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The Honorable J. C. Nicholson, Jr., Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2016-000513
Common Pleas Case No.: 2013-CP-10-1877

The RMUE through its General Officers Barbara B. Clark, Warren E. Hatcher, Cassie Keeton, Daniel Green, Powell Hampton, Amos Hatcher, Bobby Keeton, James Moseley, and Willie B. Oliver, Respondents,

vs.

Herman Bolds, Richard Brown Cecil Parker, Theodore Miller, Carl Miller, Joan S. Roper, Martha Mathews, Thomasina G. Walker, Marilyn S. Washington, Jaree R. Stanley, Audrey Wilder, Derrick Lucas, Willie Parker, Jr., James Cromwell, James A. Roper, III, Elizabeth R. Parker, Jacqueline R. Miller, and Payne Church, Appellants.

RECORD ON APPEAL

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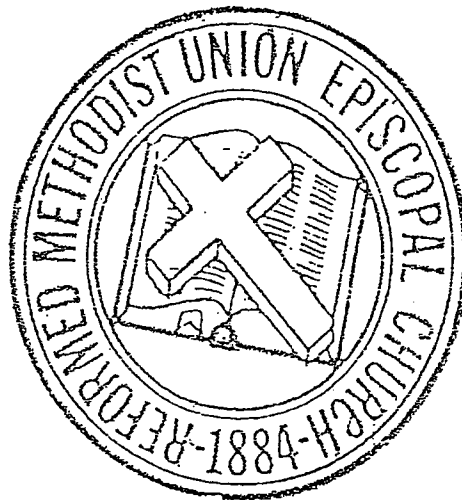
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Minutes
Of the
Reformed Methodist Union Episcopal Churches
26th General Conference



Convened at

Antioch R.M.U.E. Church
Rimini, South Carolina

Rev. William Polite, Jr., Pastor

May 8-9, 2000

Bro. Willie B. Oliver

Sis. Deborrah N. Coleman

Rev. Ronald Wine

Rev. Thomas Watson, Jr.

Rev. Fred Henderson Moore

Rev. Jerry Devoe

Rt. Rev. Dr. Leroy Gethers

General Secretary

Episcopal Secretary

Presiding Elder, Sumter District

Presiding Elder, Savannah District

Presiding Elder, Charleston District

Associate Bishop

Presiding Bishop

Monday, May 8, 2000

Devotional Service conducted by Rev. Warren Hatcher and Rev. William Polite. The opening selection "Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior". The invocation was given by Rev. Polite and Scripture Reading I John 3: 1-9. The second hymn "God has Smiled on Me. The Welcome Address was given by Rev. William Polite and response by Bishop Jerry Devoe.

The 26th General Conference was called to order by Bishop Gethers. He gave God thanks to be present in the house of worship and thanked Rev. Hatcher and Rev. Polite for conducting the Devotional Service. Bishop Gethers asked that this General Conference work in unity, for the good of the Church. He stated that we are God's children working for the same God. Let us do everything in our power to up lift the Reformed Methodist Union Episcopal Church. We serve a God that sits high and looks low, His eyes are on the sparrow and I know that he watches over me. Let us have love, peace and unity. All members must work together for the church using our God given talents. Let us walk right, talk right and do what's right. We all have gifts and let us use our gift for the betterment of the Reformed Methodist Union Episcopal Church.

Altar call was held for members and prayers were offered by Rev. Joseph Powell, Rev. Warren Hatcher, Rev. Robert Dunham and Bishop Gethers.

The roll call of the 25th General Conference was called by the General Secretary. Memorial Service was conducted by Bishop Gethers for our deceased members. They are Bro. William Parker, Rev. Theodore Wrighten and Sis. Helen Brown.

The names of the 2000 General Conference Delegates were recorded and called as listed below.

GENERAL OFFICERS

Rev. William Polite, Jr., Secretary of Education Department
Rev. Dan Green, General Treasure
Bro. Willie B. Oliver, General Secretary
Rev. Warren Hatcher, Secretary of Mission Department
Rev. Powell Hampton, Secretary of Sunday School Union
Sis. Barbara B. Clark, Secretary of Church Extension
Sis. Ann Blandin, Secretary of Book Concern

MINISTERIAL DELEGATES

Elder Fred Henderson Moore, Presiding Elder Charleston District
Elder Thomas Watson, Presiding Elder Savannah District
Elder Ronald Wine, Presiding Elder Sumter District
Rev. Robert L. Dunham, Pastor Savannah District
Rev. Melvin Bolds, Pastor, Sumter District
Rev. William Watson, Conference Missionary Charleston District
Rev. Wesley Moore, Pastor Charleston District

CHARLESTON DISTRICT LAY DELEGATES

Sis. Deborrah N. Coleman, Mt. Hermon

Sis. Emogene Backman, Sis. Janet Williams, Bro. Ceasar Jenkins,
Bro. Herman Bolds, and Bro. George Richardson, Payne

Sis. Ruth Mitchell and Sis. Viola Chisolm, Central

Bro. David Pender, Jerusalem

Sis. Alice Davis and Sis. Rena Davis, New Zion

Bro. Charlie Gadsden, Bethlehem

Sis. Anna Adams, St. James (not present)

SAVANNAH DISTRICT LAY DELEGATES

Sis. Elizabeth Taylor, Central

Sis. Catherine Taylor, St. Stephen

Bro. Jimmie L. Woods, Emmanuel

Sis. Theresa Golden, Mt. Olive

Bro. Samuel Smalls, Bethel

SUMTER DISTRICT LAY DELEGATES

Sis. Willie Mae Hardy and Sis. Matline Junious, St. Phillip

Sis. Mary Ann Shannon, Mt. Pleasant

Sis. Magalene Thomas and Sis. Katy Coaxum, Orangehill

Sis. Joyce Raiford, Mt. Sinai

Sis. Inez Parker and Bro. James, Antioch

A motion was made by Rev. William Polite and seconded by Rev. Melvin Bolds that the seventh pew be the bound of the conference. The motion was carried.

A motion was made by Rev. William Polite and seconded by Rev. Powell Hampton to have Elder Ronald Wine and Rev. Robert Dunham serve as Marshalls. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Sis. Barbara B. Clark and seconded by Rev. Dan Green to have Sis. Deborah Coleman serve as recording secretary. The motion was carried.

Commissioning Service was held for General Officers by Bishop Gethers, assisted by Elder Fred H. Moore. During the service, Rev. Melvin Bolds intervened and wanted to know whether these General Officers were being installed because he wanted to run for an office. Bishop Gethers announced that the procedure is that you must make your declaration in the Annual Conference.

After a lengthy discussion it was decided that the floor was now open for nominees for any one seeking a General Office position. At this point Rev. Bolds made his declaration for Secretary of Church Extension. Sis. Katy Coaxum asked that the candidates give a statement indicating the reason why they are running for the position and what plans do they anticipate. Remarks were given by Sis. Barbara B. Clark and Rev. Melvin Bolds candidates seeking the office of Secretary of Church Extension.

Bro. Jenkins made a motion and it was seconded by Bro. Richardson that we use the two (2) Tellers elected in the Lay Delegates meeting. The motion was carried. The Tellers are: Sis. Emogene Backman and Sis. Elizabeth Taylor. The election was held by ballot voting and Rev. Melvin Bolds defeated Sis. Barbara B. Clark by a vote of 27 to 15. Bishop Gethers preceded in the Commissioning of General Officers for the years 2000-2004 with the newly elected Secretary of Church Extension being installed along with the other General Officers who were unopposed.

The following Committees were appointed by Bishop Gethers:

PRESIDING ELDER'S SALARY

Sis. Emogene Backman
Bro. David Pender
Sis. Willie Mae Hardy

Sis. Catherine Taylor
Sis. Rena Davis
Rev. Joseph Powell

PASTOR'S SALARY

Sis. Alice Davis
Rev. Melvin Bolds
Rev. William Polite

Sis. Matline Junious
Bro. Willie B. Oliver
Sis. Theresa Golden

MISSIONARY, AUXILIARY, SENIOR & JUNIOR CONFERENCE WORKERS BOARDS

Sis. Ruth Mitchell
Sis. Joyce Raiford
Rev. Robert L. Dunham

Sis. Inez Parker
Rev. Dan Green
Sis. Deborah Coleman

CHURCH ASSESSMENT AND GENERAL CONFERENCE

Sis. Barbara B. Clark
Bro. Jimmie L. Woods
Elder Thomas Watson

Sis. Inez Parker
Bro. Robert James
Bro. Caesar Jenkins

RICHARDSON DAY, FIFTH SUNDAY AND EASTER DAY

Sis. Janet Williams
Sis. Katy Coaxum
Sis. Ann Blandin

Sis. Viola Chisolm
Rev. Wesley Moore
Bro. Charlie Gadsden

CHURCH EXTENSION AND EASTER DAY

Bro. Herman Bolds
Sis. Magalene Thomas
Rev. Powell Hampton

Bro. Samuel Smalls
Rev. William Watson

EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S DAY

Rev. Warren Hatcher
Elder Fred. H. Moore
Sis. Mary Shannon

Bro. George Richardson
Elder Ronald Wine

Sis. Ann Blandin asked the General Conference for permission to organize a Nurse's Unit in each District. A motion was made by Rev. William Watson and seconded by Rev. Wesley Moore that the Nurse's Unit be organized. The motion was carried.

Bishop Gethers asked for reports from General Officers for the years commencing 1992 – 1996.

GENERAL TREASURE'S REPORT

General Treasure's report was given by Rev. Dan Green. A motion was made by Rev. William Watson and seconded by Bishop Devoe. After the unreadiness by Elder Thomas Watson, The unreadiness was the amount in checking account. Rev. Green felt that amount was necessary to pay expenses. After a lengthy discussion a motion was made by Sis. Janet Williams and seconded by Sis. Emogene Backman that the General Treasurer look at other ways of investing the money to yield more interest. The motion was carried. The accounts and balances for the General Treasure are listed below:

Balances are as of May 2, 2000:

Checking Account	\$18,630.50
Savings Account	56,767.35
Certificate	<u>11,101.30</u>
Total	\$86,499.15

Bishop Gethers announced that he remembered when the Denomination had nothing. We were able to lend out \$52,000 in one year. Thank God for the distance he has brought us.

Rev. William Watson announced that he is seeking the office of Associate Bishop because it is stated that we can have two (2) Associate Bishops. Elder Moore stated that according to the new Discipline the Associate Bishop office is not open.

The conference was adjourned for lunch break.

MONDAY, MAY 8, 2000 – 2:30 P.M.

Devotional Service was conducted by Rev. Dan Green and Rev. Powell Hampton. The opening selection was "Jesus Keeps Me Near the Cross" and invocation by Rev. Dan Green. The Scripture Reading Psalm 27 was read by Rev. Powell Hampton. The second hymn "Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior".

The conference was called to order by Bishop Gethers.

The roll was called by the General Secretary and minutes read by Recording Secretary. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Rev. William Watson and seconded by Rev. Powell Hampton. The motion was carried.

Bishop Gethers asked that we continue with the General Officer's Reports.

GENERAL SECRETARY REPORT

The General Secretary report given made by Bro. Willie B. Oliver. The total expenditures for the period May 1996 – May 2000 was \$221,454.26. A motion to accept the report was made by Rev. William Watson and seconded by Bishop Devoe. The motion was carried.

SECRETARY OF PENSION DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Pension Department Report was given by Rev. Joseph Powell. A motion was made by Rev. William Polite and seconded by Sis. Emogene Backman to have the report received. Elder Thomas Watson had an unreadiness. His unreadiness was why were two (2) names deleted from receiving pension. Elder Powell stated that the names of Rev. William Jefferson and Sis. Celia Cummings was deleted because they are not members of the Denomination. Bishop Jerry Devoe, stated that's correct because they are attending other churches in other denomination and they are no longer eligible to receive a pension from the R.M.U.E. Church. Sis. Janet Williams referred the conference to page 166 of the Discipline last sentence "The Preacher shall be a member of the quarterly conference" and that statement would make them ineligible to receive a pension. Some members felt that that if they left, it should have followed them. It was reported that they did not contribute anything to the fund. The Balance in this account is \$46,772.76.

SECRETARY OF EDUCATION REPORT

The Secretary of Education Department Report was given by Rev. William Polite. A motion to accept the report was made by Rev. Melvin Bolds and seconded by Rev. Powell Hampton. The motion was carried. The balance in this account is \$13, 866.32.

SECRETARY OF CHURCH EXTENSION REPORT

The Secretary of Church Extension Report was given by Sis. Barbara B. Clark. A motion to accept the report was made by Rev. William Watson and seconded by Rev. William Polite. The motion was carried. The balance in this account is \$20,206.32.

SECRETARY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION REPORT

The Secretary of Sunday School Union report was given by Rev. Powell Hampton. A motion to accept the report was made by Rev. Joseph Powell and seconded by Rev. Warren Hatcher. The motion was carried. The balance in this account \$ 8,415.68.

SECRETARY OF MISSION REPORT

The Secretary of Mission Report was given by Rev. Warren Hatcher. A motion to accept the report was made by Bishop Devoe and seconded by Rev. Powell Hampton. The motion carried. The balance in this account \$ 7,897.60.

SECRETARY OF BOOK CONCERN REPORT

The Secretary of Book Concern Report was given by Sis. Ann Blandin. A motion to accept the report was made by Sis. Viola Chisolm and seconded by Rev. William Watson. The motion carried. Sis. Blandin reported \$2,340 to the General Treasurer for Disciplines. The balance in this account \$2,120.

The Committee on Presiding Elder's Salary gave their report. This committee recommended an increase of \$1.00 per member. The new rate yearly will be \$9.60 per member. A motion to adopt was made by Bro. David Pender and seconded by Rev. Melvin Bolds. The motion was carried.

Committee on Pastor's Salary gave their report. This committee recommended an increase for all Pastor's. The new rate ranges from 20% to 25%. The new monthly salaries are:

Mt. Hermon	\$ 500.00	Mt. Pleasant	\$ 625.00
Payne	1,300.00	Orangehill	550.00
Central (Charleston)	1,000.00	Antioch	625.00
Jerusalem	500.00	Mt. Sinai	400.00
New Zion	800.00	St. James	250.00
Bethlehem	250.00	Central (Savannah)	250.00
St. Phillip	850.00	St. Stephen	125.00
Emmanuel	250.00	Bethel	200.00
Mt. Olive	500.00		

A motion to adopt this report was made by Rev. Joseph Powell and seconded by Rev. Powell Hampton. Elder Thomas Watson stated that he had an unreadiness. His question was why pay increases are 20% to 25% and not an equal amount across the board. Bro. Ceasar Jenkins felt that they should not receive a 20% to 25% increase when most people who receive social security only receive a 3% increase from the government. After a lengthy discussion many of the members gave their comments: Elder Fred Moore stated, we were born out of paying cheap wages and we must be persuaded to pay our tithes. Sis. Ann Blandin stated that, she doesn't mind paying but we are paying for what we get, we must have ministers that are better equip. Sis. Barbara Clark stated, the only way we will be able to attract more and better-equipped ministers, we must have a decent salary in place. Bro. Samuel Smalls stated that what ever increase is decided here he will be happy to give it to his pastor because of the good work he is doing.

