



# North American Primates Council Statement

## 12-14 March 2019



The Charismatic Episcopal Church of North American Primates Council met from 12-14 March 2019 at the Church of the Reconciliation in Bel Air Maryland. Attendees were:

Abp Craig Bates	Abp Charles Jones	Bp Michael Davidson	Bp Doug Kessler
Bp Gregory Ortiz	Bp David Simpson	Bp David Epps	Bp Eugene Lilly
Fr Rob Northwood	Fr James House		

### Guests

Bp Peter Chung	Fr Terry Gensemer	Fr Brett Crompton	Fr Andrew Wynn
Fr Eric Orkin	Fr Mark Nelson	Dn Steve Phelps	

Archbishop Craig Bates, with the council, has declared this is the “Year of Evangelism.” We will emphasize, teach, share our skills, and lessons to teach and to evangelize in the local church. We will focus on teaching the skills that help each church overcome the unique obstacles they face as they evangelize their local community. More details to follow in Sursum Corda.

The format and purpose of the Council were reviewed and discussed, with emphasis on spending more time in prayer at each meeting. Wed and Thur's meetings started with 9:30 am morning office, followed by prayer and Eucharist, with discussion set for the afternoon.

The Bishops each reported the status of their Diocese.

Fr Terry Gensemer gave the CEC for Life reports for the activities of the past year.

The issues of the Patriarch Cathedral and the conditions of a clergy transfer were discussed and will be presented to Patriarch's Council for a review of the canons.

4<sup>th</sup> Addendum on Apostolic Succession paper was accepted and will be posted online soon.

The CEC-NA has completed the roll out a 403(b) retirement plan for CEC church clergy and employees; details are at <https://www.cec-na.org/cec-na-403b/>

Other issue discussed where making the Apostolic Succession available online, use of Social media.



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2019 Primates Fall Council will be 10,11,12 September in Malverne, NY.

2020 Primates Spring Council will be 10,11,12 March, San Clemente, NY.

Next CEC-NA convocation will be in 8,9,10 July 2020, at the Cathedral Church of the Intercessor.