



# THE REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD

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Through: The Office of the PICP Province 5  
The Office of PICZ Alberta Zone 3

From: Pastor David Oladeji (RCCG – Dominion Restoration Chapel, Airdrie AB)

Date: January 21, 2026.

Dear sirs:

## **HUMBLE APPEAL FOR CONSIDERATION ON REMITTANCE COMPLIANCE AS A PREREQUISITE FOR ORDINATION**

Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

With profound respect and submission to our leadership structure, I write to humbly request a compassionate reconsideration of the current practice in the RCCG America Continent Two (Canada Mission) that uses parish remittance compliance as a determining measure for approving brethren recommended for ordination.

This plea is not a challenge or disregard to authority, but a respectful call for dialogue and consideration - bringing to light and context the unique realities of our area of services, especially in the greater Calgary area and, more precisely, in the City of Airdrie.

**Scriptural Basis for My Appeal – With respect, I am not presuming to instruct you on matters of faith. Rather, the following biblical references are cited solely to support the foundation of my appeal.**

Throughout Scripture, the Lord models leadership that listens, considers circumstances, and makes room for compassion in judgment.

- Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord (Isaiah 1:18).
- Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful (Luke 6:36).
- For he knoweth our frame; he remembered that we are dust (Psalm 103:14).
- To the Pharisees... who omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith (Matthew 23:23).
- For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not (2 Corinthians 8:12).
- Every man according as he purposed in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity (2 Corint. 9:7).

From my understanding of these Scripture, leaders are encouraged to balance the word of God and doctrine with mercy and policy consideration with pastoral sensitivity. As such, I respectfully request a reconsideration that acknowledges both the intent and challenges of parishes still committed to remittance but faced with financial challenges borne out of high operating costs and recognizing the realities involved in church administration.)

## **STEWARDSHIP REALITIES: KEEPING THE CHURCH OPEN TO ALL VS. THE NECESSITY OF REMITTANCE**

Our parish wholeheartedly supports and embraces remittance (with our rate currently set at 20%, since after 2 years of operation without any relief till-date) as part of our covenant responsibility and commitment to RCCG global mission objective. At the same time, we recognized God has called us to manage our house of worship responsibly and carefully, ensuring it stays open and accessible to all followers of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ and the broader community we serve, welcoming all without exception:

- “Let all things be done decently and in order” (1 Corinthians 14:40).
- “Moreover, it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful” (1 Corinthians 4:2).
- “Which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost...” (Luke 14:28).



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As responsible steward we prioritise our monthly lease or rent payments and essential utilities to prevent eviction, service interruptions, loss of members, disconnection, and potential reputational harm to RCCG-ACT (in particular, Canada mission) over remittance. We believe that this approach best preserves the mission's reputation, supports the continuity of its objectives, and sustains our community outreach programs.

## THE PECULIARITY OF CITY OF AIRDRIE & ITS CHALLENGE: DISPROPORTIONATE COSTS AND SCARCE FACILITIES

Most parishes in the greater Calgary area face facility constraints; in Airdrie, the challenge is more acute. There are extremely few (sometimes zero) church-suitable facilities available to own; permissible leased spaces are scarce, small, and costly. Unlike in Calgary, we have fewer to no community halls for service.

### As an illustration:

- For example, two zonal headquarters in Calgary with facilities **greater than 5,000 sq. ft. each pay between \$5,000 and \$5,500 per month** in rent or mortgage.
- By comparison, our parish in Airdrie **pays approximately \$4,000 per month for just 1,000 sq. ft.**, with the additional burden of condominium fees, rental insurance, electricity, gas, and miscellaneous operational costs bringing the total to **about \$5,500 monthly**.

In effect, we pay nearly the same total amount for about one fifth the space capacity. This constraint has limited our growth capacity for some time. For the greater part of our existence as a parish, we have had to cover the rent and other needs of the church from our credit line and personal income – while we strive to remain compliant with progress reports and remittance until recently where we could no longer sustain paying the remittance after all other expenses has been made. Where possible, we make remittances as funds becomes available.

## CONSTRUCTION & RENOVATION BURDEN AND UNFULFILLED REMITTANCE RELIEF REQUEST BY NATIONAL

Upon the establishment of the Canada Mission Operation under RCCG The Americas, **the RCCG-ACT Continental Overseer (CO), Pastor Femi Olawale - then serving as Deputy Continental Overseer of RCCG The Americas—announced during a meeting with all parish pastors in Canada on March 14, 2022, that parishes involved in major facility renovation or remodeling projects (for properties either purchased or on long-term lease) were eligible to apply for up to one year of remittance relief.** The initiative was designed to facilitate recovery following substantial financial expenditure and it was broadly regarded as helpful. We applauded and welcome it as positive step in the right direction.

During our parish's transition from its previous hotel venue to the currently leased facility, significant reconstruction and remodeling efforts were required to comply with church specifications. These activities included obtaining multiple municipal permits (covering development, electrical, plumbing, fire-rated wall installations, etc.), and construction / remodeling the bare space amounting to ~ \$40,000 in costs. Note, over 65% of these expenses were personally covered by my family, without seeking full reimbursement from the parish or requesting tax receipts.