He also talked about how he has begun to pay his tithes and what a difference it has made in his life. Sis. Chisolm stated that all ministers should get a raise of equal value. It was decided that this issue is voted on. It was passed by a vote of 28 to 13 all Pastors will receive their new increases effective immediately.

Committee on Missionary, Auxiliary, Senior and Junior Conference Workers Boards gave their report. This committee recommended an increase of .25 per member. The new rate will be .50 per member at each local convention. A motion to adopt was made by Rev. Powell Hampton and seconded by Rev. Wesley Moore. The motion was carried.

Committee on Church Assessment and General Conference gave their report. This committee recommended that no increase be made at this time. The motion to adopt was made by Rev. Warren Hatcher and seconded by Bro. George Richardson. The motion was carried.

Committee on Richardson Day, Fifth Sunday, and Easter Day gave their report and offered the following recommendations:

Widows be increased from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per member
Richardson Day be increased from \$1.25 to \$1.75 per member
Fifth Sunday remains the same \$1.50 per member

A motion to adopt was made by Bro. George Richardson and seconded by Bro. Ceasar Jenkins. The motion was carried.

Committee on Church Extension and Easter Day gave their report. This committee recommended that no changes be made at this time. A motion to adopt was made by Bro. Jimmie L. Woods and seconded by Sis. Viola Chisolm. The motion was carried.

Committee on Education and Children's Day gave their report. This committee offered the following recommendations:

Increase Education from \$3.00 to \$4.00 per member annual
Increase Children's Day from \$1.25 to \$1.50 per member annual

A motion to adopt was made by Bro. Caesar Jenkins and seconded by Rev. Wesley Moore. Rev. Polite stated that he had an unreadiness and he was not concerned about the increase but felt like he was being badgered. He is always concern and willing to do whatever with the Education Department. A committee was formed to assist with additional funds but the group met a few times and had a few programs but that was it.

Bishop Gethers asked for a raise for the Youth Congress. A motion was made by Sis. Emogene Backman and seconded by Rev. Warren Hatcher to increase the amount given to Youth Congress from \$700 to \$900 per year. The motion was carried.

Elder Ronald Wine wanted to know when will all of these increases become effective? All increases and changes made are effective on the date changes were made.

Rev. Powell Hampton, Secretary of Sunday School Union stated that he welcomed recommendations and suggestions from the members on ways he can improve this department.

The Delegates were disbursed \$30.00 for food.

Since there was no further business, the General Conference was adjourned until Tuesday, May 9, 2000 at 10:00 a.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2000 – 10:00 a.m.

Devotional service was conducted by Elder Ronald Wine and Rev. Rev. Robert L. Dunham. The opening selection was "I'm Going to Hide Behind the Mountain". The invocation was given by Elder Ronald Wine. The Scripture Reading Revelation 22: 1-18 read by Rev. Dunham.

Bishop Gethers gave thanks to be present in the house of worship on the second day of our General Conference. He stated that God has been good to us and hope that we can meet together in love, peace and unity for the good of our church. If we love the church we should give it our time, talent and money. The Lord loves a cheerful giver. We should pay our tithes and offering to our church. Let us listen to God's word and be governed by God's word, because we can't beat God's giving, the more we give, and the more he gives to you. -

The conference was called to order by Bishop Gethers. The roll was called by the General Secretary and minutes read by the recording secretary. A motion to accept the minutes with the necessary correction was made by Rev. Powell Hampton and seconded by Rev. Warren Hatcher. The motion was carried. The correction is the checking account balance in Sunday School Union Department is \$8,415.68.

Sis. Blandin stated that we have agreed not to lend any more money until we receive some of the money back that was loaned out. She feels we need to have a procedure in place and charge an interest fee of at least 1%. Bishop Gethers commented that he has pastored many churches and they have never come to the Denomination to borrow money. They have always gone to the bank to apply for their loan.

After a lengthy discussion the body was asked to vote on the percentage for any church requesting a loan. The results are:

3% - 17

5% - 1

1% - 14

The loans will be at a 3% interest.

A motion was made by Rev. Warren Hatcher and seconded by Sis. Deborrah Coleman that an amendment to the Discipline state that any one wishing to run for general office must make their declaration in the annual conference preceding the general conference and it will be included on the annual conference program. This amendment was approved by a vote of 27. The motion was carried.

It was also decided that if a vacancy is created by (death, incapacitation, expulsion, etc.) the Presiding Bishop has the authority to appoint a person to fill the position until General Conference, after that, someone can make their declaration to run for that office.

Bro. Caesar Jenkins read the proposals from the lay delegates.

Item # 1 - ok already corrected

Item # 2 - adopted

Item # 3 - adopted

Item # 4 - adopted

Item # 5 - adopted

Item # 6 - A motion to adopt was made by Bro. Richardson and seconded by Rev. Powell Hampton that the Ministers with a small church receive a \$300.00 per quarter instead of \$150.00 per quarter. The motion was carried

Elder Ronald Wine asked what happens after a presiding Bishop has served his four years? Bro. Caesar Jenkins stated that after demise of the present presiding Bishop any one who is qualified and seeks that office will be elected to a term of four years. After the (4) four years expires, that position is open for election. If that person is defeated, he will be sent to pastor a church. There will only be one presiding Bishop.

Sis. Coleman felt that we should have procedures in place for those ministers receiving assistance from the Denomination. She further stated that it's the church along with the Stewards to see that a pastor is receiving his salary. All churches have Pastor's Anniversary etc. wherein the pastor's receive monies from the church. If the members were to pay their tithes and offering, it would not be a problem. At some point, those pastor's receiving assistance can eventually be weaned out if there membership changes. Rev. Robert Dunham felt that we are our brother's keeper and we should help. It is our responsibility to help the smaller church. It would not be right if the Denomination does not assist these churches. We should help as long as we are able to do so.

Rev. Powell Hampton asked if the Youth Congress can be changed from the 3rd Saturday in July to the 1st Saturday in September. After a lengthy discussion a substitute motion was made by Rev. William Watson and seconded by Sis. Janet Williams that the Youth Congress be held on the 3rd Saturday in September effective this year. The motion was carried.

Sis. Theresa Golden read the Proposal from Savannah District. Sis. Elizabeth Taylor stated that she is on the Savannah District and was not aware of this Proposal. Sis Golden asked that the proposal be submitted from Mt. Olive R.M.U.E. Church. A motion to adopt was made by Bro. Willie B. Oliver and seconded by Elder Thomas Watson that Mt. Olive Church proposal be adopted. Elder Fred H. Moore asked that an amendment to the proposal to a 3.00 GPA instead of 4.00. After a lengthy discussion was held some members commented as to: 1.) will every district be able to receive a scholarship and how will they be selected.

Steward Board and Trustee Board Call Meeting

April 15, 2013

7:00 PM

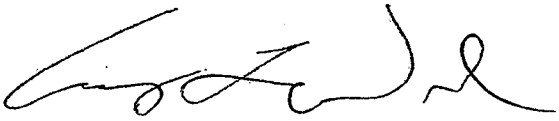
The meeting was called to order by Br. Herman Bolds. He then introduced Attorney Eduardo Curry who then updated the boards on the pending litigation re: the RMUE Church and the Members of the Steward and Trustee Boards.

Attorney Curry then explained the legal process re: the litigation. He opened the floor for questions from the board members. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Br. Theodore Miller and seconded by Br. Carl Moore to retain Attorney Eduardo Curry with a \$10,000 fee cap. The call for questions was made. After discussion, all those in favor of the motion were requested to say aye. A unanimous vote was received. A call for any oppositions was made, none received.

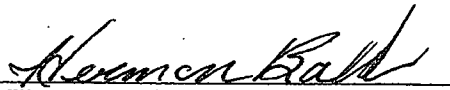
Attorney Eduardo Curry was then excused from the meeting. Br. Bolds then addressed the members re: the Attorney fee. It was agreed that the fee would be divided among the board members and paid in installments.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Sis. Audrey L. Wilder,
Steward Board Secretary



Br. Herman Bolds,
Pastor Steward



Br. Derrick Lucas,
Chairman, Trustee Board

**Payne RMUE Church
Steward Board Meeting
May 21, 2012 7:00 PM**

Elder Thomas Junious, Pastor

The meeting was called to order by the Pastor. The roll was called followed by the reading of the minutes from the April meeting. The minutes were accepted as information. \$9 collected in dues.

COMMUNION REPORT

Br. Bright, Sis. Roper, Sis. Thomasina Walker, Sis. Murray, Sis. Washington, Br. Richard Brown, and Elder Richardson gave reports on those members they communed.

OLD BUSINESS

Evaluation Committee-the board discussed developing an evaluation tool for the Musician Position. The pastor then appointed Sis. Roper, Br. Richard Brown, Elder Green, Sis. Washington, and Sis. Matthews to develop the evaluation tool and identify a time frame for the evaluation.

Choir Visitations-it was questioned if the choir could rehearse songs for visitations. It was noted that this request was presented to the choir with no action. The pastor suggested to address in choir meeting and/or rehearsal. It was noted that the choir was not having meetings to discuss. The pastor agreed to address this issue with the President and the Musician.

NEW BUSINESS

Funeral Planning for Members-the board was informed by Br. Herbert Brown that a check was received from the funeral home for grave plot fee for a member, which may have been an oversight on the part of the funeral home. He suggested the church secretary accompany the Pastor and Pastor Steward when making arrangements with the family. Elder Richardson then explained the process used when preparing the funeral services, along with privileges.

After some discussion, the pastor suggested to propose a policy re: a member of the church selecting another pastor, beside himself to conduct the funeral services. Br. Moore questioned the pastor if the Associate Bishop contacted him re: performing services. Answer, no. Br. Bolds informed the board funeral arrangements along with the program had been completed and given to the funeral home by the time he and the pastor arrived at the home.

Letter of Reprimand / Request for General Officer Position-the board discussed and approved to send a letter to the Bishop requesting that Associate Bishop William Polite be reprimanded for his lack of respect to the Pastor in conducting funeral services for a Payne member. Sis. Washington informed the board 4 general officer positions were created in the General Conference. She suggested sending a letter to the Bishop and General Officers of the RMUE Church requesting representation from Payne in those vacant positions.

Br. Moore suggested amending the request to include a request to produce an audit of all RMUE accounts. After some discussion, Br. Moore and Br. Herbert Brown agreed to draft the letters by May 27th, with a response date. It was requested to have the members of the board sign the letter of reprimand. It was noted a copy of the letter to the Bishop requesting reprimand should be sent to the Presiding Elder as well.

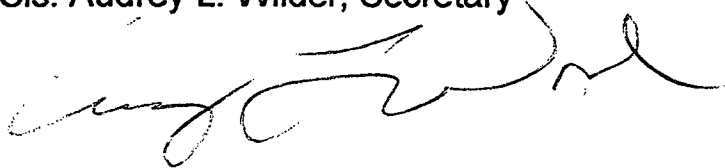
Pastor Aide Board-the pastor requested the steward board to take over the responsibilities of the Pastor Aide Board completely. He agreed to make the announcement in the next Official Board meeting.

Finance Report- \$131 collected; \$40 Sick/Shut-in returned; \$9-Steward Board Dues;\$82 T&O; \$20 dispersed; \$111 to be deposited.

Announcements-Usher Board Pre-Anniversary on Thursday, May 21st; Usher Anniversary Service on Sunday with the Pastor as guest speaker; Local/State Democratic Convention in Columbia May 25-26,Volunteers needed to register voters, 1st meeting scheduled for May 29th on John's Island; Charleston District Conference scheduled for May 25-27, with a workshop on Saturday at Central RMUE.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sis. Audrey L. Wilder, Secretary



Payne RMUE Church
Joint Meeting with Steward and Trustee Boards
November 20, 2012
7:30PM

Elder Thomas Junious, Pastor

The meeting was called to order by the Pastor. He informed the boards the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the issues re: the leadership dispute and on-going litigation between the Presiding Bishop and the General Officers of the RMUE Denomination. The information would then be presented to the congregation to decide Payne's position with the RMUE Denomination and the up coming Annual Conference scheduled for the week of December 2, 2012.

The Pastor updated the boards on a series of events that occurred from May 2012 to present. He reminded the board in the past, Payne had requested financial reports from the General Officers of funds collected over the past ten years. He added Payne had also requested to have an audit conducted of all financial records for the RMUE Church for as noted in the discipline. He noted both requests were never acknowledged by the General Officers.

Br. Herman Bolds addressed the boards with the same concerns as well as the litigation process thus far. Br. Derrick Lucas addressed his concerns re: financial support of the Payne church along with the upkeep and maintenance.

The Pastor then requested questions, comments, and /or concerns from those board members present. A lengthy discussion was held re: the Payne Church status to the Annual Conference, the Ministerial Staff, Conference Assessment, General Officer position, and request for an audit. After this discussion, a motion was made by Br. Herman Bolds, and seconded by Br. Theodore Miller to

1. Stay with the RMUE Denomination but remain neutral.
2. Keep the Ministerial Staff as status quo and remain as currently staffed.
3. Hold all Conference Fee Assessment for a period of 1 year or until notified otherwise.
4. Request a Pro-rated General Officer position for Payne.
5. Request the Associate Bishop and General Officers to conduct and report a ten year audit of the Denomination's finances, processes, procedures, financial statements, account balances and assets.

The pastor then requested all members in favor of the motion to stand. All board members presented voted in favor by standing. The pastor then asked for any opposed against the motion, none received. The motion was passed. The board requested to send a certified letter to the Associate Bishop and each General Officer noting Payne's position and requests. It was requested to include a deadline to respond back to Payne re: the noted requests. The pastor then noted this information would be presented to the congregation. Also, the final decision on Payne's position and requests would be made by the congregation.

The meeting was then adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,
Sis. Audrey L. Wilder, Secretary

MINUTES – APRIL 8, 2013 OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING – PAYNE CHURCH

Meeting called to order by Rev. Thomas Junious, Pastor

Song: Thank you Lord-Led by Sis. Jackie Miller

Prayer: by Bro Herman Bolds

Scripture: Psalm 61 read by Sis. Martha Matthews

Marshall: Bro. Robert Bright, the 6th pew.

Roll Call by Sister Jacqueline Miller, no names omitted.

The minutes from the March 11, 2013 Official Board Meeting were read by Sis. Jacqueline Miller, Secretary.

Unreadiness; Sister Rebecca Richardson wanted to clarify her statement in reference to her dealings with Stem Point Cemetery; she advised that the Churches look at the member's status to determine the amount of money they needed to pay if any. It was moved that the minutes be accepted as read with the necessary corrections by Bro. Carl Moore, second by Bro. Herman Bolds. Majority voted yes, no opposition.

LEADERS' REPORT: No report for classes #1 thru #16, Class #18 \$50.00, Sis. Inez Jenkins. Class #19 \$60.00, Bro Leroy Singleton.

Class #20 thru Class #27 no report.

Sister Pamela Martino was appointed Leader of Class #6.

BABY CHRISTENING: None

FELLOWSHIP: One (1) Bro. Keith Walker under the Leadership of Leader Alonzo Gilliard

WEDDINGS: One (1) Bro. Elijah Fludd requested November 9, 2013.

OLD BUSINESS

Seafood Fest Fundraiser: Sis. Audrey Wilder, Sis. Marilyn Washington and Bro. Richard Brown will meet to discuss the Fundraiser.

