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FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, APOSTOLIC PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF PICKERING

Greetings to our APC Family,

Between August 14, 2021 and November 7, 2021, former members of our congregation published a series of videos on YouTube making several statements about the Apostolic Pentecostal Church of Pickering ("APC") and Reverend Audley Castro ("Rev. Castro").

The statements contain serious allegations of moral wrongdoing which could undermine both Reverend Castro's leadership and APC's reputation in the community. The Board of APC takes these allegations very seriously and an investigation is underway to ascertain whether there is any factual basis to the statements. At this point, the Board has no knowledge of any truth to the allegations.

As you are aware, Rev. Castro is a noble and respected person in our church and broader social community, and has spent his life following the Bible's teachings to build a positive and trustworthy reputation centred on love, truth and integrity before God. With the help of his family and committed church body, Rev. Castro has effectively grown the church to be a vibrant centre of worship in the City of Pickering where all are welcome to be inspired, grow through Jesus Christ and experience a genuine sense of belonging. Throughout 28 years of faithful ministry, it has become evident that Rev. Castro's servant leadership and his authentic relationship with others bear the fruit of the spirit, namely: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance (Galatians 5:22-23).

The Board will continue to support Rev. Castro and his family throughout the period of the investigation. We ask that you do the same. We further request that you join us in praying for Rev. Castro and his family, as well as for our APC family, as we continue to work together in unity to advance the kingdom of heaven.

We choose to regard this as an opportunity to practice what our Lord, Jesus Christ, says about love and forgiveness:

"But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust." (Matthew 5:44-45 KJV).

Sincerely,

The Board of APC