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**\*\*\*MEDIA ALERT\*\*\***

**Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski and Bishop Nelson Watts to  
Co-preside Over Ecumenical Prayer Service**

**ST. LOUIS** – Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski, Archbishop of St. Louis, and Bishop Nelson B. Watts, Jr., Church of God in Christ (COGIC), will co-preside over an outdoor ecumenical prayer on the grounds of New Jerusalem Cathedral COGIC.

**WHAT:**

New Jerusalem Cathedral was the former Catholic parish of the Most Holy Name of Jesus. This building was vandalized, robbed and stripped of its infrastructure in the spring of 2018, and now is in need of repair and renewal.

Encouraged by the biblical call of Acts 4:32-37, to be of “one mind and heart” in providing for the needs of the communities, Archbishop Rozanski and Bishop Watts join together in prayer and community service in the hopes of making New Jerusalem Cathedral a gathering place of worship again.

A volunteer clean-up will follow the prayer service. Volunteers will stack chairs, clean up the grounds and clean up the inside of the sanctuary. Please note that we will follow local COVID-19 guidelines and regulations to insure the safety of all.

**WHEN:**

Saturday, October 2, 2021

9 – 10 a.m.

**WHERE:**

New Jerusalem Cathedral COGIC, 2047 E. Grand Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63107

**NOTES:**

There will be an opportunity for brief interviews with Archbishop Rozanski and Bishop Watts at 8:45am at New Jerusalem Cathedral. Media attendance is limited to one reporter plus one camera operator or photographer per outlet. Masks and social distancing required. Media are welcome to stay for the duration of the prayer service and volunteer clean-up.



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**PARTICIPANTS:**

- Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski, Archbishop of St. Louis
- Bishop Nelson B. Watts Jr., El Bethel Church Of God in Christ
- Bishop Lawrence M. Wooten, Second Assistant Presiding Bishop, Church of God in Christ
- Reverend Scott Jones, Sts. Teresa and Bridget
- Pastor Terry T. Williams, New Jerusalem Cathedral Church of God in Christ

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