## Kingdom Empowerment Nation Alliance of Churches Inc.

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Welcome Letter

Dear Esteemed Leader,

Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

I am honored and deeply grateful that you have taken the time to connect with the Kingdom Empowerment Nation Alliance of Churches (K.E.N.A.O.C.). Your presence and willingness to join this movement and endeavor in Christ as we work together to build His Kingdom is truly a blessing.

My heartfelt prayer for you and your ministry is rooted in the assurance that the Lord, who has begun a great work in you, will bring it to a successful manifestation and completion in every area of your life and ministry. May the God of all peace grant you strength, clarity, and ease as you walk boldly in your calling.

As we gather for times of fellowship, pastors' huddles, and our various conferences and initiatives, I believe that God will establish this alliance as a beacon of His love and grace. Specifically, I see this Great Alliance becoming an explosive and powerful demonstration of God's transformative power. Together, we will strengthen and strategically position every leader for the next level of ministry in Christ. Thank you for choosing to be part of this great move of God. I am looking forward to partnering with you as we take the Gospel to the world. Through Him and for Him, we can accomplish all things! Remember, teamwork makes the dream work.

Once again, welcome, and thank you for joining us in this extraordinary mission.

In His Service,

Bishop Kyle Lamar Ricks

Presiding Prelate
Kingdom Empowerment Nation Alliance of Churches

#### **Biography of Bishop Kyle Lamar Ricks**

**Bishop Kyle Lamar Ricks** is a passionate and anointed leader whose commitment to advancing the Kingdom of God has been evident throughout his life and ministry. Born on December 23, 1989, to Lucrecia Lynn Ricks in Detroit, Michigan, Bishop Ricks was raised in a nurturing environment with strong values instilled by his uncle, grandmother, and great-grandfather. He grew up in a household where faith, hard work, and perseverance were modeled daily. He has four siblings, two brothers, and two sisters, and shares a deep bond with his family.

Bishop Ricks received his education in the Detroit Public Schools system, graduating from Clintondale High School in Clinton Township in June of 2009. His academic journey continued with dual enrollment at Wayne County

Community College and Wayne State University, where he balanced his studies with a growing passion for ministry.

Bishop Ricks accepted his call to ministry at an early age and preached his first sermon on November 18, 2004, under the leadership of Bishop Thomas Johnson of Immanuel House of Prayer in Detroit. The sermon, entitled "Oh Taste and See That Obedience Is Better Than Sacrifice" (Psalm 34:8, 1 Samuel 15:22), marked the beginning of a lifelong commitment to spreading the gospel.

He later transitioned from Immanuel House of Prayer to serve at Genesis Faith Pentecostal House of Prayer under Apostle Eric Leggs Sr., where he grew up in leadership and service, becoming a youth leader, Sunday school teacher, and praise team member. His ministry journey continued as he moved to Greater Whole Truth Temple under the leadership of Overseer Robert L. Shackleford Sr. in 2009, where he was licensed and ordained, taking on additional roles as Sunday school teacher and event coordinator.

In 2012, Bishop Ricks was led to join Capernaum Christian Ministries, where he served as Vice President of the Ministerial Alliance and President of the Men's Ministry, under the mentorship of Bishop Clennon and Pastor Tracee Lee. It was during this time that God began to speak clearly to him about Jehovah Reigns International Christian Church. By January 2014, after prayerful consideration and guidance from Bishop Lee, Bishop Ricks transitioned to Dominion Covenant Fellowship of Churches International, where he was officially installed as lead pastor of Jehovah Reigns International Christian Church.

Pastor Ricks' ministry faced several challenges, including personal health battles and the passing of his spiritual father, Apostle Eric Leggs. Yet, he remained steadfast, pressing forward in faith and continuing to preach and teach the Word of God. In 2019, after a period of recovery and reflection, God gave him a new vision and led him to birth *Kingdom Lives Restored Christian Ministries on March 6, 2019*. Through numerous challenges and trials, Bishop Ricks and his church have remained faithful, and through powerful events like the Live Out Loud Movement and Family Matters Weekend, he has ministered to restore families and communities.

In 2021, Bishop Ricks was elevated to the sacred office of Overseer by Bishop Derrick Robinson after completing intensive training and impartation from the late Bishop Raymond Allen Johnson. As Overseer, he served in several key roles, including District Overseer of the Northwest District of Michigan and Vice

Chairman of the House of Overseers under the leadership of Bishop Derrick D. Robinson.

