

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In 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.

PROOF OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned employee, of the law offices of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP, attorneys for Petitioners, do hereby certify that on April 14, 2025, I placed true and accurate copies of the pleadings hereinbelow specified, in a drop box for Federal Express to be served on all Respondents named in this action as required by Rule 245 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules and in accordance with Rule 4 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure.

Pleading(s):

Notice of Petition
Petition for Original Jurisdiction
Complaint (*Exhibit A to the Petition*)

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