

Minutes of Meeting with Bishop Kurt Thomas at Evangelist Temple COGIC
January 29, 2020

The meeting started around 7:20 pm. *Bishop Thompson* came in with Adjutant leading him saying Stand for the Bishop, stand for the Bishop..... Elder Christ Edwards, one of his new Supt. Designees started the meeting with a song. He stated he had a request and that was “No Recording” of the meeting. There were 75 present.

Bishop Thompson stated he was there to talk about recent developments. There will be a time to ask questions. He stated I will be giving directions in which he intends to move forward.

Bishop Thompson stated the General Board voted for him to take charge of the Evangelist Temple church and it was not his desire to pastor the church. He said he had always had too much respect for Pastor Kyles to come and pastor this church. He said “you may not like this, but I really do mean it.”

Bishop Thompson stated he does intend to carry out his responsibility put on him by the General Board. He was asked to assume the responsibility of Texas Southeast. They voted him as the Bishop. He has respect for Pastor Kyles but he did not run for Bishop. He was the only Bishop in State of Texas who did not run for Bishop.

Bishop Thompson stated he took an oath to uphold and defend the Constitution of the Church of God In Christ. Doing what was Constitutionally required him to do.

He then had a copy of something that was passed out, he said, at one of his meetings. Did everyone get a copy? He stated that Elder Fitzgerald lied and said he did not pass out any papers. Elder Fitzgerald made a comment and *Bishop Thompson* told him to be quiet or he would have lead out.

He then talked about the Trial of a Pastor. He stated that there had been a meeting with several members of the Evangelist Temple Church and a meeting with Pastor Kyles by the Investigative Committee he had chosen. The Investigative Committee reported back to him and said there was not enough evidence to warrant a trial.

He stated he had been served an appeal to go to the Judiciary Board.

Sis. Margaret Grayson asked the question, who sent the appeal because she was not aware of it.

Bishop Thompson stated he did not know yet.

Missionary Joann Ardoin had questions about the parsonage. There was discussion and *Bishop Thompson* asked who were the Trustees and Attorney Ysidra Kyles gave information on how the parsonage had been paid for by Bishop Kyles and it was taken out of the church’s name and put into his name. *Bishop Thompson* asked is there a secretary for the Trustee Board and Atty. Kyles said “yes”, Sis. Ann McQueen-Benson, but was Ann McQueen at that time. *Bishop Thompson* asked if Sis. McQueen was present and she was. Sis. McQueen-Benson stated it was true what Attorney Kyles had said. *Bishop Thompson* then told Missionary Ardoin in a court of law, they would ask for the secretary and if the information was as stated, the case is a dead issue. He stated this is a dead issue and should not come up again. She could take it up with a Judge if she still has a problem.

Bishop Thompson stated again that ALL twelve (12) General Board members voted unanimously to send him down here. He stated he would take his sanctions on what Bishop Kyles is required to do.

He stated Elder Terence Kirk never had been empowered to appoint a Trustee Board. He was put there to be Administrative Pastor to assist him. Many times he had been called Pastor in his presence and Elder Kirk would call him and apologize.

He stated he had received numerous calls about the Trustee Board. *Bishop Thompson* asked how had the Trustee Board been chosen in the past. Lady Louisa Kyles stated at the annual Church Leadership, which was the first Saturday in January of each year and a list of all officers were given. Trustee names were given at that time and voted on at that meeting. *Bishop Thompson* read from the COGIC Manual about the Trustee Board members and the way it had been done was legitimate.

Bishop Thompson stated that there would be a list for all persons who wished to serve on the Trustee Board to submit to the office their name no later than February 9, 2020. There would be a special meeting called for two (2) consecutive Sundays to vote on Trustee. All the required information needed on all persons will gotten.

Bishop Thompson stated the Constitution says the church can be set in order by the Jurisdictional Bishop. He stated the date of election will be announced over the pulpit.

The question came up that there are people who are not members of ET present. *Bishop Thompson* asked if there were members who were not members to stand, told Elder Terence Kirk, I am not talking about you. No one stood. Sis. Carlin Joubert stated Elizabeth Brannon. *Bishop Thompson* asked Sis. Brannon was she a member of Evangelist Temple. She stated to goes to The Great Commandment Church and Bishop Kyles was her pastor. (Elizabeth and her husband are members). *Bishop Thompson* asked were there any other persons who were members or go to Great Commandment (he really kept saying Great Command)? A few others that were present stood. Lady Kyles stated that The Great Commandment Church has not taken in any members. These are persons who come and support. (They are all ET members). He then stated that if attending The Great Commandment Church, according to the Constitution, they cannot have dual membership. He read about the tithe, offering or put in escrow. Where were their tithe and offerings going? Some of the members stated they support both. *Bishop Thompson* stated they had to choose to be a member of ET or The Great Commandment Church. Ruling is – got to choose.

