



Patriarch's Council Statement

18,19,20 June 2019



Council Attendees

Abp Craig Bates

Bp Yuhanna Prakash

Bp Joshua Koyo

Abp Ricardo Alcaraz

Bp Elmer Belmonte

Bp Charles Sekelwa

Bp Douglas Kessler

Bp Michael Davidson

Fr Jim House

Guests

Bp Lilly

The Patriarch's Council met from 18-20 June 2019, at the Cathedral Church of the Intercessor, in Malverne, NY.

Prayer: During prayer, we receive that this is a time of refreshing, and also, that we are not to look back at former things Isaiah 43:18-19

18 "Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old. 19 Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it?"

Archbishop in Kenya: The Kenyan House of Bishops has been able to send their representative to the Patriarch's Council for two years. The Patriarch has tasked the Kenyan House of Bishops to nominate a Bishop of Kenya to be the first Archbishop of Kenya.

Doctorates: Recommended Saint Michaels seminary to award the following bishops honorary Saint Michaels Doctorates: Joshua Koyo, Charles Sekelwa, Ricardo Alcaraz.

What does it mean to be a CEC Church? At the present time the Patriarch's Council affirmed that a CEC church has a Spirit of Unity, Consensus, Councils that hear from God, churches that live in convergence, liturgically consistent with the bishop, who in turn is consistent with the Primate and Patriarch, tithing, obedient to canons.

Canons: First proposed canon update to include mandatory retirement at age 75, with options to extend when approved by the Primate was accepted. Second proposed canon allows Patriarch to appoint a rector of his Cathedral.

Brazil: We regret we announce that the Bishops of Brazil have resigned as ICCEC bishops. We are unclear as to the reason and we are hoping for reconciliation.

Sursum Corda: Encourage the people and clergy to sign up for the email newsletter and submit news articles for the newsletter. <https://www.iccec.org/sursum-corda-sign-up/>



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Reports on the State of the church: Reports on the current status of the International Church were presented, with a discussion of the future as well as reports from all other Territories.

CEC for Life: Fr Terry sent a report on the recent activities of CEC for Life.

Next Meeting: The next Patriarch's Council will be at the Cathedral Church of the Intercessor, Malverne, NY, on 16-18 June 2020.



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Signed 20 June 2019

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