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To Bishop and Juffrou (Mrs) Assur - To the President and Deputy President of the Synod – To the Diocesan Treasurer – To the Diocesan Secretary - My sincere thanks to be invited (called) to be in a particular small way a part of this 17th Diocesan Synod - to me it remains forever a divine privilege.

God has spoken right through this 17th Diocesan Synod to us....I suppose the statement in the Sawubons Periodical i.e.: “Put your strength in “Listening instead of hearing” will be a strong “besieling” “drive” for our ministry in future

Therefore tonight I will not preach – Let god’s unfailing Love and Presence speak. Let us apply this statement: “Put your strength in “listening” since it entails doing – action after the “listening”.....

Therefore “Let go and Let God take over in the appointment of His choice to lead our Beloved Church – Let go and let God take over.

You remember that God said to Jeremiah: “I appointed you a prophet to the nations..... “I have put my words into your mouth – I am watching over my Word to be performed – I will walk next to you to watch.....

In I Kings 19:11 God said to Elijah:

v.11 “ Go forth, and stand upon the mount of the Lord. And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and broke in pieces the rocks. But the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice – a soft wind – indicating the presence of the Lord

In Matth. 26:47 -54 Jesus said to Peter: “ Put your sword into its place.....Do you think that I cannot appeal to My Father, and He will AT ONCE send me what I want.....?

And in Matth. 9:38 Jesus said to His disciples: “The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; PRAY therefore the “LORD OF THE HARVEST” to send out labourers into the harvest”.

In the quietness of divine moments God is present - Let us pray this God to help us to let go and let HIM take over in His divine way for tomorrow when HE wants to appoint the “Pastor Pastorum” – Xrist wants to appoint that person for it is ultimately His Church ...

At this stage our emotions and our sprits are in disarray – They have divergent directions – and our spirits must subside. The election of a “Pastor Pastorum” cannot be approached with a spirit far removed from the Spirit of God. Christ said to James and John “you do

not know of what spirit you are.....At one stage Xrist said to Peter. His disciple: "Satan get behind Me!!!!!!!"

A few years ago a Dutch Reformed Church (NG Sendingkerk) minister told me after I administered the burial of a second member of this Church in Cape Town: " Dr Willemse – since the first time that I met you my spirit married your spirit. I have never heard or expressed myself in any moment or such a situation such an infinite statement. What a deep theological statement!!!

In the context of the election of a "successor Bishop – Pastor Pastorum – an Earthly Shepherd of Shepherds " let us request Jesus Xrist , that by the Grace of God He may marry during this night ahead of us His Spirit with our spirits in order to subside to God's level of the quietness in which He operates. God make us part of your divine election
..... AMEN

I call now for THREE prayers interceding for Christ's CALLING AND CONSECRATION of the Succeeding Bishop tomorrow. Let Go and Let God.

The Congregation (Synod) will now follow with the singing of the Lord's Prayer

Lets pray God to pour His blessing on us.

THE BLESSING OF THE LORD