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**Bishop Kurt L. Thompson, Jurisdictional Prelate  
Texas Southeast First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Church Of God In Christ  
P. O. Box 88110  
Houston, Texas 77228-0110**

**Re: Petitioner: Texas Southeast First/Bishop Kurt Thompson Vs. Respondent : Bishop Rufus Kyles, Jr., Pastor**

**Dear Bishop Thompson,**

**This letter comes in response to the appeal of Bishop Rufus Kyles, Jr., Pastor, in the matter concerning the complaint of the "Final Order and Judgement" of the Texas Southeast #1 Jurisdictional Pastors and Elders Council pursuant to Article VIII, (B) of the Church of God in Christ Constitution in case #02072020 against Bishop Rufus Kyles, Jr., Pastor, Evangelist Temple Church of God in Christ, Houston, Texas. Please be advised that this matter has been reviewed and the decision was made to DIMISS The COMPLAINT WITH PREJUDICE based on the documentation received. The documents received show trial procedures which did not afford Due Process to the respondent and the complaint fails to meet legal and constitutional authority of Section B, 2(a), of the Official Manual Trials of Pastors of Local Churches.**

**Bishop Thompson, this committee has made its decision and ask that you honor the Judicial Process and Procedures of the Church of God in Christ with respect to the rights and protection of Pastors under your leadership. The Suspension shall be lifted and the Pastor reinstated to his church Evangelist Temple Church of God in Christ and made whole of any and all disparaties.**

**Again, thank you for honoring the process, procedures and decision of the Church of God in Christ made by this committee that are in place to respect and protect the rights of every member and its leadership.**

**Respectfully,**

***Dr. Robert E. Garner***

**Administrative Assistant Robert E. Garner, Ph.D., Chairman Judicial Process**

**Cc:**

**Superintendent Michael Eaddy, Chairman General Council of Pastors and Elders, Inc.**

**Superintendent Kiemba Knowlin, Co- Chairman, Education**

**Administrative Assistant Dr. Bruce McCoy, Secretary, Judicial Review Committee**

**Elder James Strogler, Jurisdictional Chairman Texas Southeast First Pastors and Elders Council**

**The Judicial Review Committee Members**

**Ronald E. Stidham, Representative For The Respondent**

**Bishop Rufus Kyles, Jr., Pastor, Respondent**