NEW BUSINESS

Bro. Herman Bolds explained the status of the Church. The Floor was opened for questions.

Sis. Marilyn Washington explained the actions of Judge Fields and the response received from the Supreme Court.

Bro Horace Robinson suggested that a letter be sent to all of the members of the Church advising them of the Church's status. After much discussion it was said that it was the responsibility of the Leaders to keep their Class members informed.

Sis. Martha Matthews inquired whether Rev. Junious had a license and who issued his license.

Rev. Junious advised that Bishop Moore issued his license.

Bro. Theodore Miller brought up the issue of Bro. Herbert Brown using profanity in the office and consulting with Deputies to have Rev. Junious forcibly removed.

Rev Junious suspended Bro. Herbert Brown from the Steward Board and the Financial Office.

Bro. Theodore Miller presented to the Official Board; Bro. Isaac Gethers a member of Class #6 advised him that he was leaving the Church, because he wanted to remain RMUE.

After much discussion it was determined that a Letter of Withdrawal will be given to anyone who wanted to leave the Church, to relieve the Church of any obligations to them.

Sister Crystal Blue requested the following dates and the use of the Church's van for the Young People's League. April 13, the YPL Leadership Conference, April 19, South Carolina State Wind Ensemble at Burke High and April 20, 2013, The Alpha Kappa Alpha Teen Summit held at Trident Technical College. It was properly moved by Bro. Caesar Jenkins and second by Bro. Theodore Miller and Bro. Willie Parker Jr. Majority voted yes, no opposition.

STEWARD REPORT: Given by Sis. Martha Matthews. Sis. Matthews presented Sis. Sylvia Moore to the Official Board, in reference to her joining the Stewardess and Missionary Boards. Bro. Bolds advised that the nomination for the Stewardess Board will be handled in the Steward Board Meeting.

TRUSTEES REPORT: Bro. Derrick Lucas reports that we had 3 burials. One (1) member and two (2) nonmembers.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Total collected \$110.00

Respectfully Submitted, Sis. Jacqueline R. Miller, Church Secretary

ROA 0481

Payne Church
Joint Meeting with Steward Board & Trustee Board
April 22, 2013
7:30 PM

Elder Thomas Junious, Pastor

The meeting was called to order by Br. Bolds. He then presented Sis. Washington who informed the members the purpose of the meeting was to discuss future plans for Payne Church. This would include establishing officers for Payne Church, along with developing rules and policies.

A motion was made by Br. Miller to appoint a committee to develop the mission statement, along with the policies and procedures for Payne Church. The motion was seconded by Sis. Marilyn Washington. The call for questions was made. The vote was requested by saying "aye". A unanimous vote was received. The call for any oppositions was made. None received. The pastor then appointed the following members to the committee to develop the proposed mission statement, rules and policies of Payne Church: Elder Josephine Richardson, Sis. Marilyn Washington, Sis. Martha Matthews, Sis. Jacqueline Miller, and Br. Carl Moore.

A motion was then made by Br. Carl Moore and seconded by Sis. Jacqueline Miller to re-affirm all officers to the new church. The call for questions was made. The vote was requested by saying "aye". A unanimous vote was received. The call for oppositions was made. None received. The following officers were re-affirmed:

Steward Board

Br. Herman Bolds, Pastor Steward
Br. Theodore Miller, Asst. Pastor Steward
Sis. Audrey Wilder, Secretary
Sis. Martha B. Matthews
Sis. Thomasina Walker
Br. Carl Moore
Sis. Joan Roper
Sis. Jarie Stanley
Br. Richard Brown
Elder Josephine Richardson

Trustee Board

Br. Derrick Lucas, Chairman
Br. Willie Parker, Jr.
Sis. Elizabeth Parker
Br. Albert Prioleau
Br. James Roper III
Br. Vernon Wilder
Br. Harold Remus Cromwell
Sis. Jacqueline Miller

Other

Sis. Jacqueline Miller, Church Secretary
Sis. Jarie Stanley, Financial Secretary
Br. Carl Moore, Treasurer
Br. Ceaser Jenkins, Finance Committee
Elder Josephine Richardson, Ministerial Staff

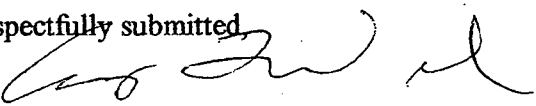
The Pastor noted other board members not present at the meeting would be considered for re-affirmation to their respective boards.

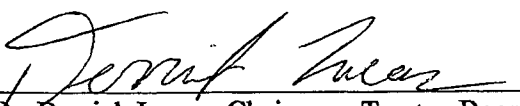
Br. Miller informed the board a member on his class informed him that he was attending Jerusalem RMUE Church. The member also informed him that he would not support the church financially or come back to Payne until it returned back to the RMUE denomination. The board recommended to Br. Miller to obtain written notice from this member stating his decision. The pastor then requested to have a standard letter available to give to those members who desire to leave the church.

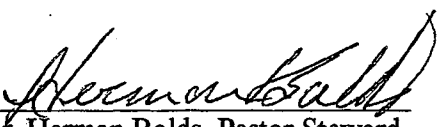
It was suggested to develop a committee to review the church expenses, including salaries, in order to make suggestions to decrease expenditures. The pastor appointed those members assigned to develop the mission statement, rules and policies.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,


Sis. Audrey L. Wilder, Steward Board Secretary


Br. Derrick Lucas, Chairman, Trustee Board


Br. Herman Bolds, Pastor Steward

Steward Board Meeting
May 20, 2013
7:30 PM
Elder Thomas Junious, Pastor

The meeting was called to order by the Pastor, followed by the roll call, collection of dues (\$45) and reading of the minutes from the last meeting. The pastor then presented Br. Farris Chisolm as a new member of the board.

COMMUNION REPORT

Br. Richard Brown, Br. Robert Bright, Sis. Wilder, Br. Bolds, and Sis. Matthews gave reports on members who were communed. It was suggested to visit with Sis. Hales for a prayer service.

Baptism-0

Fellowship-0

Wedding-0

OLD BUSINESS

Love Feast-It was suggested to change the process for love feast and place the tray out in the vestibule before service.

Communion Service- it was noted that some members who were able to come to the alter for communion were not coming. It was suggested to have the Pastor serve communion to the members who could not come to the alter.

Watch Care-it was questioned the stipulation of watch care since Payne no longer affiliated with the RMUE denomination. It was explained that it does not apply to Payne. The Pastor requested to develop a policy addressing this issue. It was also suggested to have a meeting with each leader to confirm the members on the class. It was noted a letter should be given to each member re: the policy.

Resignation from Board-letter of resignation from Sis. Paulette Murray was read as information. The Pastor requested to send a letter to Sis. Murray, thanking her for services rendered.

Fundraisers- It was suggested to require all boards in the church to conduct fundraisers.

Documentation-it was suggested to document the disturbance that occurred on the first night of the Easter Revival Service. It was noted that an article was in the local newspaper re: the disturbance.

Musician-it was noted that Sis. Wragg requested the 4th Sunday in July off, with her grandson as the replacement. The board was informed that Sis. Wragg had plans to be away from the church traveling with her outside choir this summer. It was noted the contract she signed stipulated a two-week vacation. It was suggested to have the liaison for the choir meet with Sis. Wragg to confirm dates and report back to the board. A motion was made by Br. Richard Brown and seconded by Sis. Marilyn Washington and Br. Theodore Miller to grant the request from Sis. Wragg to have the 4th Sunday in July off, with her grandson as the replacement, and receive the same salary. The call for questions was made. The vote was requested by saying "aye". A unanimous vote was received. A call for any oppositions was made, none received. It was then announced that the Prayer Band of Faith would be celebrating its anniversary on the 4th Sunday in July.

Sr. Usher Board Anniversary-it was announced this event would be held on Sunday at 3:30pm with pre-anniversary service on Thursday. It was noted the choir would be needed.

Communion Table- it was noted a candle was missing from the communion table after a recent wedding. The board was informed the president of the Stewardess Board was informed to be present during rehearsal and / or ceremony to ensure no items on the table would be used.

Adjusting Salaries-the board was reminded salaries and expenditures were suggested to be reviewed to identify areas to decrease expenses.

Finance Report-\$65 steward board dues; \$400 legal fund

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Sis. Audrey L. Wilder, Secretary



ROA 0483

MINUTES – JUNE 3, 2013 OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING – PAYNE CHURCH

Meeting called to order by Rev. Thomas Junious, Pastor
Song: Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior-Led by Sis. Joan Roper
Prayer: by Bro Herman Bolds
Scripture: Psalm 61 read by Sis. Martha Matthews
Marshall: Bro. Albert Prioleau
Boundary: the 6th pew.

Roll Call by Sister Jacqueline Miller, no names omitted.

The minutes from the May 6, 2013 Official Board Meeting was read by Sis. Jacqueline Miller, Secretary.
It was moved that the minutes be accepted as read with the necessary corrections by Sis. Joan Roper
Second by Sis. Jarie Stanley and Sis. Sylvia Moore. Majority voted yes, no opposition.

LEADERS' REPORT: No report for classes #1,3,5,6,8,9,14, 15,16,20,21,23,24,25, and Class #27.

Class #2 25.00, Class # 4, \$10. Class #7 \$373, Class# 11 \$120, members James Martino, Sr., James Martino, Jr., Mariah Payne, Walter Walker, Nathan Walker and Etta Walker transferred to Class #6 under the Leadership of Sis. Pamela Martino. Class #12 a \$30 check from Sis. Alethia Singleton made out to Payne RMUE Church (check to be returned), Class #18 \$150.00.

In regard to Class # 19 and Class #21 the Pastor along with the members need to meet to choose a new Leader. Bro Leonard Seymour has been removed as leader of Class#21. Rev Junious thanked Bro Seymour for serving in this capacity.

Rev. Junious stated that the Leaders need to stand firm, we need to be transparent.

Leaders have members not attending church, they need to call or go by their house to check their status.

BABY CHRISTENING: None

FELLOWSHIP: None

WEDDINGS: One (1) Bro. Elijah Fludd requested November 9, 2013.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sis. Audrey Wilder requested the third Sunday in September in reference to the Family & Friend Fundraiser. (September 15, 2013).

Seafood Fest Fundraiser: Sis. Audrey Wilder requested the last Saturday in August. (August 31, 2013)
All funds from both fundraisers go toward the Window project, Bro Caesar Jenkins moved that both dates be granted, second by Bro. Herman Bolds.

Bro. George Richardson advised the Official Board that Sis. Virginia A. 'Ginny' Smalls is no longer a member of Payne Church.

NEW BUSINESS

Sis. Audrey Wilder, "it does my heart good to see so many black males graduating, especially the black male from our church" she requested 08/03/13 for the E.O. Gibbs fundraiser. It was moved by Bro. Derrick Lucas and second by Sis. Elizabeth Parker the date is given to the E.O. Gibbs Board.
Majority voted yes, no opposition.

Rev. Junious clarified a statement made during Sunday school on Sunday June 2, 2013.

He just wanted to reiterate that any time a board puts on a program the Pastor or the Pastor Steward need to be informed as to who the Speaker is.

Rev Junious stated that we needed to make clear what we are going to do on Sunday. We need to go over the roll.

Bro Bolds stated that we know everyone won't attend however they need to get with their Leader and let them know their status.

Rev. Junious thanked everyone for working together.

Sis. Inez Jenkins advised that she will not be present at the meeting, however her heart will be with us and she did make calls to their members however some did not return her call.

Bro. Vernon Wilder advised that the Ushers Anniversary report will be given at a later time.

Sis. Marilyn Washington moved that the meeting be adjourned. Second by Bro. Theodore Miller

Respectfully Submitted,

Sis. Jacqueline R. Miller, Church Secretary

**Payne Church
Steward Board Meeting
June 17, 2013 7:30PM**

The meeting was called to order by the Pastor, followed by the roll call, collection of dues (\$40) and reading of the minutes from the last meeting.

COMMUNION REPORT

Sis. Wilder, Br. Bolds, Sis. Matthews and Br. Miller gave reports on members who were communed.

Baptism-0

Fellowship-0

Wedding-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Watchcare Membership Status-the board was informed that any member who leaves Payne Church to affiliate with another RMUE church would not be considered a member of Payne Church. The board was reminded that watchcare refers to those members who reside out of state, or out of the city, who cannot come to services due to the distance and still desire to affiliate with a church, while away from home.

Musician-the board was informed that the assigned Stewards met with the Musician, Sis. Wragg, to discuss concerns within the Music Department. Also, Br. Gary Chisolm would be the Musician for the 4th Sunday in the absence of Sis. Wragg.

Salary Adjustments-it was noted the Steward Board would have to decide to move forward with this proposal. A 30-day notice would have to be given to those individuals affected. The board was informed the assigned committee met to develop the proposal along with the organizational chart. It was proposed to decrease salaries by 10%. It was proposed to consider deleting the Assistant Sexton position. The motion was made by Br. Carl Moore and seconded by Br. Richard Brown to decrease the salary of those members by 10%, with a review in 90 days and a 30 day notice to be effective July 17th. The call for questions was made. The vote was requested by saying "aye". A unanimous vote was received. A call for any oppositions was made. None received. It was then noted that this decision would be forwarded to the Official Board for final approval.

Communion Kits-the board was informed that kits were missing and needed to be replaced.

Policy & Procedure Committee-it was noted under legal advisement not to send any letters to the congregation re: membership status. The committee established an organizational chart with a church council to include Lay Members, Stewards, and Trustees. The council would rotate every year. Members of the council would have to be in good financial and spiritual standing.

138th Anniversary Proposed Plans-the board received a report of the following plans for the church Anniversary: Wed. July 17th- 1-night revival service, Rev. Hercules Champaign, guest speaker; Thur. July 18th Youth Night; Sat. July 20 Picnic; Sun. Finale, 11 AM Worship Service; all food items to be donated by members of the Steward Ministry and Trustee Ministry.

Membership Finance-it was noted that some members on the church roll have not supported the church financially, but still have privileges. It was suggested to develop a policy re: non financial members.

Congregational meeting-the board was reminded the purpose of this meeting scheduled for the 2nd Sunday in July would be to identify / confirm the members of each class.

Community Prayer Service-the board was informed this service would be held at Payne on June 24th at 12 Noon.

Ministerial Staff-it was suggested to the pastor to consider including Rev. Wesley Moore as a member of his Ministerial Staff. It was then suggested to place this request on hold until after the Congregational Meeting.

Bishop Fred H. Moore- it was noted that Bishop Fred H. Moore represents the RMUE Church and not Payne Church.

Boards Name Change-it was requested to change the title of "boards" to "ministries". A motion was made by Sis. Marilyn Washington to change the title of "boards" to "ministries". The motion was seconded by Br. Carl Moore and Br. Theodore Miller. The call for questions was made. The vote was requested by saying "aye". A unanimous vote was received. A call for any oppositions was made. None received.

Prayer Band Anniversary-Br. Miller requested the after offering on the 4th Sunday in July for this anniversary.

Concerns-Elder Richardson voiced concerns re: the flow of continuity in the service by ensuring participants were in place to completed assigned tasks on the program.

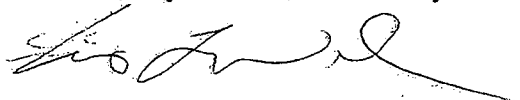
Finance Report-\$40 Steward Ministry dues.

