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**To: ALL NATIONAL OFFICERS
ALL REGIONAL SUPERVISORS
ALL STATES SUPERVISORS
ALL SHEPHERDS
ALL PARISHIONERS**

Dear brethren in the Lord,

RE: END OF YEAR MESSAGE

Yet another year, 2012, has come to an end without bringing an end to misery, global famine, drought, natural disaster and particularly regional wars that have continued to gulp lives of young and old all over the world. The Arab spring, Somalia, Congo, Ivory Coast, Israel/Palestine, Afghan, Iraq, and particularly Syria where at least 44,340 had been killed. It is evident that if the world fails to bring an end to wars, Wars will bring an end to the world. Indeed, the war of Armageddon.

The global economic climate also continues to take a plunge, growing even more bleakish. And back home in the USA with the un-employment rate stagnating around 9%, mortgage foreclosures proving negatively recalcitrant and public debt breaking through the roof – it is clear that this world is in trouble that is beyond human redemption. Even as this nation was decorating roads, trees, and homes with star lights, flowers, and ornaments in preparation for the Christmas, the country was again suddenly plunged into mourning with 20 innocent kids of 6-10 and four adults gruesomely murdered at Sandy Hook School, Newtown CT to close the chapter of 2012 on a sorrowful note. May the good Lord console all the affected families.

Both natural and man-created disasters costing the world \$140 billion as compared with \$265 billion of 2011, have continued without mitigation to landscape the corridor of time with strange screaming and warning about the imminent end of the church age that is very much around the corner.

All these difficult signs and the hurried movements of celestial beings in the sky, are certainly signs of end-time, Rapture, to place the body of Christ on red alert.

Windows above are opened and the earth beneath is violently broken releasing avalanche of disturbing signs never before experienced. Both the earth and firmament are no longer at ease. An eager or frightened anticipation of God's return should keep every Christian living productively and righteously. You are warned!!!!

The outgoing year, like it's predecessor, is leaving a blast of misfortune with a number of countries, corporate bodies, churches, homes, and individuals. Celestial Church of Christ has not been exempted: with the loss of three shepherds, two shepherds wives, and two other members all over the diocese. Church and personal properties of substantial value were also lost through the Sandy hurricane blast in New York State. It is our sincere prayer that all the families affected by these dark and gloomy moments will be comforted by God and restored. We, however, believe that adversity is a bridge to a deeper relationship with God.

Despite all these unfortunate incidents, we still give thanks and profound gratitude to God for his awesome mercy, love, and grace over the church, families, and individuals. New babies were dedicated, new college graduations were celebrated, new homes, cars, jobs, and promotions were experienced. The balance sheet of the

church and her members present a picture of positive net worth and greater achievements even beyond that of last year. It is also to the glory of God to observe that throughout the Celestial Church world, USA diocese has continued to provide the lead in terms of structure, sound administration, and compliance to the church doctrines. The harvest season this year was marked all over the diocese with new impetus, greater and richer fraternity of love, peace, and oneness of spirit without any reported misfortunes as we flew and drove from one coast to the other. It was a glorious sacrifice of faithfulness and righteousness to the awesome God of the Universe. Except for a few pockets of resistance there was largely no ungodly money spraying and other acts of carnality. The flag for the harvest season was brought down on a record of resounding success and overwhelming blessing. By His grace, we shall all celebrate many more in joy and good health in the land of the living. Amen.

As we prepare to move into the very brand new white Vessel of Celestial in year 2013 under His grace, let us make every effort to withdraw from every act of ungodliness, immorality, and un-doctrinal acts that are impairing the image of the church, and preventing us from receiving the best from the Treasury of God. Let us do away completely from money spraying in the Sanctuaries of God, deceptive merchandising of the spirit and grace of God, drunkenness, pleating our sultanas, coming to the church naked in transparent materials, using decorative loins, excessive make-up and ornamentation, living on questionable sources of income and creation of disaffection within the body of Christ through gossips, in-fighting and abuses which have continued to send our members out. However, on the balance of probabilities and judgment, 2012 has been a more peaceful, stable and successful year.

At Christmas, we had the perfect gift of God, the Father Almighty – the gift of a Savior for the redemption of mankind from eternal condemnation and doom of everlasting hell fire. Christmas is, therefore, the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the giver of life, the author of Salvation, the only source of enduring joy, and peace. Christmas, is a celebration of the birth of Peace, birth of divine love and birth of the joy of eternal Salvation. It is the celebration of the awesome love of God the Father who gave His only Son for our redemption.

As usual we are taking advantage of this wonderful Season to express our most profound thanks and appreciation for the wonderful support, understanding and genuine cooperation that have been extended by all parishioners, officers, and shepherds to both the states, regional, diocesan, and pastoral administrations of this great church during the outgoing year 2012. We are sincerely appreciative of your spiritual, financial, and moral support to the states, regional, and diocesan administrations, but more importantly, to your unflinching faith in Celestial Church of Christ as the end-time Vessel of Salvation. May the good God of reciprocity keep you and give you peace, bless you and prosper your works, and may He grant you the joy of eternal salvation. We are, profoundly grateful.

Perhaps we should remind you once again that at Christmas you are required by the Scripture to appear before the Lord with your thanks-offering in appreciation of His awesome grace, love and mercy unto your household. None should appear before Him empty handed He warns. Also remember as a true heir to the Kingdom of God to provide friendly gifts that are truly reflective of divine love, peace and hope to someone in your family, among your relatives, in your neighborhood and in your church. Let the less fortunate, the handicapped, the orphans, widows and the laborers in the Vineyard know that you care, and so store up treasures for yourselves in heaven.

More importantly, however, kindly pause and reflect on your past and make a sincere atonement to those that you have offended, forgive and forget the sins of those who have offended you, repent and renew your vow unto the Lord that you will henceforth be a source of peace and joy to your neighbors, a fountain of peace and progress to the church and a yielding vessel for the promotion of God's Kingdom. This is the most rewarding resolution for the new year. Remember that obedience is the key to the heart of God. Do His will and keep His commandments so that your security and blessing may be established from above. As we celebrate the gifts of joy during this season let us also remember to pray for quick restitution for all those who have been devastated in one way or the other during the outgoing year. May the in-coming year 2013 be a year of full restoration of joy to them all.

On behalf of the Pastor and Spiritual Head of the Church, Pastor Emmanuel M Oshoffa, the Board of Trustees, the Pastor -in-Council and the Diocese of USA, the Council wishes all members a merry Christmas and a joyous 2013. And unto Him who has made it possible for us to see the year end be the glory, honor, power and dominion forever.
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, CCC, DIOCESE OF USA. DEC. 12, 2012.