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Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to navigate this unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic. The MSFEJ Pandemic Task Force is constantly monitoring this very fluid situation. It is unusually complex with many rapidly moving parts and new information is being released daily. Therefore, because we want to provide assistance to our members, I am announcing the MSFEJ Food Security Program. The Program will provide gift cards to purchase food for those who have been impacted by the Coronavirus during the next three weeks, or until the Shelter in Place order is lifted by the Governor.

Saints, we do not want any of our members to be hungry! We have members in our Jurisdiction who have lost their jobs or have been furloughed without pay. According to the gospel of Mathew, we must be careful of how we treat each other, especially those who are having difficult times. *"For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."* (Matthew 25: 35-40).

Moreover, let us assist each other whenever we can. I have asked the Jurisdictional Urban Initiatives Department to spearhead this program. Therefore, if you have been laid off or furloughed as a result of COVID -19 and need assistance, please send an email containing your name, address, and telephone number to info@weareonecogic.com. Your name and information will be kept strictly confidential.

Also, there may be some persons in the Jurisdiction who would like to assist me in establishing the MSFEJ Food Security Program. If so, please send your check or money order to Mississippi Southern First Jurisdiction, P. O. Box 2508, Jackson, MS 39207 (*in the memo line put Food Security Program*) or you may donate below. Your names will be listed as supporters on our newly developed jurisdictional website. Please know that no amount is too small to give.

These are unparalleled times for all of us. COVID-19 has impacted us in ways no one could have ever imagined. Thank you in advance for your continued prayers and support of this worthwhile project.

Serving to bring glory to my Father,

Bishop Daniel Littleton

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