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Bishop John H. Sheard  
19511 Afton Road  
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**Via Electronic Transmission:**

*Re: Bishop Rufus Kyles*

Dear Bishop Sheard:

The purpose of this communication is to request Bishop Rufus Kyles' immediate reinstatement as Pastor of Evangelist Temple COGIC and as Jurisdictional Prelate of Texas Southeast First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction. As you know, the matter against Bishop Kyles has been ongoing for more than two years; and it appears that no resolve was reached during last week's Bishop's Conference. As a matter of fact, many who attended the Conference have stated that it is the intention of the General Board and the Board of Bishops to allow Bishop Kyles' case to "die on the vine." The Board of Bishops has not provided any notification to either of Bishop Kyles' attorneys of its intent to move forward with another trial. If you recall, the Judiciary Board remanded Bishop Kyles' case to the Board of Bishops for a new trial or disposition of the matter. To date, our office has received absolutely no communication from the Board of Bishops regarding Bishop Kyles' case.

As my office has stated repetitively in prior communications, several of Bishop Kyles' constitutional rights have been trampled upon and disregarded. He has not been afforded due process and recently, it has come to my attention that the matter against Bishop Kenneth Jones was dismissed and that no action would be taken against him. Bishop Sheard, I am not sure if you are familiar with the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States, but that particular Amendment speaks directly to the issue of equal protection. Specifically, the Fourteenth Amendment provides that no person shall be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process, and that no person should be denied **equal protection of the law.** The matter against Bishop Kyles is riddled with issues of equal protection. Bishop Jones' case is a prime example of how two individuals can be *similarly situated*, but one is treated dramatically differently from the other.

There is no question that Bishop Jones' matter was dismissed simply because his father-in-law sits on the Executive Board of the Board of Bishops. My office was provided with a copy of the complaint against Bishop Jones, complete with photographs and extensive text messaging between

Bishop Jones and his accuser. Upon my review of the evidence submitted in Bishop Jones' case, it is quite puzzling that his matter went unnoticed; yet Bishop Kyles has been placed on suspension for nearly a year and a half; his salary has been diminished to absolutely nothing; the trial process has been completed; the appeal process was timely implemented; and the Judiciary Board has handed down two separate rulings – both in Bishop Kyles' favor. Still, Bishop Kyles remains in suspension status while the process of selecting a new bishop for Texas Southeast First has been initiated and an administrative pastor appointed to Evangelist Temple.

At this juncture, the only realistic option in this case is to reinstate Bishop Kyles to his pulpit and to reinstate him as prelate of Texas Southeast First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction. Consequently we are asking that the suspension against Bishop Kyles be lifted **immediately** and that no additional action be taken against him.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, you may contact me directly at (713) 530-1664.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Y. Kyles', written over the printed name 'Ysidra M. Kyles'.

Ysidra M. Kyles

Cc: Bishop Chales E. Blake  
Bishop Charles Connor  
Bishop Joel Lyles