## THE GENERAL BOARD CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC.

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## EXECUTIVE ORDER

In or about August 2014, the General Board received a complaint from a woman alleging that Jurisdictional Prelate of Texas Southeast First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of the Church of God in Christ, Bishop Rufus Kyles, Jr., "sexually assaulted" her 18 year old daughter.

The matter was subsequently referred by the General Board to the Board of Bishops in October 2014, and on April 15, 2015, Bishop Kyles was ordered to stand trial before the Board of Bishops on two counts of conduct unbecoming of a bishop in violation of Article VIII, §D, ¶1. In the interim, the General Board suspended Bishop Kyles from his duties as pastor of Evangelist Temple Church Of God In Christ, located in Houston, Texas and jurisdictional prelate of Texas Southeast First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, pending the outcome of the matter.

Following a three (3) day adjudicatory hearing and trial, beginning on November 4, 2015 and ending on November 6, 2015, the Board of Bishops, by a majority of its members present and voting, found Bishop Kyles guilty on both counts of conduct unbecoming of a Bishop in violation of Article VIII, § D, ¶¶ 1(a), 1(b), and 1(h) of the Constitution of the Church of God In Christ. As a result, the Board of Bishops, pursuant to its authority set forth in Article VIII, § D, ¶¶ 2(j) of the Constitution of the Church of God In Christ and by majority vote, recommends to

the General Board that Bishop Kyles be removed from the office of a Bishop of the Church of God in Christ.

Pursuant to the trial, findings, and recommendations of the Board of Bishops, the Presiding Bishop and the General Board, pursuant to its authority set forth in Article IV, § A of the Constitution of the Church Of God In Christ, hereby Order that Bishop Rufus Kyles, Jr. is removed from the Office of Bishop and relieved of all related ecclesiastical authority and responsibilities.

ITS IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: November 17, 2015

Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr.
PRESIDING BISHOP