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Team IYD East Region:

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! We pray that each of you are prospering in the favor of God as we prepare to celebrate the power of His resurrection.

What can we say about the 21st Annual IYD East Region Youth Rally and Explosion in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania? It was absolutely FIRE! The presence of God met us in every single service/session and for this we give God the praise, glory and honor!

We must take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to the Episcopacy of the IYD East Region. We fully understand the gravity of having your prayers, support and consent in making efforts like these come to pass. Therefore, we are grateful and appreciate your guidance, wisdom and covering. We would like to especially thank our hosts Bishop Ernest C. Morris and Bishop J. Louis Felton for opening the doors to the beautiful Mt. Airy Church of God in Christ Campus. It was also a pleasure to have your presence in our worship. We enjoyed our stay at Mt. Airy and pray that you enjoyed our presence as well. A special thank you to Bishop

William McMillan, our National Security Task Force Commissioner who facilitated the Ministry of Giving for us on Host State Night. It was also a privilege to have in our midst Bishop Vernon I. Prioleau, Bishop Tyrone McCombs and Bishop Guy Glimp who each came in to check in on us personally.

There were also several other of our East Regional Episcopacy who were unable to attend but ensured that their presence and support were felt in the pursuit of an impactful weekend for our youth. We appreciate the prayers and support of our resident General Board Member, Bishop Ted G. Thomas, Sr., Bishop Kevin E. Knight, Sr., Bishop Tyrone L. Butler and Bishop Anthony Gilyard. The East Region has some of the greatest Bishops in the Church of God in Christ! We also pause to salute Mother Winifred Morris, First Lady Felton and Supervisor Myrick. Thank you for being there.

We are eternally grateful for the God sent leadership He has provided to the International Youth Department of the Church of God in Christ! We honor and celebrate our International Youth Department President, Dr. Benjamin Stephens, III. Thank you Dr. Stephens for your trust in our ability to serve. We are even more grateful for how you allowed God to use you to encourage us to reach beyond our borders because "We are Exceptions to the Rule!". We also honor and esteem our International Chairlady, The Giant Slayer herself, Evangelist Joyce L. Rodgers. Thank you Chairlady Rodgers! We appreciate your consistent encouragement, love and support. Your message, "I'm Covered", was just what we needed to seal the seed that God planted in the youth of the IYD East Region during the course of the entire weekend. We could not ask for better leadership.

It has been our honor to serve alongside some of the greatest people in the world! Our IYD East Region Chairlady, Evangelist Renee Adams is a jewel. Chairlady Adams I appreciate all of your efforts in assisting us with bringing vision to pass. Your support and leadership are invaluable. To Senior Vice President Gilbert S. White and Vice President Jamel Stewart. We appreciate all you have done in helping us to prepare. Your presence was missed and we are praying for you both. To Assistant Chairlady Paulette Fowlkes, we thank you for your rallying spirit. You are one of the greatest orators that I know.



To Vice President Will Hatcher and Assistant East Region Chairlady Toni May-Jervey, you guys along with the entire Pennsylvania Host State Team have absolutely outdone yourselves. From the inception of the process during the Summit in October 2018 throughout the end of Rally 2019 you guys have displayed nothing but excellence. It goes without saying, this would not have been possible without the dedication and commitment of Team Pennsylvania. We celebrate all of the Pennsylvania Chairladies, Presidents and Workers! Congratulations on a job well done. Moreover, I especially want to welcome and thank Pastor Brian Jackson, Chairlady Liz Jones and Deacon David Screven for coming on board!

I also want to extend special thanks and accolades to the leadership team and staff of the Mt. Airy Church of God in Christ. We want to thank everyone that served in any capacity. You gave the East Region nothing but quality service. From Security, Food Service, Audio/Visual, Ushers, Greeters, Maintenance and Members; we thank you! I would like to especially acknowledge Deacon Shawn Merke, Deacon Walter Kimble, Lady Kim Patton, Sister Valerie Brown, Lady Kim West and Brother Daniel Mays. You guys are a phenomenal team!

To our Regional Administrator, Lady Latisha Dorsey, you did an absolutely phenomenal job putting the pieces to the puzzle together to make this weekend a tremendous success. We celebrate you and the gift that God has given you. To Lady Veronica Williams, Elder Jovan Custis, Elder Xavier Edwards, Pastor Brandon Allen, Pastor Melvin Gould, Lady Sonya Williams, Lady Kala West, Evangelist Mayshun James and Pastor Kevin Gore; the logistics and operations could not have run more smoothly. Thank you all for your time and service during the rally. Thank you Elder Tracy Pope for serving as our Security Coordinator. As usual, you have done a tremendous job. We certainly appreciate you.

To the entire Music Ministry Team; Lady Aimeee Van Zandt-Waters, Elder Michael Hunt, Brother Reuben Thomas, Brother Donnell Williams, Brother Gary Davis and Brother Anthony Turner, the music ministry was amazing! Thank you to those who participated in the IYD East Region Youth Choir. Great Job! To Elder James Lamb and the East Region Praise and Worship Team, you guys were FIRE! "My soul says yes; my soul still says yes!!!" Thank you so much! I want to also give a special thank you to Elder Andrew Tingle who assisted us in securing the artist for this year's Rally Concert. Andrew you are a tremendous friend and brother. Thank you!

A special thank you to Dr. Walter Davis, III who serves as our East Region Program Committee Chairman. The program this year was outstanding. I do apologize for having to pre-empt your surprise for me on Saturday Night. Thank you for thinking of me. However, due to time constraints and our guests strict travel schedule I had to make the decision to omit. Nevertheless, we thank everyone who participated in the program to make each and every service a success. We also appreciate you Lady JoAnn White, Lady Christina Summerville and the entire Rally Registration Team. Thank you for your tireless efforts in completing the hundreds of registration packages that were to be distributed in such a swift and timely manner. We are grateful for your service.

This year we were delighted to offer over 18 different empowerment sessions during the course of a 5-hour day. I don't think our schedule has ever caused for so much in such a short span of time. I had the chance to get around to at least five of the sessions that were offered. Each one of them were packed and jammed to capacity. You could literally see the spiritual growth and development of the participants as well as those who facilitated. There were times of healing, deliverance and breakthrough in just about every session. Everywhere I turned, I heard enthusiasm and excitement with regard to the outpour that took place in the

