Senior Pastor, New Vision Fellowship, Forestville, MD (2000–2015)
- Senior Pastor, Lighthouse FMC, St. Louis, MO (1993–2000)
- Assistant Pastor, Lighthouse FMC, St. Louis, MO (1991–1993)
- Youth Pastor, Prayer of Faith World Outreach, Oklahoma City, OK (1988–1991)
- Associate Minister, Southwest Community Church of God, Oklahoma City, OK (1986–1988)

Education

- Ordination courses, Greenville and Spring Arbor Universities
- Ministry courses, Mid-America Christian University
- Bible courses, Teen Challenge Training Center

Family

Wife: Rev. Estelle Martin
Two daughters, one granddaughter,
three grandsons