Gratitude-Sis. Virgie Walker thanked the members for their support during her time of illness.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sis. Audrey Wilder, Secretary



MINUTES – JULY 8, 2013 OFFICIAL BOARD MINISTRY MEETING – PAYNE CHURCH

Meeting called to order by Rev. Thomas Junious, Pastor

Song: At the Cross-Led by Bro. Theodore Miller

Prayer: by Bro Herman Bolds

Scripture: Jude 1:17-21 read by Bro. Vernon Wilder

Marshall: Bro. Vernon Wilder

Boundary: the 7th pew.

Roll Call by Sister Jacqueline Miller, no names omitted.

The minutes from the June 3, 2013 Official Board Meeting was read by Sis. Jacqueline Miller, Secretary. It was moved by Bro. Carl Moore and Bro. Theodore Miller and properly second by Sis. Elizabeth Parker that the minutes be accepted as read with the necessary corrections. Majority voted yes, no opposition.

LEADERS' REPORT: No report for classes #1,2,3,5,6,7,8,9,11,12, 14, 15,16,20,21,23,24,25, and Class #27. Class # 4 \$50. Class# 18 \$50.

BABY CHRISTENING: None

FELLOWSHIP: None

WEDDINGS: One (1) Bro. Elijah Fludd requested November 9, 2013.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

Sis. Martha Matthews on behalf of Sis. Sylvia Moore requested October 27, 2013 for a Winter Tea. It was moved by Sis. Marilyn Washington and properly second by Sis. Audrey Wilder and Sis. Inez Jenkins. Majority voted yes. No opposition. The fundraiser will go toward the Window project.

Sis. Marilyn Washington brought up her concern pertaining to the separation.

She stated that we have members that are playing both sides of the coin. This can hurt us.

Rev. Junious advised that we won't go into that discussion that is what the second Sunday is for.

She also advised that Sis. Annie Backman attends another church with Jason Singleton.

Sis. Catherine Brown advised that she sometimes attends church with her husband.

Rev. Wesley Moore advise that we should make the meeting mandatory.

Sis. Washington also advised that the opposition has started a new Payne RMUE Church and services is being held at 2pm @ New Zion RMUE.

Sis. Jackie Miller advised that she also received a call from one of the members advising that a new Payne RMUE church and they stated that since the Fellowship Hall is still under the RMUE they are going to start having their services there. It might be worth looking into.

Sis. Fernida Smith questioned the status of the church property.

Bro. Herman Bolds advised that everything has been changed over to Payne. The RMUE has nothing that belongs to Payne and Payne doesn't have anything belonging to the RMUE.

Sis. Marilyn Washington advised that "they" are saying that Bro. George Richardson name was still on the deed to the cemetery.

Bro. Bolds advised that the deed to the Church and the cemetery has been turned over to the chairman of the Trustees.

Sis. Martha Matthews asked about the League of Stewards property on Wadmalaw Island.

Rev. Junious advised that was something we needed to get legal advice on.

Rev. Junious stated that we have to take a stand and move on toward serving God. We have to be mindful as to who and what we are here for.

Sis. Carolyn Gourdine inquired about security of the Church. She advised on one Saturday the doors were open. Rev Junious ask the trustees and all who is concern about the church should drive by and check out any strange vehicles at the church. Rev. Junious and Bro. Bolds advise to get with Bro. Joseph Williams and Bro. Williams Jr. to open and close the Church for functions, meetings etc...

Sis. Matthews advised that she is hearing that some people who have left still have keys.

Si. Thomasina Walker asked if the chairman of the trustee board knows who all has keys. Maybe we need to change the locks.

It was said before that the locks was changed, but they don't believe it was.

Rev. Junious advised that the locks were changed because someone was breaking into the office.

Rev. Junious advise that anyone using the church and or office for their personal gain. Shall be removed.

Sis. Marilyn Washington advised that "they" must be desperate, their new minister is a Branson Cordes who has a criminal record. She also advised that after the second Sunday, Attorney Curry would be glad to meet with the congregation.

Sis. Crystal Blue updated the board about the Interfaith activities and that the Interfaith is for everyone who works with the youth. Requested the date of July 27, 2013 or August 10, 2013 for the Annual Bridging Ceremony. Also inquired about the \$350 donation made to the youth.

Bro. Herman Bolds advised that the money should be equally divided. Sis. Elizabeth Parker advised that when Sis. Cora Ladson said to give it to the youth, she didn't advise which board.

Sis. Marilyn Washington advised that the YPL is an RMUE board. She also stated that herself, Sis.

Matthews and members of the Steward Board were discussing the YPL and that it should fall under the Sunday school because they are doing the same thing. And the children are being pulled

Rev. Richardson stated that it is not RMUE, it (YPL) came from the Methodist.

Sis. Blue stated that it was fine with her if the board wanted to combine the two. She is willing to work with anyone. However we do not do the same things. We make sure of it. Some of the youth don't even participate. Only one parent actually worked we us on the raffle.

Sis. Marilyn Washington advised we don't want to get rid of it, don't misunderstand we have to change the name.

Bro. Herman Bolds stated everything that we do in the house of God is a ministry. A few years ago we tried to change to using Ministry. We should use Ministry.

Sis. Kathryn Oliver asked when the change would go into effect.

Rev. Junious advised tonight.

Sis. Jackie Miller on behalf of Leader Evelina Richardson requested February 28, 2014 and March 1, 2014 for use of the Church and Fellowship Hall for her 50 years Anniversary and Renewal of Vows.

It was moved by Bro. Theodore Miller and properly second by Sis. Marilyn Washington. Majority voted yes. No opposition.

STEWARD REPORT: Given by Bro. Theodore Miller: Bro Miller stated the Stewards continue to carry the Spiritual part of the church and continue to Commune and visit the sick. We ask that if any of your members are in the hospital, please let us know. We would love to visit them and show our love.

TRUSTEE REPORT: Bro. Willie Parker advised that Bro. Derrick Lucas is out of town and will make a report at a later time.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Total collected \$100.00

Rev Junious stated that we needed to make clear what we are going to do on Sunday. We need to go over the roll.

Bro Bolds stated that we know everyone won't attend however they need to get with their Leader and let them know their status.

Rev. Junious thanked everyone for working together.

Sis. Inez Jenkins advised that she will not be present at the meeting, however her heart will be with us and she did make calls to their members however some did not return her call.

Bro. Vernon Wilder advised that the Ushers Anniversary report will be given at a later time.

Sis. Marilyn Washington moved that the meeting be adjourned. Second by Bro. Theodore Miller

Respectfully Submitted,

Sis. Jacqueline R. Miller, Church Secretary

MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 3, OFFICIAL MINISTRY MEETING – PAYNE CHURCH

Meeting was called to order by Rev. Thomas Junious, Pastor

Song: Jesus Is Already Here

Prayer: by Sis. Marilyn Washington

Scripture: I John 2:9 read by Bro. Herman Bolds

Marshall: Bro. Willie Parker Jr.

Boundary: the 6th pew.

Roll Call by Sister Jacqueline Miller, no names omitted.

The minutes from the August 12, 2013 Official Board Meeting was read by Sis. Jacqueline Miller, Secretary. It was moved by Bro. Carl Moore and properly second by Sis. Marilyn Washington and Bro. Robert Bright that the minutes are accepted as read with the necessary corrections. Majority voted yes, no opposition.

LEADERS' REPORT: No report for classes #1,2,3,5,8,9,11,12, 14, 15,16,18,20,23,24,25, and Class #27.

Class #6 received a \$150 check from Sis. Julia Brown (where everything was written in reverse).

The check was returned to Leader Pam Martino so the necessary changes can be made.

Class #7 \$333.13 from Emeritus Hezekiah Brown Jr.

Sis. Carolyn Gourdine, leader of Class # 11 advised that she has a member (Bro. Christopher Cromwell) that is very sick however he does not want to be placed on the Sick & Shut in List. She felt that the church should know his status. She is unsure on how to handle his request. Bro. Herman Bolds stated that we should respect the member's wishes.

BABY CHRISTENING: None

FELLOWSHIP: None

WEDDINGS: One (1) Bro. Elijah Fludd requested November 9, 2013.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

Sis. Sylvia Moore gave an update in reference to the Fall Tea. She advised that everything was on scheduled and that the envelopes will be out this Sunday.

Leader Samuel Smith gave recognition to the individuals who gave to the Legal fund.

NEW BUSINESS

Sis. Crystal Seymour Blue requested that her children (Tori Seymour and Aaron Seymour) and herself be moved from Class #21 (Which has no Leader) to Class #18 under the leadership of Bro. Ceasar Jenkins. She stated that he had already spoken with him. Request granted.

Sis. Crystal Seymour Blue on behalf of YPM requested that the greeter for the Acknowledgment of the Sick and Shut in, be taken over by YPM (due to the fact that the League of Steward King program is an RMUE program) and her son Bro. Aaron Seymour has been doing it for the last year.

Rev. Junious thanked Bro. Aaron Seymour, Sis. Maya Lucas, Sis. Tia Lucas and Bro. Tyler Stanley for their service.

Sis. Crystal Seymour Blue wanted clarification in reference to which Youth groups will split the \$350 donation. After much discussion it was determined that the donation be split among the five (5) youth ministries (the YPM, Sunday school, Youth Choir, Youth Ushers and Youth Praise Dancers)

Sis. Crystal Seymour Blue on behalf of the James Island Interfaith Action Committee requested \$350 taxation fee for Hallelujah Night. Sis. Marilyn Washington moved that the \$350 donation previously discussed be used for that purpose, second by Sis. Jackie Miller. Majority voted yes, no opposition.

Elder Wesley Moore advised that literature was being passed out in the church without the Pastor's knowledge or consent. Bro George Richardson advised that he has been passing out the Daily Word for the last 5 or 6 years. He doesn't want to bring any misunderstanding to the church.

Rev. Junious reviewed the material and gave Bro. George Richardson permission to continue to pass out the literature. Rev. Junious encouraged anyone who has literature that will uplift God's Kingdom to bring it to Prayer Service or Bible Study.

Sis. Charlotte Singleton (President of the Stewardess Ministry) requested the last Saturday in the month embracing the First Sunday for a Workshop and Breakfast. It was properly moved by Bro. Herman Bolds and second by Bro. Theodoré Miller and Bro. Robert Bright that the request be granted. Majority voted yes, no opposition.

Sis. Jackie Miller requested two volunteers to attend the MLK Celebration Patrons Drive Meeting on Thursday, September 5, 2013. It was suggested that Sis. Miller attend the meeting. Sis. Mary Coleman advised that she will be the second person even though she can't make the meeting.

STEWARD REPORT: Given by Bro. Richard Brown, "the Stewards of Payne church is working toward one common goal, that's the purpose of ministering for the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. And with everybody's, everybody's help, great attitudes and presence of mind, realizing that we're tasked with something by God to do. Everybody should help to get to that point where we can have a little peace and harmony. We would like to thank everybody for participating and being cordial to one another, respect and common courtesy is due to a dog so we have to remember that it is not about me or you but us, we are all part of the kingdom of God."

TRUSTEE REPORT: by Bro. Derrick Lucas, "the Trustees have been a little distant lately due to some internal issues with members. A meeting is planned for this Thursday to sort of purge the books so to speak, to get with the members that are on the roll to make sure that they are not just drifting, or waiting on things to happen or not to happen. The AC unit in the Fellowship Hall has been out. As of tonight it has been fixed. A lot of funds were being requested, a lot of trial and error to determine the problem.

Further AC work: the AC unit to the Choir loft is also out, but should be fixed by Sunday.

The Window Project is still ongoing. We still have three (3) windows to install. We will be coming up with another Clean up Day for the Church. Also in our meeting we will discuss fundraisers, one project we will be looking into is the carpeting and also a few of the pews are torn."

Rev. Junious asked if the carpet can be done by the members. Bro Lucas advised that the carpet that we have now was donated. Rev. Junious inquired about the PA system, "there's a lot of feedback."

Bro. Lucas advises that it just needs a few minor adjustments.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Total intake \$333.13

Respectfully Submitted by,
Jacqueline Miller, Church Secretary

Steward Ministry Meeting
September 16, 2013
7:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by the Pastor, followed by the roll call, collection of dues.

COMMUNION REPORT

Elder Richardson, Br. Chisolm, Sis. Thomasina Walker, Sis. Roper, and Br. Bolds gave reports on members who were communed.

Baptism-0

Fellowship-0

Wedding-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Class Leader Status-It was noted that two Class Leaders still have not confirmed their position, along with the members on their classes. Those Leaders were identified as Br. Richardson and Br. Robinson. The Pastor and Br. Bolds agreed to meet with Br. Robinson to confirm his status.

NEW BUSINESS

Stewardess Ministry-Sis. Rebecca Richardson was recommended to join the Stewardess Ministry. The motion was made by Br. Bolds to accept Sis. Richardson to the Stewardess Ministry. The motion was seconded by Br. Theodore Miller. The call for questions was made. The vote was requested by saying "aye". A unanimous vote was received. The call for any oppositions was made. None received.

Classes-it was suggested to combine the small classes or give members the choice of transferring to another class.

Winter Tea Program Draft-a draft copy of the winter tea program was presented for approval. Corrections were made to the draft copy. A motion was made by Sis. Matthews to approve the draft copy with the corrections. The motion was seconded by Sis. Marilyn Washington. The call for questions was made. The vote was requested by saying "aye". A unanimous vote was received. The call for any oppositions was made. None received. It was noted that an announcement of the event would be sent to the "Chronicle" Newspaper.

Clergy Visitations at Hospitals-it was noted that the name on clergy badges administered by local hospitals, would have to be changed to "Payne Church". Also, an updated list of clergy staff should be provided for "Payne Church".

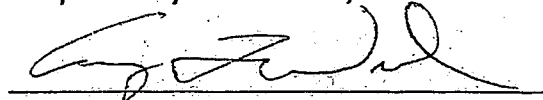
Steward Attire-it was noted the attire for all Stewards should be black and white on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, until the group decides to change it.

Fundraiser Reports-it was requested to obtain a report from the Ministry conducting the fundraiser.

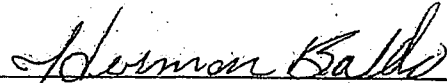
Love Offering-the Pastor suggested to give Elder Richardson and Elder Moore a love token, not necessarily monetary. It was suggested to collect an after offering every 3rd Sunday. The motion was made by Br. Chisolm to collect an after offering every 3rd Sunday to be earmarked for token of love for Elder Richardson and Elder Moore. The motion was seconded by Sis. Matthews and Br. Miller. The call for questions was made. The vote was requested by saying "aye". A unanimous vote was received. The call for any oppositions was made. None received.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Sis. Audrey L. Wilder, Secretary



Br. Herman Bolds, Pastor Steward

MINUTES – October 7, 2013 OFFICIAL MINISTRY MEETING – PAYNE CHURCH

Meeting was called to order by Rev. Thomas Junious, Pastor

Song: What A Mighty God We Serve led by Leader Joan Roper

Prayer: by Bro. Farris Chisolm

Scripture: Psalm 29 read by Sis. Audrey Wilder

Marshall: Bro. Derrick Lucas

Boundary: the 6th pew.

Roll Call by Sister Jacqueline Miller, no names omitted.

