

25 March 2020

Joint Statement on feeding the Poor at such a time: Senior Ministers of the Metro

Grace and peace in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

Following the Presidential decree lockdown from midnight 26 March – 16 April 2020, we the undersigned met with the Speaker of the Metro in an attempt to expedite feeding the indigent and hungry. The Speaker has seen an opportunity to give back to communities by, in her words providing “A rod to fish”.

Together with the Speaker, we have secured the following:

- Vegetable seedlings distribution that will be secured on owner properties for planting.
- There is a need for personnel to plant and nature the seedlings.
- The metro will also supply water to assist with the planting activity.
- There is provision from the Metro to assist in both fencing off and preparation of the land.
- When the seedlings arrive, Metro officials will assist with the distribution of seeds and will be accompanied by members of the Disaster Management Team. These will be distributed in all areas of the Metro where people have responded to this particular need.

There is a desire that this “Rod to Fish” endeavour will expand beyond this initial period of Lockdown as a way of empowering our communities. Food sustainability at this critical time remains a key strategy.

The ensuing 24 hours is crucial that all Churches respond promptly in,

- a) Identifying church space for planting seedlings.
- b) Articulate the kind of assistance needed.
- c) Timeously let your Church Leaders office know how you can assist with the Speaker’s request.

This is a volunteer driven program and we implore you, as a Church and Government partnership, that we together embrace each other and this annual Kairos moment.

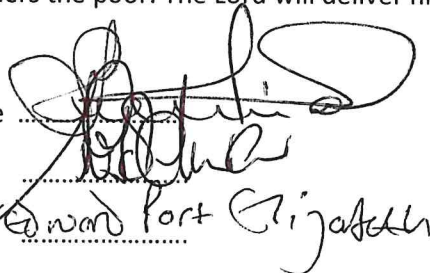
God bless Africa
Guard our Children
Guide our Leaders
And give us peace
For Jesus Christ’s Sake
Amen

“Blessed is he that considers the poor. The Lord will deliver him in time of trouble “(Psalm 41:1)

Bishop Jacob Freemantle

Apostle Neville Goldman

Bishop Eddie Daniels



Edward Fort Elizabeth