

September 28, 2021

Bishop Kurt L. Thompson, Jurisdictional Prelate
Texas Southeast First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction
Church of God in Christ
P.O. Box 88120
Houston, TX 77228 -0110

RE: FINAL DECISION – Kyles vs Thompson

Dear Bishop Thompson,

The gravity of a clear and unbiased FINAL ORDER in the case #02072020 concerning the complaint of the Texas Southeast #1 Jurisdiction against Pastor Rufus Kyles, Jr., is paramount to both the integrity of the General Council of Pastors and Elders Appellate Court's judicial process and procedures, but also to provide clear direction to both respondent and congregants impacted by its deliberation and proceedings.

After consultation with Chairman Michael Eaddy, in conjunction with GCPE's legal advisors, and revisiting the process for arriving at a conclusive decision, it is in my judgment to raise the following. It is outlined in the Official Manual of the General Council of Pastors and Elders, page 10, Paragraph 5:6-10 in matters less than capital in nature, the Judiciary Review Committee /Appeals Court shall have the authority to render a decision after a hearing by the court without the necessity of coming before the full council, so long as such decision is reported to the Chairman and the Executive Committee of the General Council, with a full report to the full council to be made at its next meeting.

This communication is an acknowledgment that the complete protocol of the judicial process was not followed completely. Therefore, the initial order of July 28, 2021 is hereby stayed until after the completion of the protocol process and that Pastor Rufus Kyles, Jr. remains on suspension until the completion of the process of the General Council of Pastors and Elders judicial process.

Respectfully,

Robert F. Garner

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

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