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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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The attention of the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) has been drawn to invitations being circulated by an unrecognized tertiary education institution referring to itself as “Dominion Christian University” to a National Honorary Doctorate Degree Award Ceremony scheduled to take place on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at the Orthodox Hall, Camp Junction, New Road Waterloo.

The Tertiary Education Commission would like to draw attention to the laws governing the establishment and operation of universities in Sierra Leone: specifically, Section 7, subsection 2(k) of the Tertiary Education Commission’s Act of 2001; Regulation 2 of the TEC Regulations of 2006, which define the procedures for establishing tertiary education institutions; and Section 43 of the Universities Act of 2021, which describe the criteria for establishing a private university in Sierra Leone. In light of the requirements in the legal instruments cited, the Commission would like to inform the general public that the so-called “Dominion Christian University” is an unaccredited institution conducting tertiary education operations illegally. Thus, all awards of certificates, diplomas, undergraduate degrees and honorary doctorate degrees are considered illegal, unauthorized and therefore unrecognized by the Commission and the Government of Sierra Leone. Any such award granted by this illegal tertiary education institution is proclaimed null and void and therefore, cannot be accepted as proof of qualification for gainful employment or other purposes in Sierra Leone.

The Tertiary Education Commission hereby directs therefore, that with immediate effect, authorities of the so-called Dominion Christian University must

1. Announce the instant cancelation of the planned award ceremony scheduled for Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2022, and
2. Cease all activities related to tertiary education training until further notice.

The General Public is strongly advised to refrain from participating in the planned Honorary Doctorate Degree Award Ceremony, or indeed any tertiary education activity conducted by this illegal institution, including training, tutorials and awards of Certificates, Diplomas and Degrees. All employing authorities in Sierra Leone are also advised accordingly.

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