**We submitted an appeal on Saturday, October 1, 2022, requesting remittance relief to alleviate the financial burden on our expanding church, especially as income from tithes and offerings was insufficient to support ongoing operations.** To the best of my knowledge, the appeal did not advance beyond the zonal office, **and I was advised that it would not be considered. This outcome was unexpected given the public assurances and overall commitment demonstrated by our senior leadership.** We accepted the decision and continued to support the parish's needs as circumstances allowed, though this has placed a considerable strain on my personal finances.

Meanwhile, we are aware that at least two or more parishes received such relief. **Despite this, we continued to fulfill our responsibilities and honor the 20% remittance requirement, even as other parishes, with greater resources and capacity, were granted extended relief, in some cases remitting 10% even at the provincial headquarters.** This suggests inconsistent application of policy.



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I mention these circumstances not for accusatory purpose, but rather **to advocate for equity, fairness, and consistency ("without respect of persons," James 2:1; Acts 10:34)** in the implementation of church policies. As one family in Christ, **it is essential that double standards are avoided. "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good... to do justly, and to love mercy..." (Micah 6:8).**

## ORDINATION - A SPIRITUAL TRUST AND CHARACTER VS. FINANCIAL CAPACITY

We pursued ordination for our nominees that we have worked with and consider be **faithful, committed, devoted, and steadfast**. As it may be common to many parishes, only a handful of members pays tithe regularly and majority will give out of what they can afford: \$5-\$20 offerings in most cases, which cannot sustain church operating costs. Nonetheless, one that premise, we cannot equally at parish level withhold our spiritual obligation and responsibility to the church - God's people because some do not pay tithe or give offering. **In Scripture, ordination criteria emphasize character, calling, and spiritual maturity** - not so on financial capacity:

"Look ye out... men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom" (Acts 6:3).

"A bishop then must be blameless... sober... of good behaviour..." (1 Timothy 3:1-13).

"For the overseer must be blameless... not greedy of filthy lucre; but hospitable, a lover of good..." (Titus 1:5-9).

## MY HUMBLE SUBMISSION AND REQUEST

I respectfully submit that making parish remittance compliance a strict criterion for ordination may conflate financial performance with spiritual qualification. **While stewardship and accountability are undoubtedly important, scriptural precedent does not establish remittance or tithing as prerequisites for ordination or commission or for baptism, consecration or salvation.**

Therefore, I wish to humbly appeal that this requirement be reconsidered, so as not to impede individuals who have diligently served Christ and fulfill the scriptural requirement for consecration, commission, and divine ordination. **By the grace of God I believe and embrace tithing and all nominees from our parish do pay their tithes and give generously to the best of their ability** to the course of the mission work.

Given these considerations, I respectfully request that the leadership of RCCG-ACT **reconsider the existing policy so that remittance compliance does not become a sole disqualifying criterion for ordination approval**. Just as tithing or giving does not determine eligibility for baptism, salvation, preaching, christening, marriage, or funeral services for our parishioners, remittance compliance should likewise not be used to qualify candidates for ordination. The church can employ alternative methods to encourage compliance without linking it to ordination.

### This request is based on:

- *Financial pressures parishes sometime face beyond the parish's control*
- *Responsible stewardship practices*
- *Consistent commitment and service to God, His church and the RCCG mission*
- *And the biblical principle that leadership should assess not only the letter but also the spirit behind actions and challenges parish goes **through (2 Corinthians 8:12 – "For if there be first a willing mind...").***
- *Mortgage, Lease and operating expenses should take priority to maintain the dignity, continuity, and public integrity of the RCCG mission in every region we are serving. **As our Lord Jesus Christ taught: "Which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost..." (Luke 14:28).***

We have counted the cost. We have borne the burden. We continue to stand faithful and willing to comply with all directives as much as the Lord grants us the capacity and grace to do so.

## MY HUMBLE PROPOSAL - CONSTRUCTIVE PATHWAYS FOR PASTORAL FLEXIBILITY

While submitting to the final decision of our leadership, I respectfully suggest the following options that preserve accountability yet acknowledge challenges:



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- 1. Documented Challenge Waivers/Deferrals:** Time bound (e.g., 12 to 18 months) remittance relief for parishes with verified extraordinary facility burdens or municipal constraints.
  - Teir-1:** High Critical Challenging Circumstance - 5% for first 6-month, 10% for next 12-month for 18-month remittance relief tied to demonstrated operating ratios, with periodic review.
  - Teir-2:** Medium Critical Challenging Circumstance - 10% for 12-month remittance relief tied to demonstrated operating ratios, with periodic review.
  - Teir-3:** Low Critical Challenging Circumstance - 15% for 6 to 12-month remittance relief tied to demonstrated operating ratios, with periodic review.
- 2. Pastoral Discretion Windows:** Allow Provincial/Zonal Pastors limited discretion to endorse ordination candidates whose parishes show good stewardship, transparent reporting, and genuine constraints.
- 3. Parish with Own Property or Long Term (greater 5 years or 2-3 years recurring) Lease Commitment:** review their development and construction permits, build out, code compliance, and proof of renovations / remodel in municipalities with scarce church suitable facilities.