However, in October 2023, after much prayer and guidance, Bishop Ricks felt the Lord leading him to resign from Kingdom Destiny Fellowship International in peace, looking ahead to the future God had prepared for him. With great anticipation, he now moves forward in faith, embracing the call to fulfill his mission in Christ. His powerful message to the world remains clear: "There is Another Way. Do not die in Joppa (the place of disobedience). There is a new way, and that way is Jesus Christ."

On August 24, 2024, Bishop Ricks joyfully married the love of his life, Yalanda P. Ricks, who he affectionately calls his "sweet caramel." Together, they are the proud pastors of The Family Worship Center Church in Dayton, Ohio, with plans to plant a new church in Houston, Texas. Bishop Kyle Lamar Ricks was consecrated to the office of Bishop on November 8, 2024, by the hand of Presiding Prelate Bishop Corey Hubbard, alongside the Board of Bishops for the Kingdom Priesthood Fellowship of Churches.

Bishop Ricks' life and ministry are centered around his unwavering belief that he is God's man of faith and power. His vision for the Kingdom is to preach the message of hope, healing, and restoration, bringing all people back to the Kingdom of God.

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Strengthening those Who remain as We seek First the Kingdom of God, and all these things will be added unto us.

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<u>Mission Statement</u>: \_Kingdom Empowerment Nation Alliance of Churches Inc. (K.E.N.A.O.C)

Kingdom Empowerment Nation Alliance of Churches, Inc.'s mission is to strengthen and equip the local church to create a global impact by advancing the Kingdom of God. Through fervent prayer, dynamic fellowship gatherings, strategic financial planning, and community building, we commit to empowering churches to thrive while upholding the principles of holiness and righteousness. Anchored in the truth of Matthew 6:33, we seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, trusting that all things will be added unto us as we align with His divine purpose. Together, we are transforming lives, building communities, and glorifying God across the nations.

<u>Vision Statement Kingdom</u> Empowerment Nation Alliance of Churches Inc. (K.E.N.A.O.C.):

"Empowering the local church to ignite a global impact, Kingdom Empowerment Nation Alliance of Churches Inc. envisions building and cultivating leaders in their God-given assignments. By producing great leaders, we will establish great churches; great churches will strengthen communities; and strong communities will form a great nation, all for the glory of God."

At Kingdom Empowerment Nation Alliance of Churches Inc. (K.E.N.A.O.C), our mission is to strengthen the local church to achieve a global impact by embodying the principles of Matthew 6:33: "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." We are dedicated to equipping churches and ministries with spiritual, financial, and structural resources that honor God's holiness and foster unity within the body of Christ. By emphasizing prayer, fellowship gatherings, financial planning, and holistic church-building strategies, K.E.N.A.O.C strives to empower leaders and congregations to advance the Kingdom of God both locally and globally.

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Seeking God First: A Holy Standard

Our foundation is rooted in the pursuit of God's Kingdom and righteousness. We believe that aligning with God's will is the cornerstone for effective ministry and life transformation. This principle drives every aspect of K.E.N.A.O. C's mission, ensuring that our work reflects God's holiness, integrity, and purpose. By maintaining this focus, we inspire churches to be lights in their communities, reflecting the glory of God and influencing the world for Christ.

#### **Prayer: The Powerhouse of Ministry**

Prayer is central to our mission, serving as the spiritual engine that fuels every initiative. K.E.N.A.O.C fosters a culture of prayer within its network, encouraging leaders and members to seek God's guidance and strength through consistent, fervent prayer. By hosting intercessory prayer gatherings, workshops, and prayer chains, we aim to cultivate a spiritual atmosphere where the Holy Spirit moves freely, empowering churches to fulfill their divine assignments.

#### Fellowship Gatherings: Building Unity in the Body

Recognizing the power of connection, K.E.N.A.O.C organizes fellowship gatherings that unite churches under the banner of Kingdom purpose. These events provide opportunities for pastors, leaders, and congregants to share experiences, wisdom, and resources. Through conferences, summits, and local meetups, we foster genuine relationships that reflect the unity Christ prayed for in John 17:21. Our gatherings are designed to inspire, equip, and unify the body of Christ, enabling local churches to collaborate for greater global impact.

#### Financial Planning: Stewardship for Kingdom Growth

K.E.N.A.O.C is committed to promoting sound financial stewardship as a vital component of Kingdom advancement. We provide training and resources to help churches develop sustainable financial practices, including budgeting, fundraising, and wealth creation. Our goal is to equip ministries with the tools they need to operate effectively, support their communities, and expand their reach. By fostering economic empowerment, we enable churches to focus on their mission while maintaining financial health and independence.

