

**JUDICIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE
GENERAL COUNCIL OF PASTORS AND ELDERS
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC**

EVANGELIST TEMPLE COGIC,

Petitioner/Appellee,

Case Number 02072020

vs.

BISHOP RUFUS KYLES, JR.,

Respondent/Appellant

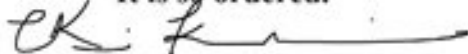
**OPINION AND ORDER ON THE APPEAL FROM THE
DECISION OF THE JURISDICTIONAL COUNCIL OF PASTORS AND ELDERS OF
THE TEXAS SOUTHEAST #1 ECCLESIASTICAL JURISDICTION**

After an extensive review of this matter, extending from the actions of the Board of Bishops in earlier proceedings and the decision of the Local Jurisdictional Council, the final decision and ruling of the General Council of Pastors and Elders of the Church of God in Christ's Judicial Review Committee is the pastoral tenure of Pastor Rufus Kyles be terminated. This ruling is commensurate to the grave nature of the offense charged, the failure to take remedial and corrective action, and the potential impact and threat that a return of Rufus Kyles to the pastorate would contribute to further destabilizing the congregation.

Judicial Review Committee, General Council of Pastors and Elders, Church of God in Christ Inc.
Appeal Case Number 02072020

The meeting from which this ruling stems was held on Friday, September 2, 2022 in the Pantlind Ballroom at the Amway Grand Hotel located in Grand Rapids, Michigan during a special session of the General Council of Pastors and Elders that was scheduled to commence at approximately 3:30pm. Notice of the special session was sent to all credential holders on July 29th, 2022 in excess of thirty (30) days prior to said session and was subsequently announced during the Shepherds Conference and was printed in the Shepherd's Conference programs. A reminder was sent via email on Friday 2 September at 3:25 pm EST. The house was certified, with only Pastors and Elders in attendance. All were required to present proof of current credentials with the Church of God in Christ. The Ruling and Order was presented, there was a motion to accept as written, there was a second. The ruling was ratified unanimously.

It is so ordered.



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Cc:

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Bishop Lemuel F. Thuston, Chairman of the General Assembly
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