Bishop Kyles asked the question about his not receiving income per Bishop Blake's letter. *Bishop Thompson* stated there was another letter where he had to pay money, etc. in around 2015, he didn't have the information. We had a copy of Bishop Blakes' letter that had been shown to him which was dated June 2016 and we told him that letter was after the other. Atty. Kyles stated what *Bishop Thompson* had mentioned about the money owed, etc. which was never agreed by his attorneys, they just did what they wanted to do and they did not follow the Constitution. *Bishop Thompson* stated as far as the income, he met with the members and they said \$0. (I am sure he met with 6 or 7 that are on the opposite side). The lady in the office coordinating (felon), her sister and a few others. He stated also the Jurisdiction \$0. He holds the book and signs the checks. WHERE IS THE MONEY FROM THE CHURCH AND THE JURISDICTION. Mine you, we left \$19,000 in the bank.

Bishop Thompson stated he had put an Advisory Board together. They were asked to stand. It was hurting to see who he had chosen as an Advisory Board. It was about 10 persons that stood. Three of them were sisters. The lady running everything, the felon (Carlin Joubert), her sister handling the money and another sister. I had heard she is on contract. (?) Doing what, I have no idea. Now there are person being paid and I am sure they are, but no money for the Pastor on suspension. He stated he may have not know some things when the Advisory Board was chosen. *Bishop Thompson* said he was asking Elder Terence Kirk to continue to work and assist him and other ministers and various ones on the ministerial staff to preach. He asked all the ministers that were present to stand.

Elder Fitzgerald stood to clarify the statement made earlier where *Bishop Thompson* called him a liar, He stated he did not say Bishop Thompson did not pass out any papers, one word led to another and Bishop Thompson was going to have his security take over, Elder Fitzgerald said, “no one in here is big enough to put me out, but I will excuse myself.” He was not allowed to clear himself.

Sis. Margaret Grayson, stood and talked about how she almost lost it when all this started, but God had to help her. She forgives and we must move on. She loves Bishop and Lady Kyles.

Atty. Kyles had been moved to the front row, because she and Bro. Obie Thompson had gotten into it and he and raised up behind her and she was getting ready to react and Bishop Thompson told her to sit on front row. Atty. Kyles expressed there is a lot of hurt on the church’s part and on the part of the Kyles family. She stated there were some people there that had mutual feelings where she was concerned. There is a lot of healing that needs to be done. She stated she wasn’t coming to the church now because someone from ET sent her an anonymous letter telling her to stay away. What had she done? They were not bold enough to even sign the letter.

Bishop Thompson stated again that Pastor Kyles was the Pastor on suspension. Since the Investigative Committee could not warrant a trial he had met with Bishop Kyles and there were three (3) stipulations put on him.

1. He had to get counseling
2. The Great Commandment Church had to be dissolved or brought into the Church of God In Christ and he would appoint the Pastor. ?????
3. He would be under two (2) years jurisdictional supervision by the Jurisdictional Bishop. ???????

These were his stipulations. (????) Now this man has been on suspension for almost five (5) years and an Auxiliary Bishop (?) is going to put a stipulation on him and supervise him for another 2 years. Come on now. This sounds like a JOKE. Wake me up when this is over.

He stressed the point all through the meeting he was “The Bishop!”

He then asked if everyone would work with “The Bishop?” He individually asked the Kyles Family. He asked me and I said ,”I would do what I could.” He stated that was not good enough, if my husband was going to something (I don’t know what he said, I am sure it was like Pastor or something of that

sort, I would have to agree to work with him). I then said, "I will work with the Bishop", but I said in a low voice, "Bishop Kyles."

Now this is a man who when he came into the Church of God In Christ, church was not COGIC and Bishop Kyles put in \$40,000 to help him build a new building. (He may have lost this building). I don't know if it ever was put under COGIC. Now he owes us an additional \$45,000 for the church built in Crockett. Now he pops off about pastoring three churches.

Bishop Thompson stressed the fact that this was family business and should stay in the house. It should not go out. Because he will not be bullied from email that goes with a lot of lies.

Attorney Kyles stated that no one is bullying you. *Bishop Thompson* said, "I was not talking about you." She said I am sure you are talking about Elder Moses Tyson. *Bishop Thompson* nodded and said "exactly." She said, "He was not bullying you, he stepped up to the plate and did what nobody else would do. He was admonishing and strongly warning you." She then said, "we love you and don't want to see you go to jail."

Bishop Thompson expressed the number present and that was the largest number since he has been calling meetings. It is usually just a few. From now on when "the Bishop" calls a meeting, he would like to see this kind of turn out.

Bishop Thompson stated when he calls a meeting, the first thing he asks to see is the finances. They write the checks and he does the balancing. Check and Balance. Interesting isn't it?

Meeting adjourned with some hugging and conversation about 10:30 pm.

Minutes taken by Louisa Kyles to the best of my knowledge and shorthand.

NOTE:

I thought of something else that was said by Bishop Thompson. When he talked about them calling Elder Terence Kirk pastor, he stated two people cannot hold the same seat, Elder Kirk was the Administrative Pastor and Pastor Kyles was the Pastor on suspension. Well, he is also the Bishop on suspension, so how can he be the Bishop. I know they are trying to use the phony defrock.