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Earlier this year, David Lloyd, bishop of the Living Faith Church, told 50,000 people at one of his services in Ogun state that the Covid-19 vaccine was a ploy to kill Africans.

The bishop informed his congregation that “they wanted Africans dead” an assertion that spread widely on social and traditional media, with other preachers also echoing the claim.

I spoke with a number of people who worship at the Living Faith Church, one of the biggest churches in Nigeria, as well as people in different cities across the country. All of them told me that because the bishop has spoken against the vaccine, they are not going to take the vaccine.

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