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To the Reese Family and the Members of Bethesda Cathedral,

Grace, mercy, and peace be unto you from God our Father.

On behalf of the Georgia State Council of the 30th Episcopal District of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc., we extend our deepest and most heartfelt sympathy to the Reese family and the entire Bethesda church family in the transition of your beloved leader, shepherd, father, grandfather, mentor, and friend, Bishop Stewart Reese, Jr., D.Min.

The passing of Bishop Reese leaves a profound void not only within Bethesda Cathedral, but throughout the Georgia State Council and the Atlanta ecclesiastical community at large. His life was a living testimony of unwavering faith, steadfast leadership, and sacrificial service unto the Kingdom of God. For many years, Bishop Reese faithfully labored within this Council with dignity, wisdom, and spiritual integrity, helping to strengthen ministries, encourage pastors, mentor leaders, and advance the mission of the church.

We also honor and remember the extraordinary legacy that Bishop Reese and his beloved late wife, Lady Navoria Reese, established together. Their lives reflected a powerful partnership in ministry, marked by compassion, excellence, outreach, and unwavering devotion to God's people. Together they impacted families, strengthened communities, and built a ministry legacy that will continue to inspire generations to come.

While our hearts are heavy with grief, we rejoice in knowing that Bishop Reese has now received his eternal reward. The scripture reminds us in II Timothy 4:7-8, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." Indeed, Bishop Reese fought faithfully, served honorably, and finished victoriously.

To the Reese family, we pray that God will strengthen and sustain you during this season of sorrow. May His comforting presence surround you and give you peace that surpasses all understanding. To the members of Bethesda Cathedral, may the legacy, teachings, and example of your beloved Bishop continue to guide and encourage you in the days ahead.

Please know that the prayers and love of the Georgia State Council family are with you continually. We stand with you in this hour of bereavement and celebrate a life that was truly poured out in service to God and His people.

With sympathy and prayers,

Bishop J.D. Guthrie

Diocesan, Georgia State Council