

The Pentecostal Assemblies of the World

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The Pentecostal Assemblies of the World 9th Episcopal Diocese of Alabama Apostolic Team Ministries (ATM) presents a new and exciting Vision for 2019... **Journey of Love, Unity, and Service.**

Love – Everything must start with love. It must be as Jesus said, *“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”* This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: *“Love your neighbor as yourself.”* (Matthew 22).

Our measure of love for God and others will determine our ability to grow in the Apostolic Faith and to serve the unique needs of people in our communities and world.

Unity - Life in Christ is better together as a team than alone. All throughout the Scriptures we see God calling people to connect and grow together in the power of love and unity. We expect every member of the body of Christ in this

diocese to work together as a team and to make it's owns contribution to the building up of the whole body. Apostle Paul states in Ephesians 4:15-16, "*But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.*" By doing this we will unite and grow together in love as an Apostolic Ministry Team.

Service - When we obey and follow Jesus as His disciples it does not take us long for us to clearly see that we called to serve others. This call to serve others is shown in Matthew 20:26-28 "*But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.*" In Acts 6 and Galatians 5 we see more examples of how the church was called to love and serve others.

As Diocesan, I am requesting all officers, team leaders and workers of the diocese in regions, auxiliaries and leadership to align their program and ministries with the vision. As an Apostolic Team Ministries, we are not seeking to develop silos with everyone operating separately and independently from each other and competing for the people, financial resources, space and attention under the same roof. I am prayerfully encouraging all need to be of one mind and unified in thought and purpose with the Vision 2019.

We invite you to join us on our Journey of Love, Unity and Service!

*"Leading a leader requires three things: a **plan**, a **place**, and **priorities**."*

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