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Re: *Tekola Mekonen, Tsehaye Tsidk Betemariam, Hailu Ejigu, Mrs. Genet Kebede v. Yosef Retta, Mulualem Fantahun, Dr. Girma Wolde Rufael, Abebe Ewnetu Negatu, Eyoel Negga, Abera Fitta, Mrs. Tewabech Tadesse, Mr. Bizuayehu Getachew, Mrs. Solome Mekonnen*, Cause No. 10-05578-E in the 101st District Court

Gentlemen:

This letter is sent pursuant to Texas Rule of Evidence 408 and is intended for settlement purposes only.

First, on behalf of Mr. Mekonen, Mr. Betemariam, Mr. Ejigu, and Mrs. Kebede, I would like to express their sincerest desire to bring peace to their beloved St. Michael's and their appreciation for all the efforts the Board of Directors who are working to do the same.

Second, with respect to my letter of January 10, 2012, it has come to my clients' attention that some of the members of the Board of Directors have reservations about the content of that letter. Please assure your clients that the intent of my clients in sending that correspondence was to facilitate the peace process. Unfortunately, the language of our profession or my clumsy grasp of it may have obscured that intent.

To restore peace to the church and its congregation, Mr. Mekonen, Mr. Betemariam, Mr. Ejigu, and Mrs. Kebede dismissed their lawsuit against the Board in July of last year. See attached notice of dismissal. As such, there is no lawsuit now pending by the plaintiffs, nor has there been for over 6 months. Moreover, they do not intend to bring any future lawsuits and have asked me to confirm that intention to your clients. The only active lawsuit is that filed by the prior Board of Directors against my clients. That case, over which we have no control, is still set for trial on March 14th.

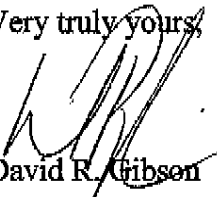
My clients hope and pray the Board will also dismiss its case against the Plaintiffs so as to reunite St. Michael's once and for all.

My clients pray this letter will remove the cloud that has hung over their church and the congregation for so long and pave the way towards peace and harmony in the church,

I would respectfully suggest the voluntary dismissal of Plaintiffs' claims be announced to the congregation and the clergy at the end of Liturgy (Kidase) and through any other form of mass media available to the Board's disposal. Plaintiffs sincerely believe that this would be welcomed news not only to the Christian community but to all Ethiopians residing in the Dallas/Ft. Worth Metropolex .

Thank you.

Very truly yours,



David R. Gibson

cc: Tekola Mekonen, Tsehaye Tsidk Betemariam, Hailu Ejigu, Mrs. Genet Kebede

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TEKOLA MEKONEN, TSEHAYE TSIDK
BETEMARIAM, HAILU EJIGU, MRS. GENET
KEBEDE,

Plaintiffs,

v.

YOSEF RETTA, MULUALEM FANTAHUN, DR.
GIRMA WOLDE RUFUEL, ABEBE EWNETU
NEGATU, EYOEL NEGGA, ABERA FITTA,
MRS. TEWABECH TADESSE, MR. BIZUAYEHU
GETACHEW, MRS. SOLOME MEKONNEN,

Defendants.

IN THE 192ND DISTRICT COURT
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PLAINTIFFS' NOTICE OF NON-SUIT WITHOUT PREJUDICE

Pursuant to Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 162, Plaintiffs hereby non-suit without prejudice
all of their claims asserted in this cause.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

On this 19th day of July 2011, a copy of the foregoing instrument was served on counsel for Defendants as follows:

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