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Bishop John H. Sheard
Chairman of The Board of Bishops
Church of God in Christ, Inc.
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Dear Bishop John H. Sheard,

I am contacting you to protest the unwarranted self-installation of Bishop Reginald L. Williams of the Love Sanctuary COGIC 1712 Evans Avenue Fort Worth, TX 76104 as our interim pastor. I understand that COGIC is a hierarchical religious institution which I am told means that it is Ecclesiastical, that the Presiding Bishop appoints the Jurisdictional Bishop, who appoints the Pastor. If that side of the coin is true, we are in big trouble.

With no letter of introduction or any written notice from any COGIC entity, Bishop Williams shows up as our former pastor, John A. White resigns, and states that he has been sent by Texas Northeast Jurisdiction #1 Prelate, Bishop J. Neaul Haynes to oversee our church during the transition of replacing our former pastor. R.L. Williams openly disrespected our founder and his widow on day one of his quest for power.

Bishop Williams is the son-in-law of Bishop Haynes which would lead me to believe that this is a clear cut case of nepotism.....or is it ? The Church Of God In Christ Inc. is not addressing the extremely large pink elephant in the room. Bishop J.Neaul Haynes is in a state of dementia and is no longer mentally capable of leading our jurisdiction and is serving merely as a puppet controlled by his family and those in close company of the Bishop to do their bidding.

We are a small congregation with approximately 30 members on the roster. We love the Lord and our affiliation with the COGIC, but we are not in a position to support the salary required by Bishop Williams, who is in our presence for approximately 30 - 45 minutes on Sunday and is requesting \$400 per Sunday for the pleasure of being in the midst of his own personal glory. When we told him that we are not financially in a position to pay such a salary, Bishop Williams stated, "that's y'all problem". We will have to close the doors on our church if this madness continues. We cannot afford to pay for his sermons.

Bishop has changed our Sunday service time, our midweek service day and our Holy Communion day to make it convenient for him to pastor two churches and preach two messages per Sunday. R.L. Williams has made it perfectly clear that he intends to pastor our church permanently and since we have requested an audience with Bishop Haynes through regular and certified mail and received no response, he is changing our church to suit his personal preferences.

When questioned about his true intentions, Bishop Williams is very condescending and illusive in his answers. Bishop has invited Elders from other churches as well as lay members of his home church to participate in our closed door meetings with him while he decides which Forest Hill members are allowed in. Our last meeting with Bishop almost ended in a fistfight with our only Bishop -supporting Elder, having to be physically restrained from attacking another Elder.

We have ordained COGIC Elders highly qualified and capable of carrying on our services while a pastor is sought through the proper channels and do hereby seek your help in dismissing the money-motivated, Bishop R.L. Williams as our Interim Pastor.

Our membership has dwindled and our offerings are suffering because no one wants to be a part of or sow a seed into the self-proclaimed leader of our flock. We seek clarification and an audience with anyone of sound mind and character in a position of authority to remove Bishop R.L. Williams from our church.

At times such as these when the Church of God in Christ has to deal with the constant accusations and reports of rapes, cover up's, and payoffs, the problems that I bring before you may seem a bit petty or minute in comparison yet we are still requesting your intervention and/or assistance in the above mentioned matter.

I have written letters to the Presiding Bishop, Charles E. Blake as well as the entire General Board and others and are still awaiting a reply or solution to our problem.

“ For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre; But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate; Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers. For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision: Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.”
Titus 1:7-11

If Titus states the requirements for the office of the Bishop, then Bishop R.L. Williams is an imposter.

We do not wish to drag this through the courts or seek any attention of the media. We seek your help. Any information that you could provide us would be greatly appreciated. If you contact us through our email address or website, one of our Elders or Deacons will respond promptly by phone, email or mail.

I will now quote a pioneer in the Holiness Movement. Bishop Charles Harrison Mason, founder of the Church Of God In Christ, said , “ Stewardship is a privilege given to us by God for nurture in love and the victory over selfishness and covetousness. The steward rejoices in the blessing that come to others because of his faithfulness.“

Humbly Invoked,

Forest Hill Church Member, In Good Standing With The Lord And With The Forest Hill COGIC
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