The minutes from the September 3, 2013 Official Meeting was read by Sis. Jacqueline Miller, Secretary.

It was moved by Bro. Cesar Jenkins and properly second by Sis. Martha Matthews that the minutes are accepted as read with the necessary corrections. Majority voted yes, no opposition.

LEADERS' REPORT: No report for classes #1,2,,8,9,11,, 14, 15,16,20,23,24,25,and Class #27.

Class #3 \$30 Class # 4 \$20 Class 5 \$300 Class#6 120 Class #7 \$258 Class#12 \$341 Class #18 \$50

In reference to Bro Horace Robinson, Leader of Class #2; Rev. Junious, Bro. Bolds and Bro. Miller will meet with him to check his status. As for Class #19 and Class #21 a leader still has not been assigned to those classes. It has been suggested that maybe the members of these classes transfer under another leader or since both classes are small maybe combine the two or appoint a Leader to the classes.

Rev. Junious thanked the leaders for their work.

BABY CHRISTENING: None

FELLOWSHIP: None

WEDDINGS: One (1) Bro. Elijah Fludd requested November 9, 2013.

FUNDRAISER REPORT: Young People's Ministry given by Sis. Jarie Stanley

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

Sis. Jackie Miller gave an update of the MLK Celebration Patron List.

NEW BUSINESS

James Island Outreach Food Pantry:

Bro. Bolds advised the first he knew about it was when Apostle Barbour brought it up.

Sis. Kathryn Oliver advised that we haven't given any money in a couple of years; we took it back for our benevolent board in the church. Bro. Bolds advised that we need to go back to contributing the \$500 a year. Bro. Bright advised that we have upcoming Christmas and Thanksgiving for our sick and shut in.

Sis. Audrey Wilder wanted to make sure that everyone is aware of the program, because Minister Barbour was trying to get people to take advantage of the program.

Rev. Junious asked if everything was confidential.

Sis. Jackie Miller advised that she will look into it further.

Sis. Annie Backman stepped down from the Stewardess Ministry. Rev. Junious thanked Sis. Backman for her service.

Leader Willie Parker Jr. presented Bro. Henry Robinson Jr. to the Trustee Ministry.

Leader Joan Roper presented Sis. Perceil Delaine to the Trustee Ministry.

Sis. Pamela Martino presented Bro. James Martino Sr. to the Trustee Ministry and Bro. Derrick Lucas presented Bro. Alvin C. Richardson to the Trustee Ministry. (He advised that he already spoke with Bro. Richardson's leader Sis. Rebecca Gilliard). A motion was placed on the floor to install the new Trustees, Bro. Bolds advised Rev. Junious that he can add or delete a Trustee at any time of the year except during Church Conference. During Church Conference it is up to the Church to elect the Trustees.

Rev. Junious instated them to the Trustee Ministry and advised Bro. Bolds to announce them to the church on Sunday.

Bro. Stanley Fludd advised that the Sunday school would like to take the Children on a College Tour. We can take only 15 students preferably the seniors and juniors. He also asked that anyone who own their own businesses to be a role model and teach them a little of what you do and give them a small compensation. Teach them to be leaders and keep them on the right path.

Leader Pamela Martino presented Sis. Mariah Payne to be reinstated to the Choir Ministry.
Permission granted.

Sis. Joan Roper announced the new Minister of Music, Minister Carl Bright.

Sis. Martha Matthews advised that Sis. Marilyn Washington spoke with Attorney Eduardo Curry and he advised that we are to be in court on Tuesday October 15, 2013 @9:30am.

Bro. Derrick Lucas requested that more information pertaining to court be given out on Sunday.

STEWARD REPORT: Given by Bro. Theodore Miller, "the Stewards of Payne church is doing an awesome job and a Spiritual job." Bro. Miller asked that anyone who is a part of the church who need to know what is going on to ask a Steward and not to ask anybody else. He also ask that they be made aware of any sick members. Bro Stanley Fludd asked if the leaders are communicating with him. It all goes back to the leaders.

Leader Pamela Martino requested an updated list and contact numbers for active members.

Rev. Junious asked that the secretaries get together to compile an updated list.

Emeritus Hezekiah Brown asked for a reason why the change of musician.

Re. Junious advised that he received several reports and, loss of choir members (and some health issues). The Steward Ministry made the decision to give a two weeks' notice.

TRUSTEE REPORT: by Bro. Derrick Lucas, commended and thanked the new Trustees.

We had five (5) nonmember burials, one (1) repast rental and one (1) Sanctuary rental.

On the agenda for this month is the Pastor's Anniversary, we would like to get the carpet cleaned in the sanctuary also in the pastor's office and hopefully the choir loft.

Bro. Lucas advised that he received a call from the chairperson from Emmanuel Baptist Church that handles Rev. White's anniversary. Every year they inquire about our fellowship hall. Our current rental fees (for nonmembers) is \$700 with a \$200 deposit, the \$200 deposit gets returned after they clean up. It is a good price for what we have to offer however it is not a good price for the building to just sit there. Bro. Lucas made the suggestion to drop the fee to \$500 or \$450.

After much discussion it was decided that Bro. Lucas will use his discretion on the rental price.

It was properly moved by Bro. Herman Bolds and seconded by Sis. Jackie Miller, Sis. Zanyah Smalls and Sis. Julie Fludd. Majority voted yes, no oppression.

Bro. Lucas acknowledged and thanked Bro. Charles Eaton for all that he does. (He does all the maintenance on the bus and van)

FINANCIAL REPORT: Total intake \$1127

Respectfully Submitted by,
Jacqueline Miller, Church Secretary

**Payne Church
Steward Board Meeting
October 21, 2013 7:30PM**

The meeting was called to order by Br. Bolds, followed by the roll call, collection of dues (\$15) and reading of the minutes from the last meeting.

COMMUNION REPORT

Br. Bright, Sis. Walker, Br. Bolds, Sis. Matthews and Br. Richard Brown gave reports on members who were communed.

Baptism-0

Fellowship-0

Wedding-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Love Offering-Br. Bolds informed the board the love offering for the pulpit staff should come from the general church account. He suggested to collect an after offering for the Musician fee.

Donation to Sick & Shut-in Members- it was noted that although these members no longer receive the monthly donation, they would receive a donation for thanksgiving and Christmas.

Salary Reduction-it was noted that salaried positions need to be reviewed to decrease expenditures. It was also noted that some positions may need to be done on a voluntary basis.

Class Leaders-Br. Bolds and the Pastor agreed to meet with Br. Robinson and Br. Richardson re: confirmation of membership status of members on their class. The Pastor then requested to send a letter to those members who did not confirm their membership status to date.

General Church Meeting-the pastor informed the board a general church meeting would be scheduled to share the vision of tithing, along with plans for the upcoming year.

Clergy Badges-may be obtained at St. Francis Hospital for \$5. It was noted the clergy list for Payne Church would have to be updated.

NEW BUSINESS

Resignation-Sis. Virgie Walker submitted her request to resign from the Steward Board due to her health. The board agreed to recognize her as an Emeritus. The Pastor then requested recommendations to replace her vacant position.

Music Ministry-Sis. Roper requested to allow the daughter of the Musician to sing in the choir. It was noted that she should be in uniform to blend in with the choir.

Young Members-it was noted programs should be developed programs to attract and keep the young people active in the church.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM


Sis. Audrey L. Wilder, Secretary


Br. Herman Bolds, Steward

ROA 0497

MINUTES – November 4, 2013 OFFICIAL MINISTRY MEETING – PAYNE CHURCH

Meeting was called to order by Rev. Thomas Junious, Pastor

Song: At The Cross- led by Leader Theodore Miller

Prayer: by Elder Wesley A. Moore., Sr.

Scripture: Psalm 17 in its entirety by Sis. Rebecca Richardson

Marshall: Bro. Robert Bright

Boundary: the 7th pew.

Roll Call by Sister Jacqueline Miller, no names omitted.

The minutes from the October 7, 2013 Official Ministry Meeting was read by Sis. Jacqueline Miller, Secretary. It was moved by Bro. Theodore Miller and properly second by Bro. Caesar Jenkins that the minutes are accepted as read with the necessary corrections. Majority voted yes, no opposition.

LEADERS' REPORT: No report for classes #1,2,3,4,5,7,8,9,12,14, 15,16,18,20,23,24,25, and Class #27. Class #6 \$106 (\$70.00 for Sis. Julia B. Brown & \$36.00 for Bro. Leroy Ferguson) Class #11 \$120.

In reference to the status of Leader Horace Robinson, Leader of Class #2; Rev. Junious, stated "that he has made several attempts to speak with Leader Robinson by phone without success. As of tonight November 4, 2013 Bro. Horace Robinson is no longer the Leader of Class #2. Also regarding the members of Class #2 that are on the fence, they are in grave danger of not being a member of this Church. If something were to happen such as death or sickness, we know how death is lingering now; the first thing the family wants to know, if he or she is still a member of the church, and my answer and the answer from the Leaders will have to be NO. We gave them an opportunity to make up their minds either you will serve God here or go somewhere else. If you go somewhere else I don't have a problem with it. But, know the consequences, know what will happen when death comes knocking at your door and you are saying that I believe that he or she is a member of Payne Church, the answer will be no they're not. And if you/they still want a Home going Service you would have to pay the price it is as simple as it can be. Now, Leaders if you need to, get with your members, we're going to have a Letter printed out, the letter will explain everything. But first we will have our Lawyer take a look at it to see if everything is on the up and up. The letters will be given to the Leaders to be handed out personally. Leaders, it is very important to let them know that this is very important to their church life and should not be taken for granted."

Rev. Junious thanked the Leaders for what they are doing during these difficult times; we need to depend on God. He is the only one who will get us through this, hold on to his hand.

BABY CHRISTENING: None

FELLOWSHIP: 1

WEDDINGS: One (1) Bro. Elijah Fludd requested November 9, 2013.

FUNDRAISER REPORT: Sis. Thomasina Walker turned in an additional \$50 toward the Fall Annual Tea

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Sis. Jackie Miller gave an update of the James Island Outreach/Food Bank. Sis. Miller advised that she spoke with Apostle Joseph Barbour who advised that the James Island Outreach provides assistance with; Emergency Food and Medicines, Utility and Rent Assistance, Individual and Family Counseling, information and Referral and Case Management. There is a \$125 CAP once a year. He also advised that they do not issue clothing however they can issue a voucher for clothes. A flyer pertaining to the Outreach is attached to the Official Minutes.

Sis. Mary Coleman gave an update on the MLK Donation Drive. So far she has collected \$280. She advises that tonight is the last night for those who owe money and for those who want to submit your name for the Patron's list. Rev. Junious thanked Sis. Coleman for her hard work.

Bro. Remus Cromwell advised that it has been seven to eight months since we were supposed to be working on our Bylaws, something came up in this meeting tonight that we do not have a Bylaw for or can't go to the Bylaws to correct the issue. There are some questions he need to ask but he doesn't want to start any confusion because we do not have Bylaws.

Rev. Junious advised that we have a committee that is working on the Bylaws. Bro. Carl Moore advised that we do have a draft of the Bylaws put together by a committee spear headed by Elder Richardson, we have to bring it back to the Steward Ministry to look at one more time and at some point and time get it published. Rev. Junious thanked Bro. Cromwell and Bro. Moore and advised that when the Bylaws are completed it will be presented to the Official Ministry and we'll go over it with a fine tooth comb and if there is any questions or concern we will go over it then.

Rev. Junious asked for an update from our attorney.

Leader Marilyn Washington gave an update of the Court hearing that was held on October 15, 2013. She advised that the attorney for the other side was trying to request some things being done. Attorney Curry requested that the lawsuits that were being filed individually be dismissed (in particularly Bro. Bolds and Pastor Junious), the Church will be sued as a whole. This particular judge, Judge Addy (from the McCormick area) dismissed the lawsuits against Rev. Junious and Bro. Bolds and anyone who was being sued individually. Judge Addy also spoke to us about another case that occurred in his County, something similar to what we are going through, and anybody who knows anything about court that sat there and listened, he was really talking to us and the other side giving us pointers. He stated that the courts have no jurisdiction and no business in church affairs, especially when deciding who the Bishop is and who is not the Bishop, who can be suspended or not. He stated that when we are talking about property and a division, that's when the courts can legally get involved. He also stated that we need to look because if we are a part of or was a part of the RMUE and that they're suing us for property, we can also go back and say that every dime that we have placed into the RMUE we want our funds back too. Basically we are at a standstill. She stated that "I feel that we will be victorious, Curry knows his stuff and he represents us well. And truly it is not about the money for him. The other side is not happy with the outcome. Upon leaving some of us heard their attorney telling them that they need to get him some more money. Even after Bro. Bolds proposal (which he can tell the Official Ministry if he want to or not) they are hurting for the money. I believe that we are standing on good ground."

**Payne Church
Steward Board Meeting
November 18, 2013 7:00PM**

The meeting was called to order by the Pastor, followed by the roll call, collection of dues (\$21) and reading of the minutes from the last meeting.

COMMUNION REPORT

Br. Bright, Sis. Walker, Br. Bolds, Br. Miller and Br. Richard Brown gave reports on members who were communed. It was suggested to have the Stewards rotate the communion schedule for sick and shut in members. It was also suggested to meet before the service to get assignments.

It was also suggested to develop a rotation schedule for devotional services, to include Stewards and Leaders, on the 1st and 3rd Sundays, which were Pastoral Sundays. Devotional service should begin immediately after Sunday School.

Baptism-0

Fellowship-0

Wedding-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Class Leader-the board was informed of a meeting with the Pastor, Br. Bolds and Br. Richardson, Leader of Class #23, to discuss his status as a Class Leader in the church. The pastor noted no definite response given.

Membership Update-the board was informed of the list of those members who were sent letters requesting verification of membership status. Also, a letter from the daughter of Sis. Drayton, who is her legal guardian, was shared with the board, requesting Sis. Drayton to remain a member of Payne Church.

General Church Meeting-scheduled for Dec. 17th, 7:00PM.

Bylaws Update-a draft copy of the bylaws was presented to the board for review and feedback. It was requested to have the Finance Committee develop a report of the church finances.

NEW BUSINESS

Fundraisers-the board received a request submitted by Sis. Sylvia Moore, to sponsor a "Black Tie Affair" fundraiser on March 21, 2014. The motion was made by Br. Theodore Miller and seconded by Sis. Marilyn Washington. A call for the vote was made. All those in favor of the motion were asked to say "aye". A unanimous vote was received. A call for any oppositions was made. None received.

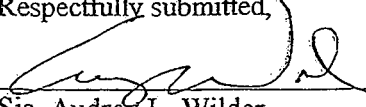
The board received a request submitted by Min. Carl Bright to sponsor a Black History Musical fundraiser for the church. The fee structure of 60/40 was discussed. The motion was made by Br. Miller and seconded by Sis. Joan Roper to grant the request of Min. Bright to sponsor the fundraiser but forward the request to the Official Board for the final fee structure. A call for the vote was made. All those in favor of the motion were asked to say "aye". A unanimous vote was received. A call for any opposition was made. None received.

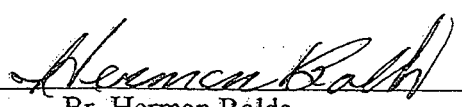
Legal Fee-the board was reminded of balance due to the attorney, along with those Stewards with a balance due.

