

BEFORE THE BOARD OF BISHOPS
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC.
CHAIRMAN, BISHOP JOHN H. SHEARD

IN RE COMPLAINT OF GABRIELLE D. BILAL)
AGAINST BISHOP RUFUS KYLES, JR., TEXAS)
SOUTHEAST FIRST ECCLESIASTICAL)
JURISDICTION OF THE CHURCH OF GOD)
IN CHRIST, INC.)
_____)

FINAL ORDER AND JUDGMENT

On this 6th day of November, this matter comes before the Board of Bishops following a three (3) day adjudicatory hearing and trial, beginning on November 4, 2015 and ending on November 6, 2015, which was convened pursuant to Article VIII, § D, ¶ 2(d) of the Church of God in Christ Constitution (“COGIC Constitution”) and the Board of Bishops Rules of Trial Procedure promulgated pursuant to Article VIII, § D, ¶ 2(g) of the COGIC Constitution,. The Complainant, Ms. Gabrielle Bilal, appears by and through her attorneys, Lonnie L. Johnson, Esq., Charleton P. Hornsby, Esq., and Te’iva Bell, Esq. Respondent, Bishop Rufus Kyles, appears by Ysidra Kyles, Esq. and Quinon Brooker, Esq.

WHEREUPON, the Board of Bishops by a majority of its members present and voting, after reviewing the record, hearing testimony of the witnesses, being duly and fully advised in the premises, finds after deliberations, that the Complainant prevailed with respect to Count 1 of the Statement of Alleged Violations establishing by clear and convincing evidence that the Respondent, Bishop Rufus Kyles engaged in conduct unbecoming a Bishop in violation of Article 8, Section D, paragraph 1(h) (conduct unbecoming a bishop) given that there existed prior accusations of sexual misconduct with young women for which he was acquitted, when he

met with, travelled with and/or accompanied Gabrielle Bilal, someone at least 50 years younger than he, to his vacant family home because such conduct fails to exemplify the wisdom that should be common among individuals holding the high office of a Bishop in the Church of God in Christ and because the conduct fails to maintain the standard of righteous living exemplifying holiness through biblical, moral and ethical principles establish by the Church of God in Christ for persons holding this sacred office; and

WHEREUPON, the Board of Bishops by a majority of its members present and voting, after reviewing the record, hearing testimony of the witnesses, being duly and fully advised in the premises, finds after deliberations that the Complainant prevailed with respect to Count 2 of the Statement of Alleged Violations and established by clear and convincing evidence that the Respondent, Bishop Rufus Kyles either violated Article 8, Section D paragraph 1(a) (failure to abide by laws of the church) by engaging in prohibited sexual contact between unmarried individuals; or violated Article 8, Section D, paragraph 1(b) (malfeasance) by using his position of authority to intimidate and harass a young woman that is not his wife to engage in sexual relations with him; or violated Article 8, Section D, paragraph 1(h) (conduct unbecoming a Bishop) by engaging in inappropriate sexual conduct with a woman that is not his wife.

IT IS THEREFORE CONSIDERED, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the Board of Bishops pursuant to its authority set forth in Article VIII, § D, ¶ 2(j) of the COGIC Constitution determines by a majority vote after deliberations that the penalty assessed to Bishop Rufus Kyles is that it will recommend to the General Board that he be removed from the office of a Bishop of the Church of God in Christ.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Bishop John H. Sheard

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