

**JUDICIARY BOARD
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC.**

BISHOP THOMAS L. HOLSEY
Petitioner/Appellee,

v.

CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC
Respondent/Appellant.

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SPECIAL 2016-1

ORDER

Petitioner requested this court to rule on whether Article III, Part 2, Section D, ¶ 17, 18, 19, pertaining to the transfer of local churches between Jurisdictions, prohibits or limits the transfer of local churches across geographical lines?

Discussion:


In as much as this Court, from its inception, has had conferred upon it both appellate and ecclesiastical jurisdiction, the Court exercises its ecclesiastical jurisdiction to consider the above referenced constitutional question.

Article III, Part 2, Section D, ¶ 17, 18, 19, of the Constitution of the Church of God in Christ, Inc. governs the transfer of churches between jurisdictions. A careful review of said provision reveals that the Constitution is silent on the issue of geographic location as it relates to transfers.


Therefore, it is the finding of this Court that the Constitution does not prohibit nor restrict local churches from transferring their jurisdictional affiliation regardless of geographical location(s).

Be it so **Ordered** on this 2ND day of June 2016.

<u>Affirmed</u>	<u>Dissent</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Jackson; Swan Slack Connor Lewis	Clemmons Johnson Perry	Davis



Chief Justice Thomas Jackson, Jr.
Judiciary Board
Church of God In Christ, Inc.



Justice Bishop E. Charles Connor
Secretary
Church of God in Christ, Inc.