Appointment to Trustee Board-the board received a request to appoint Br. Lawrence Washington to the Trustee Board. The Pastor along with the board, granted the request.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Sis. Audrey L. Wilder,
Secretary


Br. Herman Bolds,
Steward Pro Tem

ROA 0500

NEW BUSINESS

Sis. Joan Roper on behalf of the Minister of Music, Minister Carl Bright requested December 15, 2013@3:30pm for a Christmas Cantata. The Cantata will consist of the Mass Choir, the Male Choir and the Community Choir. He will also have guest Soloist. The Cantata will be narrated by Sis. Dorothy Simmons of Greater Bethel AME Church. There will be a Free Will Offering and/or bring a Toy. He also wants to put on a Black History Play in February. The Play will be a fundraiser where Minister Bright will receive a percentage of the proceeds. Both events will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Sis. Gloria Haughton asked when the Leader's Christmas tree will be held. Bro Stanley Fludd advised that a date for the Leader's Christmas tree has not been set yet. A Sunday School Staff meeting was scheduled for this Thursday (November 7, 2013). It was moved by Leader Marilyn Washington and properly second by Sis. Inez Jenkins that permission is granted to Minister Carl Bright to put on both events. Unreadiness, Leader Theodore Miller, he advised that his question was concerning the Black History Play, he feels that we need to know what the percentage will be. We need to have a committee from the Steward Ministry to discuss it. Leader Marilyn Washington advised that it was not necessary to have a committee, they already have three Stewards and they have already met with Minister Bright and he advised that whatever the Church came up with he will work with it. She also advised that the only reason why he is asking for a percentage is because it is his play and it was used in Spoleto. It was moved by Leader Caesar Jenkins and properly second by Bro. Carl Moore to amend the motion on the floor. (To grant Minister Bright permission to have the Christmas Cantata and hold off on making the decision on the Black History Play until the Steward Ministry meets to discuss it). Majority voted yes, no opposition.

STEWARD REPORT: Given by Sis. Thomasina Walker," the Stewards is working diligently, going out to visit the Sick and Commune on Sunday and whenever any family needs us just call us and we will go out to check on them. We are asking the Payne Church to pray for the Steward Ministry; your prayers mean a lot.

Leader Marilyn Washington asked about the Funeral Services for Sis. Lilla Rivers. Leader Bolds advised that Funeral services will be held here at Payne on Thursday, November 7, 2013 @ 11:00 am. The repast will be held at the house. We are in charge of the services.

TRUSTEE REPORT: Given by Assistant Leader Elizabeth Parker, we had two burials 1 member and 1 nonmember. She advised that Bro. Derrick Lucas wanted to thank the committee who put on the Annual Fall Tea to raise money for the windows and that we are making preparation to install the three windows we have on hand. She also advised that the carpet was cleaned in the Sanctuary and the Pastor's Office. Sis. Thomasina Walker asked when the additional windows will be purchased. The discussion was tabled until Bro. Lucas, Trustee Pro Tem returned.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Total intake \$276

Respectfully Submitted by,

Jacqueline Miller, Church Secretary

MINUTES –DECEMBER 2, 2013 OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING – PAYNE CHURCH

Meeting was called to order by Rev. Thomas Junious, Pastor

Song: Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross led by Emeritus Hezekiah Brown Jr.

Prayer: by Steward Pro Tem Herman Bolds

Scripture: Psalm 111 in its entirety by Sis. Audrey Wilder

Marshall: Bro. Derrick Lucas

Boundary: the 7th pew.

Roll Call by Sister Jacqueline Miller, no names omitted.

The minutes from the November 4, 2013 Official Board Meeting was read by Sis. Jacqueline Miller, Secretary. It was moved by Bro. Theodore Miller and properly second by Sis. Elizabeth Parker that the minutes are accepted as read with the necessary corrections. Majority voted yes, no opposition.

LEADERS' REPORT: No report for classes #1,2,3,4,5,6,8,9,11,12, 14, 15,16,20,21,23,24,25, and Class #27. Class #7 \$348

Rev. Junious advised the Official Board of the General Church Meeting scheduled for December 17, 2013. Topics to be discussed are; The By Laws, the Pastor's Vision and the Church Calendar.

Leader Evelina Richardson asked for the Official Board to pray for Sis. Virgie Walker.

Rev. Junious advised the Official Board because of health issues, Sis. Virgie Walker asked to step down from the Steward Board. Rev. Junious commended Sis. Walker for her years of dedication and service to the Church.

BABY CHRISTENING: None

FELLOWSHIP: None

WEDDINGS: One (1) Leader Evelina Richardson 50 year Renewal of Vows, March 1, 2014.

FUNDRAISER REPORT: None

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Leader Kathryn Oliver gave an update of the Leader's Christmas Tree Program.

NEW BUSINESS

Leader Kathryn Oliver requested that Sis. Julie Fludd be transferred from Class #21 to Class #8.

It was moved by Leader Samuel Smith and properly second by Emeritus Hezekiah Brown Jr.

Majority voted yes, no opposition.

Sis. Crystal Blue requested December 20, 2013 for the Young People's Ministry (YPM), for a Movie Night and to make Fruit baskets for the Sick & Shut in. The baskets will be given to the Leaders during the Leaders Christmas tree program to be distributed to their Sick members. It was moved by Sis. Charlotte Singleton and properly seconded by Sis. Zanyah Smalls that the date be granted. Majority voted yes, no opposition.

STEWARD REPORT: Given by Leader Martha Matthews," the Stewards continues to visit the Sick, give comfort to the Bereaved. The Steward board visited and gave service to the family of the Sis. Peggy Washington. The Stewards continues on our Commune Run on Sundays. Visited and encouraged our homebound members. Continue to uplift the members of Payne in a positive manner. We ask you to Pray for and support the Steward Board in our endeavors".

TRUSTEE REPORT: by Bro. Derrick Lucas

We had four (4) burials. 2 member and 2 nonmember burials. One (1) rental.

Bro. Lucas advised the Board that Bro. Joseph Williams will be on vacation. Please contact Bro. Bolds, Bro. Lucas or Sis Jackie Miller to open and close the Church.

The Brick Tier in front of the Church needs to be repaired.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Total intake \$368

Leader's Report	\$348
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MISC (MLK Patron List)	<u>\$ 20</u>
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TOTAL:	\$368
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Respectfully Submitted by,

Jacqueline Miller, Church Secretary

**Payne Church
Steward Board Meeting
December 16, 2013 7:00PM**

The meeting was called to order by the Pastor, followed by the roll call, collection of dues (\$14) and reading of the minutes from the last meeting.

COMMUNION REPORT

Br. Brown, Sis. Roper, and Br. Bolds gave reports on members they communed.

Baptism-0

Fellowship-0

Wedding-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Black History Program / Fundraiser- the board was informed that Min. Bright had agreed to accept the 50/50 fee structure for the program. The board gave the approval to grant the request for the program.

Christmas Cantata- the board was informed a total of \$311 was collected in the offering, which was earmarked for the mass choir.

NEW BUSINESS

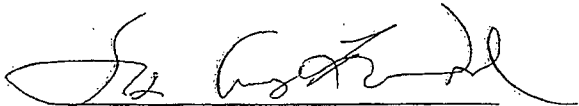
Choir Workshop- a request was received from Min. Bright to conduct a workshop for the choirs on January 18th, 2014. The motion was made by Sis. Jarie Stanley to grant the request to conduct a workshop for the choirs, and seconded by Br. Bolds. A call for the vote was made. All those in favor of the motion were asked to say "aye". A unanimous vote was received. A call for any oppositions was made. None received.

Revival- it was suggested to have a one night revival 4 times a year in the winter, spring, summer, and fall,

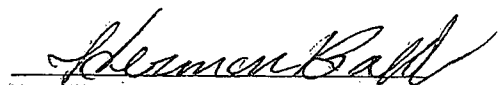
Church Conference- it was noted that all present officers would need to remain in current positions due to the pending litigation.

Elder Hamilton- it was suggested to meet with Elder Hamilton to assess his qualifications and intentions for the ministry. After much discussion, it was suggested to allow him to address the Pastor in his own time.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.



Sis. Audrey L. Wilder
Secretary



Br. Herman Bolds
Stewart Pro Tem

MINUTES –January 6, 2014 OFFICIAL MINISTRY MEETING – PAYNE CHURCH

Meeting was called to order by Rev. Thomas Junious, Pastor

Song, Prayer and Scripture: by Rev. Thomas Junious

Marshall: Bro. Derrick Lucas

Boundary: the 6th pew.

Roll Call by Sister Jacqueline Miller, no names omitted.

The minutes from the December 3, 2013 Official Ministry Meeting was read by Sis. Jacqueline Miller, Secretary. It was moved by Sis. Martha Matthews and properly second by Rev. Wesley A. Moore Sr., and Sis. Inez Jenkins. One (1) unreadiness, Bro Carl Moore use Ministry instead of Board. The minutes were accepted as read with the necessary corrections. Majority voted yes, no opposition.

LEADERS' REPORT: No report for classes #1,2,4,8,9,11, 14, 15,16,20,23,24,25,and Class #27.

Class #3 \$30 Class #7 \$300 Class#12 \$50 Class #18 \$150

BABY CHRISTENING: None

FELLOWSHIP: (2) Rev. Thomas Junious and 1st Lady Ruth Junious

WEDDINGS: One (1) Evelina Richardson 50 Year Renewal of Vows. March 1, 2014

FUNDRAISER REPORT: Leader Joan Roper gave the following report for The Christmas Cantata; Collected \$311.00 air marked for The Choir.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Sis. Audrey Wilder requested February 22, 2014 and March 29, 2014 for E.O. Gibbs Ministry Fundraisers. It was moved by Bro. Caesar Jenkins and properly seconded by Bro Derrick Lucas and Emeritus Hezekiah Brown Jr. that the dates are granted to Sis. Wilder. Majority voted yes, no opposition.

Bro. Willie Parker presented a fundraiser to benefit the church. The fundraiser is for 5013c and nonprofit organizations (5 Linx) there is no cost to the Church and it has recurring bonuses. Bro. Parker requested the Pastor, Stewards and Trustees to attend a presentation. It was moved by Sis. Inez Jenkins and Emeritus Hezekiah Brown Jr., that the board, grant Bro. Parker permission to set up the presentation. (Date granted January 9, 2014 @ 7:00pm.)

Leader Joan Roper presented a proposal by Min. Carl Bright for the Music Ministry. She was advised that the proposal should be presented at the Planning Meeting scheduled for January 22, 2014.

Bro. Theodore Miller recommended Sis. Viola Chisolm to the Missionary Ministry. It was moved by Sis. Martha Matthews and properly second by Sis. Sylvia Moore. Majority voted yes, no opposition.

Bro. Theodore Miller requested the fourth Sunday in July (July 27, 2014) for the Prayer Band of Faith 35th Anniversary, He also requested the After Offering. It was moved by Bro. Caesar Jenkins and properly seconded by Sis. Mary Coleman. Majority voted yes, no opposition.

Bro. Theodore Miller recommended Bro. Lawrence Washington for the Male Choir Ministry.

Majority voted yes, no opposition.

STEWARD REPORT: Given by Bro. Carl Moore," the Stewards Ministry continue with its charge in uplifting and keeping the Spiritual side of the Church in good standing. We continue to visit the Sick and Shut Ins and participate in the Communion Services. In addition we continue to monitor and over see the finances of the Church (the Church Financial situation is OK). This past Sunday the Steward Ministry went out and communed twenty five (25) Sick & Shut In members. Bro. Moore told of His gratifying experience he had with Sis. Anna Hales. Bro. Moore advised that the Stewards do their best to visit the members and give them an uplifting message. "

Sis. Inez Jenkins inquired about the status of Sis. Azalee Ladson.

TRUSTEE REPORT: by Bro. Derrick Lucas.

We had four (4) nonmember Burials, two (2) Rentals (1 was a Repast).

Window install, on Saturday, January 25, 2014

Reinstated the Trustee of the Month.

Reinstated the Trustee Assignments

Reinstated the Trustee Dues.

Repaired Brick tier

Discussed the Handicap Parking

FINANCIAL REPORT: Total intake \$530

Respectfully Submitted by,

Jacqueline Miller, Church Secretary

**Payne Church
Steward Board Meeting
January 20, 2014 7:30PM**

The meeting was called to order by the Pastor, followed by the roll call. The board discussed the amount of dues for 2014. The majority of the members agreed to increase the dues to \$25. A total of \$218 was collected for dues. The minutes from the last meeting were read and accepted as information.

COMMUNION REPORT

Br. Brown, Sis. Roper, Sis. Walker, Br. Moore, Br. Miller, and Br. Chisolm gave reports on members they communed.

Baptism-0

Fellowship-0

Wedding-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

One-Night Revival-the board was reminded of the suggestion to hold a winter revival. Br. Bolds agreed to secure a speaker.

NEW BUSINESS

Request from Minister of Music-a request was represented to the board on behalf of Min. Bright, to have Feb. 9th off. He would provide a replacement for his services. A motion was made by Br. Miller and seconded by Br. Bright to grant the request. A call for the vote was made. All those in favor of the motion were asked to say "aye". A unanimous vote was received. A call for any oppositions was made. None received.

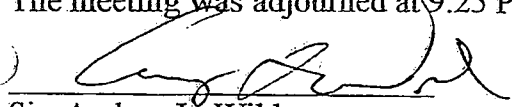
Easter Revival Speaker-it was suggested to start the process of securing a speaker for the Easter Revival.

Inappropriate Behavior-the board was informed of the attempt of Bishop Moore conducting RMUE business in the church, in the absence of the pastor. As a result of this inappropriate behavior attempting to conduct RMUE business in Payne Church, the pastor was directed by the board to call and inform Bishop Moore that he would no longer be welcomed in the Pulpit at Payne and to follow up with a letter. The board was also reminded that Bishop Moore was not a member of Payne Church.

Ministry-the Pastor informed the board that he, along with Br. Bolds, and Br. Miller, would meet with Elder Hamilton to discuss his intent for the ministry.

Finance Report-\$218 collected in dues.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.


Sis. Audrey L. Wilder,
Secretary


Br. Herman Bolds,
Steward Pro Tem

ROA 0507

MINUTES –FEBRUARY 3, 2014 OFFICIAL MINISTRY MEETING – PAYNE CHURCH

Meeting was called to order by Rev. Thomas Junious, Pastor

Song: Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior; Led by Sis. Thomasina Walker

Prayer: Bro. Herman Bolds

Scripture: Galatians 6:1-10 by Rev. Thomas Junious

Marshall: Bro. Alvin C. Richardson

Boundary: the 5th pew.

Roll Call by Sister Jacqueline Miller, no names omitted.

The minutes from the January 6, 2014 Official Ministry Meeting was read by Sis. Jacqueline Miller, Secretary. It was moved by Sis. Elizabeth Parker and properly second by Bro. George Richardson that the minutes are accepted as read with the necessary corrections. Majority voted yes, no opposition.

LEADERS' REPORT: No report for Classes #1,2,3,4,5,6,8,9,11, 12,14, 15,16,20,23,24,25, and Class #27.

