

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY NOVEMBER 2015 SESSION

**JOINT RESOLUTION #112015 -1: MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY AND THE JUDICIARY BOARD**

JOINT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in light of certain unique circumstances that the framers of Article VIII of the Constitution of the Church Of God In Christ (the "Constitution") may not have foreseen, questions have arisen regarding certain provisions of Article VIII of the Constitution.

WHEREAS, Chairman James Hunt, Sr., Vice Chairman Lemuel Thuston, Chief Justice Thomas Jackson, Justice E. Charles Connor, Justice Casandra Lewis, and Justice Peter Davis, with the assistance of Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr., 1st Assistant Presiding Bishop Philip A. Brooks, and 2nd Assistant Presiding Bishop Jerry W. Macklin, met to discuss and resolve the above-referenced questions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, under these specific circumstances, the parties agree that, in this instance only, exceptions will be made, and Bishop Joseph Clemmons and Bishop Enoch Perry will be seated as members of the Judiciary Board of the Church Of God In Christ (the "Judiciary Board");

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the parties understand and agree that the seating of the two above-referenced Justices notwithstanding, said seating shall not serve as precedent for any future cases or issues before the Judiciary Board that might be similar in nature. Rather this agreement reflects the collective efforts of the parties to bring resolve to extraordinarily contentious and divisive issues; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the rulings of the Judiciary Board are final and not subject to scrutiny or review; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Judiciary Board, the General Assembly, and the General Board will work together to revisit Article VIII and propose further legislation, as needed, to clarify the provisions thereof.

Jointly submitted this day, November 9, 2015, on behalf of the General Assembly and The Judiciary Board:

Bishop James W. Hunt, Sr., Chairman

Bishop Lemuel F. Thuston, Vice Chairman

Chief Justice Thomas Jackson

Justice E. Charles Connor, Secretary

Justice Casandra Lewis

Justice Peter Davis

Justice Valda Slack

By the General Assembly Resolution Committee, Dr. Diana Banks, Chair, Elder Willie Bonner, Vice Chair, and Elder Jerry Walker, Secretary and committee members:

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