Dear Eastern Star Church family,

As followers of Christ, our faith continues to be tested in the midst of unprecedented challenges around the world and in our own communities. Since the first COVID-19 virus outbreak was reported in 2019 and as we approach the end of 2021, more than 4 million people—including 815,000 Americans—have lost their lives to the disease. And, despite racial justice protests by millions of people, police shootings haven’t declined. Hundreds of civilians, most of them black and brown people, are still being killed by the very people sworn to protect them. Inflation is hitting our wallets. And, here in America, we seem to be more divided than ever.

Yes, it can be challenging to stay faithful when faced with events most of us have never witnessed in our lifetimes. It’s during this time that God is calling on us to fully recommit our lives to Christ. Join me, Lady Sharon and the rest of our Eastern Star Church staff and family as we come together for a **Spiritual Reset** in 2022.

God Bless!

Senior Pastor Jeffrey A. Johnson, Sr.

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### Why are we focusing on a Spiritual Reset in 2022?

As led by the Spirit of God, we are positioning ourselves for a Spiritual Reset after enduring experiencing painful loss after loss within a short period of time. During this challenging season, many of us have experienced a...

- loss of employment
- loss of money
- loss of savings
- loss of housing
- loss of health
- loss of lives

Unfortunately, these overwhelming losses have led many of us to experience a loss of faith, causing us to waver in our confidence in Christ, His church, His causes, and His Kingdom. This bleak reality demands a Spiritual Reset—an extremely vital time to recommit our lives to Christ. — Hebrews 12:1-3 NIV

### What is the purpose of a Spiritual Reset?

We are embracing this Spiritual Reset so that we can build a strong spiritual life that grounds us—no matter what challenges come our way. In the same way that physical losses can negatively impact a person’s faith and spirituality, a Spiritual Reset can positively impact that person in the physical realm. By building ourselves up spiritually with God’s word and promises, we are equipped to positively influence the way we deal with life and its challenges in the physical realm. — Philippians 4:11-13 NIV

### How do we have a Spiritual Reset?

God guides us on how to experience a Spiritual Reset through His Word. The following are some scriptures that show us how to...

- Develop the right relationship with Jesus Christ by faith. — Ephesians 2:8-9 NIV
- Be filled with God’s Holy Spirit. — Ephesians 5:18 NIV
- Study, submit, and share scriptures. — Psalm 1:2 NIV
- Honor the Sabbath and keep it holy. — Exodus 20:8 NIV
- Reconnect with other members of the body of Christ. — Ephesians 4:11-13 NIV

We must have passionate intentionality when it comes to our spirituality in all these areas. “Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.” — 2 Timothy 2:15 NIV

### How will a Spiritual Reset help us?

God promises us that the bountiful and benevolent benefits of reconnecting with Him include strength, power, endurance, peace, knowledge, and justice. These are only a few. The many benefits of connecting with the presence of God, our heavenly Father, are endless. — Ephesians 3:20 NIV

### What are your hopes as we complete this Spiritual Reset in 2022?

As we seek a Spiritual Reset in 2022, we will see next level living in every area of our lives by the end of the year. That includes spiritually, personally, socially, financially, psychologically, and emotionally. — Romans 8:32 NIV

### How are you and Lady Sharon personally preparing for your 2022 Spiritual Reset?

As Lady Sharon and I prepare for our Spiritual Reset, we plan on fully embracing our love for Christ, His church, and our community. We will continue to use the community of faith—the church—where the Holy Spirit has provided the diversity of spiritual gifts to edify and build each other up. We plan to be more of a blessing to the body of Christ and open ourselves to being blessed by the body of Christ. — Mark 9:30-31 NIV

### How can we prepare our kids for this Spiritual Reset?

Our young children will be abundantly blessed by our spiritual redevelopment as we...

- Model this spiritual reset before our children
- Message this spiritual reset to our children (teach it, preach it, explain it, testify to it)
- Minister this spiritual reset to our children (love, pray, serve, demonstrate, read scripture)

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 NIV