Class #7 \$80. Class #11 \$50. Class #18 \$100

BABY CHRISTENING: None

FELLOWSHIP: (2) Rev. & Mrs. Thomas L. Junious

WEDDINGS: One (1) Evelina Richardson 50 Year Renewal of Vows. March 1, 2014

FUNDRAISER REPORT: None

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Leader Willie Parker Jr. inquired of the status of the 5013c. He was advised that we are still in the process of getting it.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Richardson on behalf of Leader Marilyn Washington presented Rev. Dr. Cornelius Campbell to the Official Ministry; Dr. Campbell wanting to become part of the Ministerial Staff here at Payne. Rev. Junious advised that a License will be presented to Dr. Campbell on Sunday February 9, 2014. There will be a probationary period with an Ordination at a later time. Majority voted yes, no opposition.

Trustee Chair Derrick Lucas presented The Payne Church Calendar of Events. Bro. Derrick made a motion that all Events and Fundraisers be approved; second by Steward Pro Tem Herman Bolds. There was one unreadiness by Asst. Steward Pro Tem Theodore Miller; the time for the Prayer Band of Faith Anniversary (that is scheduled for July, 27, 2014) should be 4:30. Majority voted yes, no opposition.

Steward Pro Tem Herman Bolds presented Sis. Julia Drayton and Sis. Charolette Singleton to the Official Ministry to join the Kitchen Committee, Bro. Carl Lee Mikell wanting to join the Choir and Usher Ministries, Bro. Clinton Washington requesting to move from Class #21 (which has no Leader) to Class # 27. It was properly moved by Leader Samuel Smith Jr. and second by Sis. Julie Fludd that all requests be approved. Majority voted yes, no opposition.

Minister of Music, Minister Carl Bight requested a second show for the Black History Play "The Pursuit of Happiness". "We already sold 200 tickets and the cast is confident that they can sell approximately 50 or more tickets. The second show will be held at 6pm". It was properly moved by Leader Samuel Smith Jr. and second by Sis. Charlotte Singleton that permission is granted.

There was one unreadiness by Sis. Thomasina Walker, who asked, what's the capacity of the Fellowship Hall. Trustee Chair Derrick Lucas advised that the capacity of the Fellowship hall is 250.

Majority voted yes, no opposition.

Sis. Jacqueline Miller advised that during the planning Meeting which was held on January 22, 2014. A discussion of a possible time change for Sunday Worship Services was brought up. Sis. Miller then made a motion for the start of Sunday Worship Service be changed from 11:00am to 10:00 am. The motion was second by Steward Pro Tem Herman Bold. Sis. Zanyah Smalls asked "What about Sunday School?" Steward Pro Tem Herman Bold advised that "we will work that out." Bro. Carl Moore stated that "he believed that there was more to the motion was discussed, that it would be advertised first. Leader Caesar Jenkins advised in order for us to do this, we need to advise the members of our intent and let the Members and Leaders give us their feedback. Bro Remus Cromwell asked to table the discussion. Rev. Junious advised that we will present it to the members on this Sunday (February 9, 2014) and get their feedback.

STEWARDS REPORT: Given by Sis. Audrey Wilder, "the Steward Ministry continues to Commune our sick members, we continue to ensure that the programs that are intact will enhance the Spiritual growth at the Church. We continue to keep up with those the members of that maybe in need of any type of assistance. As you are aware, we did collect an after offering on yesterday to assist a member who was in financial distress. We continue to keep a pulse of what is actually going on within the Church spiritually."

"I will ask all Leaders at this time to please remember that we have a Pastor Steward, an Assistant Pastor Steward and a Pastor, if you have a member that is sick, if you have a member that is in the hospital please let us know. So that we can follow up on them, to let them know that the Church is concern for them and that we are praying for them. Some Leaders are good about informing us when they have members in the hospital and some are not. So I'm speaking to those leaders who do not follow that particular process we would like to keep a handle of our members and the only way that we can do that is if the Leaders inform us. So please be very mindful of that. We continue to keep a pulse on the finances of the Church as well as the member activities that are going on. We have had some deaths in the Church; we also have o had some new members to come in, so we look forward to our Church growing. We are still going through the Legal Process, as we get more information we will be giving you an update. If you have any questions or are unsure as to what is going on with the Church, please free to contact us and ask questions. Bro. Remus Cromwell asked what the member status is. Sis. Wilder advised that our confirmed number of members is 330. That's 330 confirmed Payne members. She also advised that the first process in this step was to confirm our membership the next process is to look at their financial contribution. So we'll start looking at that process after the month of March, which will give us a good three months.

Asst. Steward Pro Tem Theodore Miller commended Leader Richard Brown for an outstanding job..

TRUSTEE REPORT: by Bro. Derrick Lucas.

We had three (3) Burials, two (2) were non members and one (1) Member

Four 4 Rentals

Window install, on Saturday, March 8, 2014

Respectfully Submitted by,

Jacqueline Miller, Church Secretary

**Payne Church
Steward Board Meeting
February 17, 2014 7:30PM**

The meeting was called to order by the Pastor, followed by the roll call. A total of \$50 was collected for dues. The minutes from the last meeting were read and accepted as information.

COMMUNION REPORT

Br. Bolds, Br. Miller, Br. Bright, Br. Brown and Br. Chisolm gave reports on members they communed.

Baptism-0

Fellowship-0

Wedding-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

One-Night Revival-the board was informed that Rev Isaac Moore, Jr. would be the speaker for the one night revival scheduled for Ash Wednesday.

Ministry-the board was informed the decision was made to allow Elder Hamilton the opportunity to address the pastor with any interest in pursuing the Ministry.

Easter Revival Speaker-the board was informed Apostle Doris W. Bonneau of New Beginnings Kingdom Assemblies, Intl., would be secured for the speaker of this event.

Letter to Bishop Moore-the board was informed a letter was sent to Bishop Moore re: to the inappropriate behavior in Payne Church, which was attempting to conduct "RMUE" business.

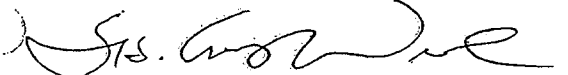
NEW BUSINESS

Liaison Position for Choir-it was noted that the liaison position for the choir was developed to resolve any issues arising between the choir director and members. Any issues, questions or requests related to or received from the Minister of Music should be directed to the Pastor Steward.

Church Loan-the Treasurer requested to secure a new loan in the name of "Payne Church", using the new EIN, for the Fellowship Hall. A motion was made by Br. Bolds and seconded by Sis. Wilder to grant the Treasurer permission to secure a loan in the name of "Payne Church", using the new EIN, for the Fellowship Hall. A call for the vote was made. All those in favor of the motion were asked to say "aye". A unanimous vote was received. A call for any oppositions was made. None received.

Concerns-the following areas of concern were addressed: 1.) provide training on communing sick members; 2.) be aware of number of participants needed for communion service; 3.) assign communion kits; 4.) purchase additional communion kits; 5.) purchase a new bible for the pulpit.

Finance- \$50 was collected in dues.


Sis. Audrey Wilder, Secretary


Br. Herman Bolds, Pastor Steward

MINUTES –MARCH 3, 2014 OFFICIAL MINISTRY MEETING – PAYNE CHURCH

Meeting was called to order by Rev. Thomas Junious, Pastor

Song: Jesus Will Fix It for You; Led by Emeritus Hezekiah Brown Jr.

Prayer: Bro. Herman Bolds

Scripture: Psalm 91 verses 1 thru 7 by Leader Martha Matthews

Marshall: Bro. Samuel Smith Jr.

Boundary: the 6th pew.

Roll Call by Sister Jacqueline Miller, no names omitted.

The minutes from the February 3, 2014 Official Ministry Meeting was read by Sis. Jacqueline Miller, Secretary. It was moved by Bro. Carl Moore and properly second by Leader Martha Matthews that the minutes are accepted as read with the necessary corrections. Majority voted yes; no opposition.

LEADERS' REPORT: No report for Classes #1,2,4,5,8,9,11, 12,14, 15,16,20,23,24,25,and Class #27.

Class #3 \$30. Class #6 \$240 Class #7 \$313 Class #18 \$75

CHRISTENING: None

BAPTISMS: None

FELLOWSHIP: (1) Ms. Angela Fludd Chisolm

WEDDINGS:

FUNDRAISER REPORT: Sis Jarie R. Stanley gave report from the Black History Play.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Sis. Audrey Wilder gave an update on the Oyster Roast and upcoming Fish Fry.

NEW BUSINESS: Leader Kathryn Oliver clarified the Status of Bro. Akilou Smith. (He has been a member since 1998) Leader Oliver also advised that Bro. Willison Drayton Jr. wants to be transferred to Class #8 from Class #19 (which has no leader). Leader Kathryn Oliver requested that Sis. Mary Drayton and Bro. Willison Drayton Sr. to be added to the Sick & Shut In List. (When giving them Communion, please give them water). Leader Oliver presented Sis. Josephine Jenkins Bank to the Official Ministry to join the Choir Ministry and the Usher's Ministry. Leader Oliver advised that Bro. Elias Drayton wants his mother (Sis. Margaret Drayton) to be transferred to Payne Church from James Island United Congregational Church. Rev. Junious advised that a letter has to be submitted from her church. We also have to talk to the family and let them know that there is a probationary period of six months. Bro. Bolds advised that the Steward Ministry will discuss this matter in their meeting.

Bro. Stanley Fludd advised that the young men of the Sunday school have asked for the Soldiers for Christ Dance Ministry be reinstated. It was discussed with Ms. Wendy Dunmeyer if she could handle both Dance Ministries and she has agreed to be the instructor and Sis. Tamishia Brown has agreed to be the Advisor.

Leader Carolyn Gourdine requested to have a Live Nativity Scene "A Walk through Bethlehem at Payne". (A project for the entire Church). It was moved by Leader Marilyn Washington and properly seconded by Pastor Steward Herman Bolds and Trustee Chair Derrick Lucas. Majority voted yes, no opposition.

Leader Marilyn Washington requested that Sis. Bea Seabrook be added to the Sick & Shut in list. Her family will let us know when to Commune her.

Rev. Junious advised that it is time that we draw a line in the sand. We have too many members that are on the roll at another Church. Some he has already approached and they have advised that it is not the case. We have a leader, Bro George Richardson, leader of Class#23 but yet he is still having programs under the banner of the RMUE. Either you are for Payne Church or you are for Payne RMUE Church. Leader Caesar Jenkins advised that we need to purge our records. Rev. Junious advised that he along with Pastor Steward Bolds have already spoken with Leader Richardson.

Sis. Audrey Wilder advised that an updated Membership roll will be given to the Leaders on Sunday.

STEWARDS REPORT: Given by Pastor Steward Herman Bolds advised that on Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2014 there will be an Old Fashion Revival. He also elaborated on Rev. Junious' comment in reference to still having members on Payne Church roll and at another church. He advised "We will handle it". Bro. Bolds also advised that the Steward Ministry is doing their best to ensure that the Church is run in a Christian manner. If there is something that was said or done that was not pleasing to you, please come to us. He advised the Leaders to let them know when one of their members are sick. The Steward Ministry continue to Commune and visit our sick. Take care of the Church's finances.

Bro Stanley Fludd advised that there's still a lot of literature with RMUE on it; for example, Obituaries. Leader Marilyn Washington advised that before Obituaries or any other literature is passed out, it is reviewed by the Steward Ministry. Bro. Bolds stated that the Family is informed of this. Bro Derrick Lucas advised that a letter has been sent to all Funeral Homes to make sure that all checks is made out to Payne Church, we've had that problem before. Bible Study postponed until after Easter because of Lent Services.

TRUSTEE REPORT: by Trustee Chair Derrick Lucas.

We had four (4) Burials, three (3) were non members and one (1) Member

Three (3) Rentals Bro. Lucas advised that Bro. Willie Parker Jr. will assist him with rentals.

Bro. Lucas requested a copy of keys from each Ministry that has a locked room.

Window install, on Saturday, March 8, 2014

FINANCIAL REPORT: \$ 658.00

Respectfully Submitted by,

Jacqueline Miller, Church Secretary

**Payne Church
Steward Board Meeting
March 17, 2014 7:00PM**

The meeting was called to order by Br. Bolds, followed by the roll call. A total of \$63 was collected for dues. The minutes from the last meeting were read and accepted as information. The Pastor arrived at 7:20 P.M. and presided over the meeting.

COMMUNION REPORT

Br. Chisolm, Sis. Roper, Br. Miller, Br. Bolds, Elder Richardson, and Sis. Walker gave reports on members they communed. Br. Miller then conducted a training session on administering communion to sick members which included the following steps: 1. Greet the member. 2. Cleanse hands with antiseptic gel; 3. Sing a song while preparing the wine and wafer; 4. Pray with member; 5. Read a scripture; 6. Administer the wafer and wine; 7. Recite the Our Father Prayer; 8. Give words of encouragement and then leave. It was suggested to document this process and have on file.

Baptism-0

Fellowship-0

Wedding-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Easter Revival Guest Speaker-the board was informed the speaker confirmed and would be coming with three churches affiliated with her ministry.

NEW BUSINESS

Classes without Leaders-the board was informed Classes 1, 2, 19, 21, 23 currently without a class leader. It was noted these classes had 3-6 members and should combine with other classes. It was agreed to meet with the members of these classes to choose a class with a leader. It was noted that Class 23 would be under the Steward Board leadership until further notice. It was also noted that Class 1 would be back under the leadership of the Pastor.

Missionary Sunday Speaker-it was announced the speaker for Missionary Sunday this month would be the Minister of Music, Min. Carl Bright as requested by the Pastor. Min. Bright would secure a replacement for the music service.

Inactive Prayer Band Members-the president of the Prayer Band of Faith requested to remove the names of inactive members from the ministry. It was noted those inactive members of the ministry were no longer members of Payne Church.

Training for Leaders & Ministry Chairmen-to begin on Saturday April 12th conducted by Rev. Dr. Cornelius Campbell.

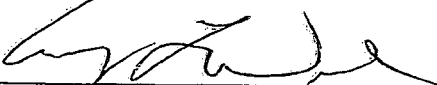
Sick & Shut-in Visitations-the Pastor agreed to schedule visitations to sick members on April 18th and 19th. The board agreed to make 2-night accommodations for the Pastor.

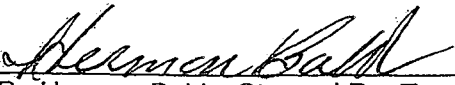
Security of Church-it was requested to change the locks on the doors of the church. It was noted that communion kits were missing. It was agreed to contact the Trustee Chairman to have locks changed.

Request for Theatrical Production-a request was received from Min. Bright to conduct another theatrical production in May. It was suggested to secure detailed information from Min. Bright before granting approval and forwarding to the Official Board.

Lectern Bible-the pastor requested to purchase a new King James Version lectern bible for the pulpit.

Finance Report-\$73 in dues collected.


Sis. Audrey L. Wilder, Secretary


Br. Herman Bolds, Steward Pro Tem
ROA 0513

MINUTES –APRIL 7, 2014 OFFICIAL MINISTRY MEETING – PAYNE CHURCH

Meeting was called to order by Rev. Thomas Junious, Pastor

Song: Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior

Prayer: Elder Wesley A. Moore Sr.

Scripture: Psalm 33 by Sis. Audrey Wilder

Marshall: Bro. Derrick Lucas

Boundary: the 6th pew.

