

Letter of Counsel of Proposed Leadership Changes

1 June 2025

To members and friends of Community of Christ:

I am grateful to the church for your support since January 2024 as I prepared for the possibility of leading the church as prophet-president. As part of discerning and planning for the church's future, I prayerfully considered the needs of the leading quorums if my call were approved. In response to the leadings of the Spirit and in deep gratitude for the clarity that came, I shared pastoral letters with the church on 1 September 2024 and 29 January 2025. These letters are provided in the 2025 World Conference Legislative Booklet. They express who chose to be released from the leading quorums and whom I anticipated calling into the leading quorums pending approval of my call. Now that I have been ordained, it is appropriate to officially present the calls you have been prayerfully considering. Since the details of those being released and my testimony about each call were shared in the pastoral letters, this letter of counsel will provide only a brief presentation of the calls.

- 1. **In humble reverence** for the way God works, I share these calls and ask for your support of these capable, gifted, and called ministers and leaders. It is my testimony that the calls are sacred, discerned through the depths of my heart, guided by the gentle movement of the Holy Spirit.
- 2. To complete the reorganization of the Quorum of the First Presidency, **Bunda C. Chibwe** and **Janné C. Grover** are called to serve as counselors to the president. The First Presidency is called to empower and support the prophetic voice of the church as we listen to the Holy Spirit, live Christ's mission in ways appropriate for local contexts, and help make God's vision a perceptible reality for the world where we live and serve.
- 3. To lead the church in embracing and expressing God's blessings, **Mareva Arnaud Tchong** is called to serve as the presiding evangelist. The Order of Evangelists is called to fan the flames of spiritual awakening in a Pentecost experience for this day and time.
- 4. As special witnesses of Jesus Christ, Matthew J. Frizzell, Kathleen E. Hnatyshyn, Shannon J. McAdam, Adam R. Wade, Carrie L. Welch, and Joey S. Williams are called to serve as apostles of Christ's peace and members of the Council of Twelve Apostles. Each brings important talents and fresh perspectives that will complete and magnify the ministry of those who will continue to serve in the Council of Twelve. Alongside the Presidents of Seventy and with renewed energy and passion, the Council of Twelve is called to guide the church in living Christ's mission in a manner relevant in

local contexts and faithful to the identity of the church as ordained by God. Through their collaborative leadership, the church's response to mission will grow through practicing communities that foster Christ-inspired invitation, hospitality, disciple formation, respectful dialogue, consent building, compassionate ministry, and action where Christ's peace is experienced in tangible, restorative ways.

- 5. To lead the Quorum of High Priests, **Jennifer L. Killpack** is called to serve as president in addition to her full-time role as director of Communications for Community of Christ International Headquarters. The Quorum of High Priests is called to guide and encourage the church to prophetically imagine God's preferred future and then courageously and faithfully lead the way in creating that future.
- 6. With gratitude for the continued ministry of the **Presiding Bishopric**, the church is encouraged to listen and follow as we learn to embody creative abundance as an attitude for navigating an uncertain future with certainty—not in the outcome, but in the abundance of God's love, grace, and generosity.

With a sense of peace in the guidance of the Holy Spirit and unwavering confidence in the delegates of the 2025 World Conference, I place these calls in your faithful hands.

Onward!

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