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PACIFIC MOUNT OLIVE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

1385 East 21st Street
Los Angeles, CA 90011

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Bishop Jimmy Bernard Hackworth, Prelate
Metropolitan Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction
Testimonial Church of God in Christ
5701 S. Western Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90062

Dear Bishop Hackworth:

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

This is a request on behalf of Mount Olive Church of God in Christ, which at the present time is not in any Jurisdiction, to be considered for membership in the Metropolitan Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction. Mount Olive has been in Jurisdiction No.1 until July 17, 2012, when the church was expelled by the prelate in a legal disagreement regarding the Pastor at that time. However, it can be verified that Mt. Olive whole-heartily has supported reports, assessments, and requests at all levels—District, Regional, State, and National since its inception.

Brief Information About Mt. Olive

Mount Olive was founded in the year 1923. During its existence of ninety years, it has had only four different Pastors—Bishop E. B. Stewart, Elder Joe C. Brewster, Elder Samuel Morgan, and Elder Geric Kenebrew.

Mount Olive has a strong mission program. Our foreign program supports a mission in Haiti. It was started in a mountain area of starving families and has now grown into an area with a church, a school with both elementary and secondary classes, and a feeding program for the children. Mount Olive's home mission is called the Bureau of Benevolence. The Bureau of Benevolence provides assistance to the sick and shut-in members and assistance to bereaved families.

Every summer from 1948 to 2011 the church sponsored Vacation Bible School for the community. In the 1970's and 1980's the Stewart Memorial Choir, which was modeled after the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, gave annual Christmas concerts. Eventually we also developed an orchestra to accompany the choir.

We boast of having as one of our Deacons, a Tuskegee Airman, one of the Redtail P51 pilots, who flew 68 missions protecting United States bombers during World War II.

We believe that Mt. Olive has had a glorious past. We look forward to having a fruitful future, especially in outreach ministry. We sincerely hope that if you accept our church into Metropolitan Jurisdiction, that also you will assist us in finding a pastor that shares our views and ambitions.

If you wish further information, past or present, please feel free to call me at my home number (323-292-6189). We sincerely hope that you will honor our request.

Yours in the service of our Lord,

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