



## **PRESS RELEASE, December 2, 2021**

### **FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, APOSTOLIC PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF PICKERING**

Greetings to our APC Family,

On November 23, 2021, we issued an initial press release as a public response to the allegations brought against Apostolic Pentecostal Church of Pickering (“APC”) and Reverend Audley Castro (“Rev. Castro”). This second press release is a follow-up to provide you with an update regarding these serious allegations.

Between August and November 2021, former members of our congregation published a series of videos on YouTube alleging immoral and wrongful conduct by APC and Rev. Castro.

All of the allegations with respect to Rev. Castro and APC have been determined to be both factually untrue and unfounded. The accusations have been unsubstantiated, and all appear to be entirely devoid of merit that were made with intention to damage and undermine the integrity, character and operations of APC ministries and Rev. Castro. It has also come to light that the publisher of these statements has made the same allegations against others within the last six months. At this time, the Board is seeking legal counsel about the best path forward.

We previously highlighted the many qualities that Rev. Castro has developed throughout 28 faithful years of ministry and community leadership in the City of Pickering and Durham community regionwide. We acknowledge and appreciate these same exemplary qualities displayed by Rev. Castro while he withstood public scrutiny in the face of false allegations that contradict the tenants of his faith.

While it has been a challenging time for our church, we have grown stronger and are better, together, in our love for one another, and in our faith in Jesus Christ, our high priest, discerner of truth, and greatest advocate.

Rev. Castro and his family continue to have our abiding love and support. We urge you to continue to join us in prayer as we labour alongside one another for the gospel.

Sincerely,

The Board of APC