#### Building the Church: A Holistic Approach

Our mission extends to building and strengthening churches both spiritually and structurally. K.E.N.A.O.C offers comprehensive support in leadership development,

administrative organization, and strategic planning. We believe that a well-structured church is better equipped to serve its members and community. Our integrated approach ensures that churches can thrive as beacons of hope, offering spiritual nourishment, social support, and community transformation.

#### Global Impact: From Local to Global

While our focus begins at the local level, K.E.N.A.O.C envisions a ripple effect that extends to the global stage. By empowering local churches, we aim to raise up leaders and ministries that influence nations with the message of Christ. Our initiatives are designed to prepare churches to engage in international missions, cultural exchanges, and global outreach efforts. Through this vision, we affirm our commitment to the **Great Commission, making disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19-20).** 

#### Core Values: The Pillars of Our Mission

- 1. Holiness: Upholding God's standard in all we do.
- 2. Integrity: Operating with transparency and accountability.
- 3. Unity: Building bridges among churches and ministries.
- 4. Excellence: Striving for the highest quality in ministry and service.
- 5. Empowerment: Equipping leaders and congregations for impactful ministry.

#### **Commitment to Matthew 6:33**

At the heart of K.E.N.A.O. C's mission is the commitment to "seek first the kingdom of God." This verse is not just a guiding principle; it is the driving force behind our vision, strategies, and actions. By prioritizing God's Kingdom and righteousness, we trust that all necessary resources and opportunities will be provided to fulfill our mission. This promise fuels our confidence and propels our efforts to strengthen churches and expand their impact.

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#### The Call to Action

K.E.N.A.O.C invites pastors, leaders, and churches to join us in this divine mission. Together, we can build a network of empowered ministries that shine as a unified light in a world in need of hope. Through prayer, fellowship, financial stewardship, and strategic church-building, we will see the local church rise to its full potential and make a lasting impact on the global stage.

#### Conclusion

Kingdom Empowerment Nation Alliance of Churches Inc. is more than an organization; it is a movement dedicated to glorifying God by strengthening His Church. As we align with Matthew 6:33, we believe in the transformative power of the local church to shape communities, nations, and the world. By seeking God's Kingdom first, we ensure that every step of our journey reflects His purpose, bringing eternal impact to the lives we touch.

### <u>Operational Guidelines for the Vision of Kingdom Empowerment Nation</u> Alliance of Churches (K.E.N.A.O.C.)

#### 1. Empowering Leaders for Local and Global Impact

- Provide consistent training, mentorship, and development opportunities for leaders to grow spiritually, educationally, economically, culturally, and ethnically.
- Establish leadership programs that emphasize biblical principles, excellence, and innovation in pastoral leadership.
- Create platforms for local pastors to network, share resources, and collaborate on ministry initiatives that enhance the effectiveness of the local church.

#### 2. Motivating Pastors and Laity to Pursue the Vision

 Host workshops and conferences aimed at aligning pastors and their congregations with the vision of K.E.N.A.O.C.

- Develop tools and resources to help pastors articulate and implement their local church's vision effectively.
- Encourage active participation in K.E.N.A.O.C. initiatives by demonstrating the tangible benefits of collective efforts in ministry success.

#### 3. Apostolic Collaboration and Resource Sharing

- Facilitate resource-sharing platforms among district pastors to promote unity and collective problem-solving.
- Develop district-level committees to identify and address shared challenges and opportunities, fostering constructive collaboration across the alliance.
- Collaborate on major ministry projects, such as community outreach programs, church-building campaigns, and evangelism efforts.
- The Covenant Partnership for being a part of the Kingdom Empowerment Nation Alliance of Churches requires that each church sow a 10% tithe of their monthly income to the Alliance. This contribution is a vital part of our shared mission and growth, enabling the Alliance to support and strengthen the collective efforts of all member churches. Through this covenant, we unite in faith and resources, ensuring that our ministries thrive together for the advancement of God's kingdom.

#### 4. National Headquarters as a Resource Hub

- Establish a centralized clearinghouse for information, resources, and training materials accessible to all member churches.
- Maintain a digital library of sermons, leadership guides, curriculum, and administrative tools for local church use.
- Offer administrative support to local pastors, including guidance on church structure, compliance, and organizational development.

#### 5. Modeling Excellence in Fellowship

- Develop and implement systems, strategies, and solutions that address the unique needs of local pastors and churches.
- Create operational benchmarks for member churches to measure growth and effectiveness in fulfilling the Great Commission.
- Encourage accountability and transparency in all fellowship activities, fostering trust and collaboration.

