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February 13, 2018

In Honor of Bishop James Daniel Leggett

Dear Sister Faye and Leggett Family,

My deepest sympathies and earnest prayers for the entire Leggett family accompany this letter. May God's supernatural grace and Spirit strengthen each of you during these days and may your memories be sweet as you reflect on the life Bishop Leggett.

James Leggett served as a stalwart global statesman for the Kingdom of God and was one of the treasured leaders of this generation. His passing is a great loss for the Spirit-Empowered movement around the world. When I first met Brother Leggett he was serving as Presiding Bishop of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church and in leadership with both PCCNA and the Pentecostal World Fellowship. I found him to be a gracious, determined leader and someone I could trust as a friend. During the days surrounding the Azusa Street Centennial, Brother Leggett's consistent encouragement was a welcomed blessing. His heart for the Pentecostal movement was very evident and his support a huge strength to me personally.

While serving with him on a number of initiatives, I learned to appreciate his leadership more and more. His political astuteness, the anointed gleam in his eye, his side bar humor and the deep integrity with which he conducted himself all provide special memories that bring a smile as I remember his life today. James Leggett was loved and respected around the world including in the Wilson home.

When Oral Roberts University traversed its most critical days of transition ever, Brother Leggett's prayers and support were very much appreciated. His grasp of the historical connection between Oral and the IPHC along with his grasp of future possibilities was a unique blessing.

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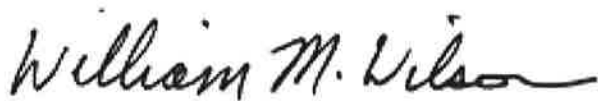
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It was also a joy to witness this same determined leadership as he stepped from the bright lights of his denominational and global roles into the presidency of Holmes Bible College. It was very obvious that wherever James was called to serve he planned to do it with all of his strength. This is a great example to us all. I believe that the seeds of integrity and passion sown into the next generation of ministry will produce a great harvest for many years to come.

So at this time of grief, reflection and celebration my heart is filled with mixed emotions. On the one hand I realize that Bishop Leggett's passing represents a deep loss for us all. He exemplified a great generation of leaders that are now finishing their course having passed the baton and mantle to a new generation. My heart feels the weight this forfeiture of wisdom brings and the soberness James' departure notes. On the other hand, my heart rejoices at a life well lived and a leadership journey filled with integrity that has now ended in victory. The legacy of Brother Leggett will continue around the world and his example will remain an inspiration to us all for many years to come. Thankfully, our eternal hope in the risen Christ renders all of these feelings as momentary and transitory. Soon and very soon we will join James along with the other great Christian generals of the ages around the throne in celebration of the King and Kings and Lord of Lords.

Thank you Lord for the opportunity to know James Leggett as a friend and brother. I look forward to seeing him again soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William M. Wilson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

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