Clergy Endorsement for Mansfield City Councilman Third Ward Candidate for 2021 General Election

Knowing righteousness exalteth a nation, (Proverbs 14:34), it is vitally important persons of integrity should be chosen to serve in elected positions. Exodus 18:21 says, "Moreover, thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear GOD, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them to be rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens. "

With that being said, it is our role as overseers over our congregations and community to 'shepherd the sheep.' While our congregations may not be located inside the Mansfield Third Ward, Proverbs 3:27 says "withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it."

Based on a Biblical worldview, our strong conviction as fifty (50) clergymen is that <u>Reverend</u> <u>El Akuchie (R)</u> will best serve as Third Ward Councilman for the City of Mansfield in the upcoming November 2nd, 2021 General Election.

Our personal endorsement of Reverend El is based on the following public record as s clergymen demonstrating that he is a strong proponent of faith, family, and freedom:

Support for the sanctity of life (1) Advocacy of biological gender and traditional marriage (2) Resistance to human trafficking (3) Advocacy of religious freedom (4) Support of local law enforcement (5) Resistance to divisive social justice (6) Support for the prohibition of illicit drugs (7)

According to Proverbs 29:2, "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice, but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn." Therefore, we remind all citizens of their duty to vote and make sure they are registered to vote prior to the October 4th 2021 deadline. For more information regarding voter registration and viewing sample ballots, please go to: <u>https://www.richlandcountyoh.gov/departments/public_administration/board_of_elections/i_ndex.php</u>

The following fifty (50) local clergy formally announce their support of **Reverend El Akuchie as the next Mansfield Third Ward City Councilman:**

Pastor Russ Smith **Pastor Rich Hurles** Elder Henry Bradley Pastor Doug Tackett Bishop Anthony Cooper Pastor Dink Porter Pastor Mark Wireman Pastor Randy Raynes **Pastor Brian Phillips Pastor Eric Byrom** Pastor David Guild Pastor Robert O'Brian Pastor Floyd Allen **Pastor Jason Price Elder James DeWeese** Rabbi William Hallbrook Pastor Clyde Kerby Pastor Dan Baer Pastor David Ferrell

Pastor James Marshall, **Pastor Chad Hayes** Pastor Clarence Sanderfer **Pastor Clint Ziegler** Pastor Paul Lintern Pastor Bruce Copley Pastor Art Kennard Pastor Don Wilson Pastor Ben Gregg Pastors Les & Grace Farley **Pastor Glen Phillips Bishop Sylvester Ginn Pastor James Spencer Pastor Joe Smith** Pastor Tim George

Pastor Mark Dettmer Pastor J.C. Church Pastor Russell Stanford **Pastor Christopher Thomas** Pastor John Bouquet Pastor Earl Eiklor Pastor Aaron Rose Pastor Robert Kurtz Pastor Dallas Waggle **Pastor Terry Garrett** Pastor Mark Meyer Pastor Louis Blevins **Pastor Kevin Evans** Pastor Steve Baldridge **Pastor Ferlie Yates Pastor Steve Schag**

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