These measures would uphold mission standards while reflecting the mercy, justice, and reason Scripture commends.

## SACRIFICE, COMMUNICATION, AND A PLEA FOR CONSIDERATION

We have generally paid our rent on time, with only a few delays that were quickly resolved. Occasionally, my family placed the church's rent as a higher priority than our home mortgage, which led to some bank notices. Last year, we paid remittance at 20% until it became unsustainable, after which we notified our zonal coordinator and managed to catch up with some payments. On behalf of our parish, I accept full responsibility for not fully meeting the remittance requirements given our situation. We are hopeful that, by God's grace, this year will be better.

Given these circumstances, we kindly request an 18-month remittance relief at the suggested Tier-1 rate and ask that our nominees be considered for the 2026 ordination, **in alignment with 2 Corinthians 8:12 and Proverbs 3:27** ("Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of your hand to do it").

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the dedicated leadership demonstrated across our leadership hierarchy. Your guidance and commitment to our ministry are highly valued. On behalf of all members of RCCG-Dominion Restoration Chapel Airdre, I extend our profound gratitude for your exemplary leadership and the positive impact you have made.

We look forward to your favourable consideration of our request and trust that our proposal will be constructive, aiming to further strengthen and support your continued success in leadership.

Yours in His Service

**Pastor David Oladeji**  
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Canada Central Office,  
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**Attention: Pastor Femi Olawale – DCO / Country Coordinator Canada**

## **RE: RCCG-DRC APPEAL FOR REMITTANCE EXEMPTION FOR 12 MONTHS**

Grace and peace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ be with you and the RCCG mission in Canada. As advised by the Deputy Continental Overseer, Pastor Femi Olawale, at the March 14, 2022, meeting with all the parish pastors in Canada with respect to the subject, on behalf of the RCCG Dominion Restoration Chapel, Airdrie, I wish to appeal to the RCCG The Americas - Canada Operations Central Office for consideration for a 12-month remittance exemption to allow the parish cope with its operating expenses and balance her books.

The parish has been experiencing some financial challenges since taking on a new property lease in May 2021 to create a conducive and dedicated place of worship for her parishioners rather than the hotel we were renting. The construction of the facility took about 8 months to remodelled due to the long lead items associated with regulatory, development, building and construction permits. All thanks and praise to God for the grace to go through all the stages successfully.

We are so grateful to the Almighty God for the divine provision of the new place of worship in a very tough and hard to find real estate market in Airdrie, Alberta at the time we got it. The place was virgin and vacant at the time of negotiating for 5 years lease term and the church had to go through the necessary permit requirement to be able to remodel and customize the facility into a dedicated place of worship. In fact, it was a timely provisioned, God knew what was ahead at the time HE provided the place – though small but better. Prior to the completion of the project, exactly 3-months to our possession date, the hotel informed us the hall we were using for worship had been leased to another organization seeking it for day home and we were asked to find another place.

Also, given the challenges of the 2020/21 CV-19, membership and donations were impacted significantly and the church could barely meet her operating cost – which was heavily subsidized by the parish pastor and his family from out-of-pocket expense (without request for tax receipt) to keep the church running. Notwithstanding, the church financial position, we took a lip of faith to embark on the **~\$38,500 project** of which over 50% of the spend was provided by the parish pastor and his family from out of pocket (given sacrificially without tax receipt).

By the grace of God, since inception of the parish until this year (2022) we have always been compliant with our remittance's obligation to the RCCG The America Mission in Canada. However, it has been very challenging this year to keep up with our remittance obligations due to the church current financial challenges in meeting up with her operating cost. For instance, our lease obligation is ~\$3,500/month for the facility rental – which does not include the utility bills: gas, power, and internet besides other needs of the church for her program (mothers' day, fathers' day, children's day, honorarium, children's unit, community outreach, welfare etc.). The parish pastor and the family have had to loan and sometime subsidized some of the cost requirement.

Given the amount (\$3,500) we spend on monthly lease for a very small size space in Airdrie main hub, we believe it would be beneficial if the RCCG The Americas – Canada Operations can consider embarking on a property acquisition project in her Provinces/Regions as part of a strategy plan for her operations in Canada. The church can partner with banks, law firm and building developers to acquire or build 2-3 small, medium/large sized place of worship across the West and East Coast as bi-annual real estate plan. This would be offered up for lease /lease to own type of agreement to parishes struggling with raising building funds and often challenged with large down-payment but are able to take on the financial and legal obligations.

We look forward to a favorable consideration of our request by the leadership of RCCG The Americas – Canada Operations to help alleviate the parish of her current financial challenges and be able to balance her books.

Thanks for your anticipated and favorable response.

Steward of His Grace

**Pastor David Oladeji**  
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cc: Pastor Adegbenro Adekojo – RCCG Alberta Zone-2

# RCCG-DOMINION RESTORATION **APPEAL** FOR REMITTANCE EXEMPTION FOR 12 MONTHS



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Remain blessed and highly favored.

Shalom!