

## Pentecostal Assemblies of the West Indies

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## Dear fellow credential worker,

As pointed out in my 2016 general conference report, the fellowship continues to face many challenges, one of which is its inability to adequately finance its operations at the highest level. In the absence of a consensus on reviewing the way the fellowship is financed; we have and continue to implement several ad-hoc measures to satisfy some immediate financial needs. Considering the global economic decline, I do understand and appreciate the efforts made by your district to faithfully respond to our several calls for financial support, in times when the financial burdens were insurmountable.

Our ongoing financial dilemma has inarguably impacted our ability to advance the fellowship in many regards. As Leader, it is difficult to ignore such impediment. As such, at the last General Executive meeting in October 2016 the Bishops agreed that we should continue to encourage all our credentialed workers to give the \$50.00 a month or \$600.00 annually to the International Office. I MUST HASTEN TO MENTION THAT WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN CONSISTENT IN REMITTING THEIR CONTRIBUTION and we urge you to continue. This \$50.00 coming to the office monthly would assist us to more effectively manage the affairs of the International Office. The following are the a few areas of concern that would be addressed:

- 1. Improving on our communication to the fellowship by using more modern approaches.
- 2. Increasing the stipend to our church ministries departmental leaders who presently are very poorly remunerated and who we are unable to provide the resources to assist them in fulfilling their functions.
- 3. Providing on-going training for the leadership so that we would be more poised to address the challenges that faces our organization.

It is my hope that with increased awareness and appreciation across the fellowship for the role and function of the International Office, initiatives like this will continue to strengthen the fellowship and its work.

May God continue to bless your efforts as together we expand the kingdom of God. We await your favourable response.

