

Church Of God In Christ, Inc.  
General Council of Pastors and Elders  
Judicial Review Committee / Ecclesiastical Appeals Court  
P. O. Box 356  
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Case No. MRMvFNWCOGIC083112

**THE CASE**

OF

**Elder Michael R. Moore, Pastor Powerhouse Church of God in Christ**

VS.

**Florida Northwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction  
Church Of God In Christ**



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**General Council of Pastors and Elders**  
 Before The  
**Judicial Review Committee / Ecclesiastical Appeals Court**

<b>Elder Michael R. Moore, Pastor</b>	)	
<b>Powerhouse Church of God in Christ</b>	)	
Appellant	)	
	)	
vs.	)	Case No. MRMvFNWCOGIC08312012
	)	
<b>Florida Northwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction</b>	)	
<b>Church Of God In Christ</b>	)	
Appellee	)	

October 1, 2012

**CEASE AND DESIST ORDER**

This case is before the Court on a Letter / Petition from Supt. Michael R. Moore, Senior Pastor of Powerhouse Church Of God In Christ Tallahassee, Florida of the Florida Northwest Jurisdiction and for the same, The letter chronicles what it call “The Case of Elder Brian Carpenter v. Powerhouse Church Of God In Christ, 454 Belair Drive Tallahassee, Florida 32302”, Requesting assistance from the General Council of Pastors and Elders, to wit:

**“This letter is to petition and make and official request for the assistance of the General (National) Pastors and Elders Council, relative to matters of discipline involving me and my church, where I feel we were not afforded fundamental due process and where the sanctions as prescribed are excessively harsh and unwarranted for the offense(s) that have been alleged. In all honesty I do not feel that I would have received a fair and unbiased hearing before the Jurisdictional Council because of the personal intimidation of the Pastors and Superintendents of the Bishop of the Northwest Florida Jurisdiction.”**

This request / petition rise from a letter dated August 27, 2012 in which Bishop Willie C. Green Jurisdictional Bishop of Florida Northwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction informs Pastor Michael R. Moore of an order issued by the Ecclesiastical Council of Florida Northwest Jurisdictional the letter gives the following instructions:

**“Please be advised that you are to cease and desist all actions relative to Powerhouse Church Of God In Christ. You should remove all of your personal items from Powerhouse Church Of God In Christ within three (3) days of the date of this letter. Further, all of your Church Of God In Christ credentials have been revoked and they must be delivered to the office of the Jurisdictional Bishop within twenty days of receipt of this order.”**

**The Charge lodges against Powerhouse COGIC:**

- “1. Persistently violating the provisions of the Charter, constitution and Rules, Laws, and Regulations of the Church Of God In Christ, or its Articles of Faith.”
- “2. Sustaining and supporting a Pastor who teaches or practices doctrines contrary to or repugnant to the Articles of Faith of the Church Of God In Christ.”

**The Charges are sustained Brief:**

***“ The Charges are Sustained***

The charges are very serious violations of COGIC policy

The church has not taken appropriate actions

The church continues to support the pastor

Further, The Trial Court (Ecclesiastical Council) Adopts all of the findings of The Investigative Committee (see attached)

The Council makes the Following Recommendations based on ARTICLE VIII, Section A, page 30 of the Church of God in Christ Official Manual, and pages 31-32 of Church of God In Christ, INC Certified Amendments 1968-1990:

- a. Powerhouse Church of God In Christ, 454 Belair Drive, Tallahassee, FL must Repent of its actions and submit to the authority of the Church of God In Christ if it wants to continue to be a member of COGIC.
- b. The church must renounce the bishopric of Pastor Michael Moore
- c. The church must make sure that its Articles of incorporation and/or By-laws are not repugnant to the Constitution, rules, and By-laws of the Church of God In Christ.
- d. All current church officers must be removed from office and replaced, The license, ordination, credentials, and all certificates and appointment papers bearing the signature and/or seal of the Church of God In Christ currently held by church officers/leaders including but not limited to, Michael Moore and James Moran, are hereby revoked. They must be mailed or delivered to the office of the Jurisdictional Prelate within twenty days of the date of this order.

Further, The Jurisdictional Council order that Pastor Michael Moore is Suspended immediately from any and all pastoral responsibilities in Powerhouse Church of God In Christ, the Church of god In Christ and all Church of God In Christ credentials including, but not limited to certificates, license, and warrants revoked until further written notice. During this suspension he is prohibited from the following: He shall not attend Powerhouse Church of God In Christ, 454 Belair Drive, Tallahassee, FL. He shall not conduct any business on behalf of Powerhouse Church of God in Christ. He shall not conduct any ordinances of the church nor conduct any ceremonies. He shall not preach, teach or sit in any COGIC pulpit. He shall not wear any clerical vestments of any office of COGIC.

Finally, if Powerhouse Church of God In Christ refuses to voluntarily submit to this order, the church shall be disorganized and all assets shall be disposed as outlined in The Church of God In Christ Official Manual pages 30-31. In the event Powerhouse COGIC seeks to withdraw from COGIC, it should pay a reasonable amount of the value of the property it fraudulently received. The Jurisdictional Bishop, Bishop Willie C Green shall execute the orders and decrees of this Council.

Done this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 2012.”

Because the execution of the afore noted order could potentially have far reaching negative effects on not only the local, district, and jurisdictional body of the Church Of God In Christ, Inc. and to insure that all avenues to resolve the alleged issues of concern in this case have been exhausted, and since this matter is now before this court, and since this court does have jurisdiction to hear the issues of this case,

**IT IS THEREFORE, BY ORDER OF THIS COURT** that a **CEASE AND DESIST ORDER** is in effect and shall remain in effect until the Court makes its Final Ruling in this case.

Under this **CEASE AND DESIST ORDER**, Neither the Pastor, nor any Officer of Powerhouse Church of God in Christ shall in any way impede, interfere with, or hinder the efforts of the membership from participating in or carrying out any duties of their appointed or elected office of a local church in the Church Of God In Christ, as outlined in **Article V Section D.** of the Official Manual of the Church Of God In Christ, Inc. Copyright 1973, reprinted 1991, 1992.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Powerhouse Church of God in Christ shall remain in full fellowship as a member church in the Florida Northwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction in the Church Of God In Christ with all the rights and privileges, as well as obligations as are afforded any member church in the jurisdiction, the same shall apply to the Pastor.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Powerhouse Church of God in Christ, The Pastor and Officers shall refrain from any efforts to transfer jurisdictional affiliation or sever ties with the Florida Northwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and the Church Of God In Christ, Inc. until a Final Ruling is rendered by this Court.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that a Copy of this Order is sent by U. S. Postal Certified mail to the central parties involved in this case.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: This 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2012 at Douglasville, Georgia.

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Dr. Frederick D. Jenkins, Chairman / Chief Ecclesiastical Appeals Court Judge  
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## CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon the Parties of record in this proceeding set forth below by mailing a copy thereof, properly addressed by first class registered mail:

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Signature