

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In The Supreme Court

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IN THE ORIGINAL JURISDICTION  
OF THE SUPREME COURT

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The Methodist Church of Simpsonville, Jackson Grove Methodist Church, Calhoun Falls Methodist Church, Good Shepherd Methodist Church, Trinity Methodist Church of Lancaster, Aldersgate Methodist Church, Boiling Springs Methodist Church, Fort Lawn Methodist Church, Panola Methodist Church, Dickson Methodist Church, Heidi Meek Medlin, and Michael Smith ..... Petitioners,

v.

The South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, Bishop Leonard E. Fairley, Rev. Cathy Mitchell, Rev. Fran Elrod, Rev. Steve Brown, Rev. Terry Fleming, Rev. Telley Gadson, Rev. Anthony Hodge, Rev. Chris Lollis, Rev. Ken Nelson, Rev. Steve Patterson, Jr., and Rev. Jeffrey Salley ..... Respondents.

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**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ORIGINAL JURISDICTION**

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PLEASE BE ADVISED that the attached Petition for Original Jurisdiction and accompanying exhibits have been filed in the South Carolina Supreme Court. Under Rule 245 of the South Carolina Rules of Appellate Practice, you have 20 days from the date of service of this Petition and Notice upon you to file a return to the Petition with the Clerk of the Supreme Court of South Carolina, Post Office Box 11330, Columbia, SC 29211. Failure to serve and file a timely Return may be deemed consent to the matter being heard in the Court's original jurisdiction.

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