



EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN SIERRA LEONE (ELCSL)
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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Bishop Erik K. J. Gronberg
Northern Texas- Northern Louisiana Synod of the
Evangelical Lutheran church in America.

Dear Bishop,

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

My Sisters and Brothers, on behalf of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sierra Leone I would like to offer my deepest condolences for the lives lost in this pandemic. I want to share with you my profound respect for all that you are doing under such terrible and almost impossible circumstances.

Your courage and patience, hard work and empathy, knowledge and wisdom are not only hope for saving your great nation, but also the rest of the world as well.

This is not fight for your future alone. It is a fight for all our future.

The coronavirus threatens all of us today. Are we ready, willing and capable of having a shared future or shall we have no future at all?

The new coronavirus does not care about our faith, our borders, our norms and rules, our economic or political disputes. All of us wherever we are, are confronted with this deadly threat. This is not the first but it could be one of the last viruses threatening humanity.

Viruses like this one are not only a common threat, but also an opportunity to come together in the fight with shared leadership, shared values, shared security, shared responsibility, shared benefits and a shared vision for a shared future.

I believe that one day, soon, our struggle with the pandemic will be another building block for a community with a shared future for humanity.

Determination driven by the force of shared future in dignity and prosperity for all, is the reason why I believe that better days are ahead.

I believe that we all can make the right choices for our shared future to ensure the brighter days to come.

In closing, I salute you, with the wise words of a poet:

“Never think that you are kneeling or standing alone, rather think that the whole of the Church are standing there beside you and you are standing among them in a common, united petition which God cannot disdain. There we can find God the Creator, God the Redeemer, God the Holy Spirit, that is, God who daily sanctifies us.”

Thanks for your blessings

Yours in Christ



+Rev. Moses K. Momoh

Bishop

(Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith... (Heb 12:1-2))

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