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*"Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place."*

II Corinthians 2:14-16

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RE: Response to Statement of Alleged Violation(s)

In as much as it is the findings of the Board of Bishops Grievance Committee that there exist just cause to believe that I have:

- 1) violated Article VIII, §D, ¶1(a) of the Church of God In Christ Constitution by failing to adhere to or abide by the rules and regulations of this church requiring the issuance of Notice of Dismissal following the Jurisdictional Investigatory Committee determination that just cause did not exist to have a trial of Pastor Rufus Kyles, Jr., and,
- 2) violated Article VIII, §D, ¶1(h) of the Church of God in Christ Constitution by willfully or maliciously failing to make an account and report regarding Evangelist Temple funds.

I wish to submit this communication as my formal notice to invoke rule 7(c) according to the rules of the Board of Bishops Judicial Process and Procedures. I admit to the violations set forth in the statement of Alleged Violations and I waive my right to a adjudicatory hearing.

Accompanying this communication is a letter from the General Board that, although do not dismiss my action, I would submit my actions should have followed the Church of God in Christ Constitution, I believe that our culture has always encouraged us to follow leadership. This Jurisdiction since my appointment was, and is, yet under the auspices of the General Board, and as Interim Prelate, I serve at their pleasure.

While I strongly believe that these charges brought by members of the Kyles family, is an attempt to use the system as a tool to retaliate against me, I humbly submit this communication and I await your response and I am willing to submit to the great leadership directives from the Board of Bishops.

In His Service,

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