#### 6. Hosting Relevant Gatherings

- Organize annual state and district rallies, pastor's huddles, leadership meetings, and fellowship services to inspire and equip leaders.
- Schedule regular opportunities for pastors and leaders to receive spiritual refreshment and renewal.
- Use these gatherings as a platform to introduce new initiatives, celebrate successes, and foster unity within the alliance.

#### 7. Supporting "Mini-Churches" for "Mega-Church" Success

- Develop scalable strategies that allow smaller churches to achieve significant impact within their communities.
- Focus on equal commitments rather than equal contributions, ensuring every church feels valued and supported regardless of size.
- Provide mentorship and access to resources that enable smaller churches to grow sustainably.

#### 8. Refining Biblical Doctrine through Training

- Conduct regular doctrinal training sessions for pastors and ministerial staff, focusing on biblical truths and theological soundness.
- Emphasize Matthew 6:33 in all teaching: "Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."
- Encourage pastors to prioritize strengthening their local churches as a foundation for making a global impact.

#### 9. Strengthening the Local Church for Global Impact

- Equip pastors with tools to cultivate spiritually vibrant, financially stable, and socially impactful congregations.
- Emphasize the connection between local church health and global mission success, reinforcing the vision of K.E.N.A.O.C.
- Celebrate and publicize the achievements of local churches to inspire others and foster a sense of shared purpose.

These operational guidelines are designed to embody the vision of K.E.N.A.O.C., fostering excellence, collaboration, and empowerment among leaders and churches, ensuring that the alliance remains a beacon of hope and a model for the Body of Christ worldwide.

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#### Times of Gathering collectively

1. Annual Nation Holy Convocation (March)

A Time of Renewal, Unity, and Kingdom Advancement
The Annual Holy Convocation is the cornerstone gathering of K.E.N.A.O.C.,
where leaders, pastors, and laity come together to celebrate God's faithfulness.
This sacred assembly is a time of spiritual renewal, powerful worship, impactful
teachings, and unity as we align our vision and efforts to advance the Kingdom of
God.

2. The NOW Conference (No Ordinary Worship) (JULY)

A Transformative Encounter with God Through Worship and Word
The NOW Conference is a dynamic gathering focused on experiencing the power
of "No Ordinary Worship." This conference inspires participants to elevate their
worship, deepen their relationship with God, and ignite a fresh fire for ministry
through anointed music, preaching, and personal encounters with His presence.

3. The Outpour Summit (October)

Lord, Rain on Us: A Call for Revival and Empowerment
The Outpour Summit is a Spirit-filled gathering designed to prepare hearts and
minds for a fresh move of God. Through workshops, teachings, and nightly
worship services, participants are equipped to receive and operate in the power
of the Holy Spirit, empowering them for effective ministry and global impact.

- 4. Annual Leadership Summit (January)
- : Empowering Leaders for Kingdom Impact

  Description: A gathering of pastors, ministers, and church leaders from all regions, designed to strengthen leadership skills and inspire a deeper commitment to the Great Commission. Sessions will focus on spiritual growth, leadership development, and practical ministry tools, equipping leaders to better serve their communities and fulfill God's calling.

#### 5. Annual Women's Empowerment Gathering

#### **Theme: Empowered for Purpose**

Description: A gathering for women leaders and ministry workers, designed to inspire and equip women to step into their God-given roles in leadership and service. With workshops, testimonies, and ministry opportunities, this event focuses on strengthening the role of women in ministry and community transformation.

#### 6. Youth Leadership Conference (August)

Theme: Raising a Generation of Kingdom Leaders

Description: A conference focused on equipping the next generation of leaders, ages 13-25, to lead with faith, integrity, and purpose. Workshops, discussions, and activities will center on personal development, leadership skills, and how to navigate life and ministry as a young leader in the Kingdom.

#### 7. Annual Global Missions Rally

#### Theme: Go Ye into All the World

Description: A rally focused on missions and outreach, uniting pastors, and leaders to engage in both local and global ministry efforts. This gathering aims to foster a passion for missions, raise awareness for international initiatives, and mobilize resources to send and support those who are answering the call to the nations.

#### 8. Kingdom Alpha & Omega Conference (December)

Theme: A Year of Kingdom Expansion

Description: An annual event where all K.E.N.A.O.C. churches are encouraged to come together one weekend on the last weekend of the year to share their vision for the upcoming year. These unified services will include messages from the leadership, powerful worship, and testimonies from churches across the alliance, all with a focus on the Kingdom's advancement

Each of these gatherings plays a vital role in strengthening leaders, churches, and communities while fostering a deeper connection to the vision of K.E.N.A.O.C. and the Great Commission.