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**JUDICIARY BOARD
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC.**

To: Bishop Leon Smith, et al.
Petitioner(s)
Via electronic mail

Case Number: 04122022-2-JB
JUDICIARY BOARD COGIC, INC.

NOTICE OF COURT ACTION

IN THE JUDICIARY BOARD OF CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC.

BISHOP LEON SMITH, BISHOP HARVEY T. YOUNG, et al.,)
vs.)
)
BISHOP ALBERT GALBRAITH, BISHOP RODGER JONES,)
BOARD OF BISHOPS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, et al.,)

Case No. 04122022-2-JB

A court action was entered in the above case on October 31, 2022.

ORDER OF CONTEMPT

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)	
Respondents.)	

ORDER OF CONTEMPT

Comes now the Judiciary Board of The Church Of God In Christ, Inc., (hereinafter “Court”) and enters this Order finding the Respondents in contempt for failure to obey the Order of this Court, dated May 26, 2022, and in so doing, makes the following findings:

1. The Court entered an Order dated May 26, 2022, enjoining, and restraining the Respondents from filling the vacancy of Chairman and First Vice Chairman of the Board of Bishops by any method other than an election as required by the Constitution of the Church Of God In Christ;
2. Said Order further required the Board of Bishops to conduct an election on or before September 30, 2022;
3. The Respondents failed and refused to hold an election;
4. On or about October 14, 2022, this Court issued a Rule to Show Cause requiring the Respondents to appear before the Court on October 24, 2022 to show cause to this Court why they should not be held in contempt for failure to obey the order of this Court;

5. On October 24, 2022, the Court assembled at the designated time to conduct the Show Cause Hearing;
6. Respondents failed to appear at the Show Cause Hearing;
7. Respondents have willfully and openly violated and defied the Order of this Court by refusing and failing to hold the election as mandated.

THEREFORE, the Court does hereby find that the Respondents are in contempt of this Court's Order; and further finding

THAT Orders of this Court are final and binding, as acknowledged in a Joint Resolution of the General Board and the General Assembly of the Church of God in Christ, dated and duly adopted by the General Assembly on November 9, 2015.

The Court, therefore, finding Respondents in contempt, does hereby refer this matter to the General Board for immediate enforcement of the Court's Order, as mandated, pursuant to Church Of God In Christ, Inc., Official Manual, Section A, The General Board, Its Organization, Powers and Duties, sections (1), (d), (4), (5), (e).

SO ORDERED THIS 31st DAY OF OCTOBER 2022.

/s/ Bishop Martin L. Johnson

/s/ Elder Peter J. Davis

Bishop Martin L. Johnson, Chief Justice

Elder Peter J. Davis, Justice/Secretary