Roll Call by Sister Jacqueline Miller, no names omitted.

The minutes from the March 3, 2014 Official Ministry Meeting was read by Sis. Jacqueline Miller, Secretary. It was moved by Bro. Caesar Jenkins and properly second by Steward Pro Tem Herman Bolds. Unreadiness by Leader Pamela Martino; Bro. Willison Drayton Sr. and Sis. Josephine Banks is on Class #6. Unreadiness by Elder Josephine Richardson, Sis. Seabrook's first name is Iris. It was moved that the minutes are accepted as read with the necessary corrections. Majority voted yes, no opposition.

LEADERS' REPORT: No report for Classes #1,2,3,4,6,7,8,9,11, 12,14, 15,16,20,23,24,25,and Class #27.

Class #5 \$437. Class #18 \$563

CHRISTENING: None

BAPTISMS: None

FELLOWSHIP: None

WEDDINGS: None

FUNDRAISER REPORT: Sis Audrey Wilder gave the report from the E.O. Gibbs Education Ministry fundraiser. Total raised \$1480. Donations and Love offerings are still being accepted. Sis. Sylvia Moore gave the report from the Night of Elegance fundraiser. Total raised \$2,100.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Class #19 was placed under the Steward Ministry. Emeritus George Richardson is no longer the Leader for Class #23 and is no longer on the Sunday school Staff.

NEW BUSINESS: Leader Marilyn Washington presented Bro. Cameron Lowery and Bro. James Lowery to the Official Ministry to join the Youth Usher's Ministry. (Members of Sunday school) It was moved by Leader Martha Matthews and properly seconded by Bro. Caesar Jenkins. Majority voted yes, no opposition.

Leader Marilyn Washington wanted clarification on the Board of Director, there seem to be some confusion. After much discussion, Rev. Junious advised to suspend all Board of Directors.

Trustee Pro Tem Derrick Lucas on behalf of Bro. David Miller presented the sale of DVDs from the Night of Elegance fundraiser. The price of the DVDs is \$10. All proceeds will go to the Church. It was moved by Bro. Caesar Jenkins and properly seconded by Bro. Carl Moore. Majority voted yes, no opposition.

Trustee Pro Tem Derrick Lucas also presented the Sons of Elijah wanting to attend our Worship Services on May 18, 2014. It was moved by Sis. Audrey Wilder and properly seconded by Bro. James Martino Sr. Majority voted yes, no opposition.

Sis. Audrey Wilder reminded everyone of the Family and Friends Climax on Sunday, April 27, 2014.

Leader Pamela Martino asked whether the Leaders were included in the upcoming Training Scheduled for April 12, 2014. She was advised that the Leader's training will be held at another time.

Rev. Junious presented a Men's Day Rally on Father's Day. All men are asked to pay \$100.

Steward Pro Tem Herman Bolds reminded everyone of the Upcoming Easter Revival. Please come out and support the Church.

STEWARD REPORT: Given by Sis. Audrey Wilder: The Steward Ministry continues to fulfil their duties to the best of their abilities. We continue to work along with the Trustee Ministry to make sure that not only the Spiritual condition of the Church is maintained and the Harmony of the Church is maintained but also the Structural part of the church is maintained as well. We are off to a new adventure. As the Pastor said, we're doing new things. We're moving forward and we're looking toward the Holy Spirit to lead, guide and direct us into the direction that God has for this Church. He is putting people into place that will help us with the Mission that God has for Payne Church. And I truly do believe that He does have a great Mission for us, we're going through this transition because He is preparing us for what is to come. And what is to come is good. Even though right now you may not hear anything going on but we are still in this legal fight. Which means we still have to pray and we still have to seek after God to see us through this thing. We cannot get lax and we cannot get comfortable because this is a Spiritual thing that we're dealing with. When we get too comfortable and lax the enemy can come up and attack at any point and time and catch us off guard. So we have to continue to pray and continue to look to God to lead us every step of the way in this battle that we have found ourselves in. Your finances are secure. We thank you so much in all you have done to support this church and all that you will continue to do. If God was not with us, we will not be standing at this time.

Bro. Carl Moore advised the Official Ministry of the Church's 5 Year Loan Renewal on the Fellowship Hall. We have received the renewal packet which has to be given to Attorney Curry.

TRUSTEE REPORT: by Trustee Pro Tem Derrick Lucas.

Presented the Trustee along with the Steward Ministry Seafood Bash fundraiser. Proceeds goes toward the window project.

We had five (5) Burials, all were non members

Three (3) Rentals

Maintenance needed on both the Bus and Van.

Leader Theodore Miller asked if the Church Bus is equipped to transport wheelchair bound individuals.

Trustee Pro Tem Lucas advised no and advised not to transport anyone without the proper equipment due to it being a liability.

FINANCIAL REPORT: \$1032.00

Respectfully Submitted by

Jacqueline Miller, Church Secretary

**Payne Church
Steward Board Meeting
April 21, 2014 7:00PM**

The meeting was called to order by the Pastor, followed by the roll call. A total of \$2 was collected for dues. The minutes from the last meeting were read and accepted as information.

COMMUNION REPORT

Br. Chisolm, Sis. Roper, Br. Bolds, and Sis. Washington gave reports on members they communed.

Baptism-0

Fellowship-1-Sis. Margaret Drayton

Wedding-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

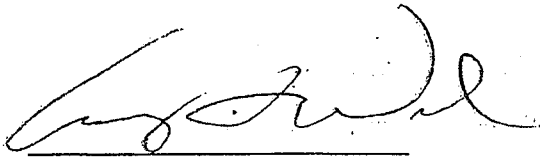
Lectern Bible-the board was informed the cost range from \$400-\$700. A motion was made by Sis. Marilyn Washington and seconded by Br. Carl Moore to purchase the lectern bible. A call for the vote was made. All those in favor of the motion were asked to say "aye". A unanimous vote was received. A call for any oppositions was made. None received.

Seafood Fest Fundraiser-the board was informed of the committee meeting scheduled for Thursday April 24th at 7PM. Also, each member of the Trustee and Steward Boards would be requested to donate \$60 to cover expenses.

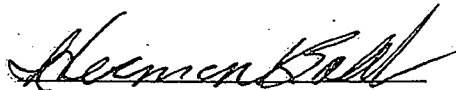
NEW BUSINESS

Thank You Letter-the Pastor requested to send a thank you letter to Apostle Bonneau and her church family for revival services they conducted.

Finance-\$22 collected.



Sis. Audrey L. Wilder, Secretary



Br. Herman Bolds, Steward Pro Tem

MINUTES –MAY 7, 2014 OFFICIAL MINISTRY MEETING – PAYNE CHURCH

Meeting was called to order by Rev. Thomas Junious, Pastor

Song: What a Fellowship

Prayer: Elder Wesley A. Moore Sr.

Scripture: Psalm105: 1-4 by Bro. Robert Bright

Marshall: Bro. Derrick Lucas

Boundary: the 6th pew.

Roll Call by Sister Jacqueline Miller, no names omitted.

The minutes from the April 7, 2014 Official Ministry Meeting was read by Sis. Jacqueline Miller, Secretary. It was moved by Bro. Theodore Miller and properly second by Bro. Caesar Jenkins and Bro. Robert Bright; that the minutes are accepted as read with the necessary corrections. Majority voted yes, no opposition.

LEADERS' REPORT: No report for Classes #1,2,4,6,8,9,11,15,16,20,23,24,25, and Class #27.

Class#3 \$30 Class#7 \$380 Class#12 \$120 Class#14 \$100 Class #18 \$25

CHRISTENING: None

BAPTISMS: None

FELLOWSHIP: (1) Sis. Margaret Drayton. Class#8 (Letter of Transfer read)

WEDDINGS: None

FUNDRAISER REPORT: NONE

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Bro. Derrick Lucas advised upon viewing the DVDs from the Night of Elegance, the DVDs are not suitable for sale.

NEW BUSINESS: Leader Carolyn Gourline advised that the Instructor who is currently teaching the Craft Workshop at the Seniors Center, services will no longer be needed. Leader Gourline proposed that Payne Church become a Host Site. The Workshop will be held every Monday from 10am to 12 noon. She also requested several after offerings to help with the cost of transportation for the Instructor. After much discussion the request was tabled until further research is done.

Leader Marilyn Washington needed clarification on the procedure for a Young person who is a Sunday school member but not a member of the church wanting to join the Youth Usher's Ministry. After much discussion the item was tabled until a later time.

Sis. Thomasina Walker presented Bro. Shannon Gethers to the Official Ministry in reference to him joining the Youth Usher Ministry. (He is a member of Class#23. Former Leader Bro. George Richardson)

Majority voted yes. No opposition

Leader Joan Roper on behalf of Minister Carl Bright requested June 29, 2014 for the Mass Choir Anniversary. (Which was previously scheduled for June 8, 2014.) Majority voted yes. No opposition.

Sis. Audrey Wilder inquired whether a bus would be needed on June 22, 2014 when the Pastor and Congregation travel to Orangehill. A head count will be needed.

Assistant Leader Elizabeth Parker requested August 9, 2014 for an Appreciated Luncheon for Seniors 80 years old and above. Majority voted yes. No opposition.

Leader Martha Matthews reminded everyone of the Ushers Ministry upcoming Anniversary Service on Sunday May 25, 2014 and a one night Pre- Anniversary Service on Thursday, May 22, 2014.

STEWARD REPORT: by Leader Joan Roper

The Steward Ministry is moving along greatly. We're taking care of the Spiritual part of the Church; we're taking care of the legal matters of the Church. We're visiting the sick members. If anyone has a problem or has questions, please feel free to contact any of the members of the Steward Ministry.

TRUSTEE REPORT: by Trustee Pro Tem Derrick Lucas.

No burials

No rentals

Reminded everyone of the upcoming the Seafood Bash Fundraiser scheduled for May 24, 2014.

Also the Church's 139th Anniversary, July 9-13, 2014

FINANCIAL REPORT: \$775

Respectfully Submitted by

Jacqueline Miller, Church Secretary

**Payne Church
Steward Board Meeting
May 19, 2014 7:30PM**

The meeting was called to order by the Pastor, followed by the roll call. A total of \$4 was collected for dues. The minutes from the last meeting were read and accepted as information.

COMMUNION REPORT

Br. Chisolm, Br. Bright, Sis. Walker, Br. Miller, Br. Bolds, and Sis. Washington gave reports on members they communed.

Baptism-0

Fellowship-0

Wedding-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Lectern Bible-the board was reminded of the fee range for the bible. The financial secretary was instructed to proceed with purchasing.

Seafood Fundraiser- the board was given an updated on the progress of the event. The last planning meeting would be held on Thursday, May 22, at 7 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

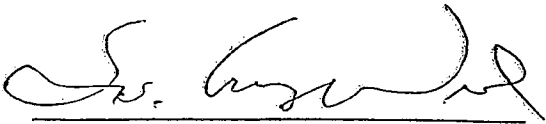
Processional for Worship Services-it was requested by the board that the Pastor not to break the processional by mingling with the congregation along the way to the pulpit. The Pastor did not agree with this request, but accepted the request.

Workshop-a request was presented on behalf of Rev. Campbell to conduct a workshop with the Trustees and Class Leaders in June. The request was granted by the board.

Classes without Leaders-the pastor requested to meet with those classes without Leaders after service on May 25th.

Church Bulletin-the board gave a mandate to remove the name of Br. George Richardson as "Steward Emeritus" from the church bulletin.

Finance Report- Dues \$4; Savings \$22,552.49; Checking \$14,037.13


Sis. Audrey Wilder, Secretary


Br. Herman Bolds, Steward Pro Tem

MINUTES - JUNE 2, 2014 OFFICIAL MINISTRY MEETING - PAYNE CHURCH

Meeting was call to order by Rev. Thomas Junious, Pastor

Song: Jesus Is Already Here

Prayer: Elder Wesley A. Moore Sr.

Scripture: 26 Psalm by Sis. Thomasina Walker.

Marshall: Bro. Derrick Lucas

Boundary: the 6th pew.

Roll Call by Sister Jacqueline Miller, no names omitted.

The minutes from the May 5, 2014 Official Ministry Meeting was read by Sis. Jacqueline Miller, Secretary. It was moved by Bro. Carl Moore second by Leader Robert Bright; that the minutes are accepted as read with the necessary corrections. Unreadinesss; Leader Marilyn Washington advised that Steward Pro Tem Bolds had already clarified the procedure for a youth wanting to join the Youth Usher Ministry. (Youth has to be a member of the Church.)

LEADERS' REPORT: No report for Classes #1,2,3,4,7,8,9,11,12,14,15,16,20,23,24,25, and Class #27.

Class#6 \$256 and Class #18 \$50

Rev. Junious advised that Class #2 will combine with Class#27. Bro. Henry Robinson Jr. (Class#7) wanting to transfer to Class #1. Sis. Stanley advised that she was approached about the status of Class#23. She was advised that no representative from that Class was present at the meeting. Rev. Junious and the Stewards will meet with the members of Class#23 on next Sunday. Rev. Junious advised that Elder Hamilton of Class#25 wants to become a part of the Ministry here at Payne. Both leaders Parker and Reeves were unaware of the request coming from their members. Rev. Junious advised that he would give them time to discuss their request with their members and hopefully by next Sunday they will meet with Him. Rev. Junious also advised Leader Reeves that He would like her to be present when Elder Hamilton is examined by the Stewards and himself. Leader Martino requested that Sis. Etta Walker is added to the Sick & Shut in List.

CHRISTENING: None

BAPTISMS: None

FELLOWSHIP: None

WEDDINGS: None

FUNDRAISER REPORT: Bro. Lucas will give during his Trustee Report.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Leader Gourdine withdrew her request for an after offering for the senior's Craft Workshop. The a decision on the proposal that for Payne church being the host for the Workshop still needed to be made. Leader Caesar Jenkins made the motion that Payne Church becomes the host site for the senior's Craft Workshop. It was properly second by Sis. Mary Coleman and Leader Marilyn Washington. Majority voted yes. No opposition. (The Workshop will begin in October)

NEW BUSINESS: Sis. Crystal Blue gave fundraiser report for the Young People's Ministry. She advised that the Interfaith will be sponsoring a trip to Carowinds on August 2, 2014. YPM Bridging ceremony was on the calendar for June 14, 2014, because of the Instructional Workshop being held on that date she requested that the Bridging Ceremony be held on July 26, 2014. She also requested the following dates for the Hotdog sales. (June 8, June 22, July 20 and July 27th). It was moved by Bro. Carl Moore and second by Bro. Caesar Jenkins that the dates are granted to the YPM. Majority voted yes. No opposition.

Leader Gourdine advised that she has several members that has not been attending church and has not supported the church financially at all this year. She requested a letter to be sent.

Leader Parker stated that he has several members also who hasn't attended church or support the church financially.

Sis. Wilder explained the proper procedure for handling these members.

Leader Miller requested the status of Sis. Cora Ladson. Leader Martino advised that she is listed as being a member of her class. No financial support so far this year.

STEWARD REPORT: by Leader Marilyn Washington

The Steward Ministry is steadfastly moving, still visiting the sick and shut in. It is very difficult to commune the members if they are out to the store or is out of town when the Stewards come to Commune them. If members are able to attend, encourage them to come to church.

Rev. Junious will speak with the Stewards in reference to a General Church Meeting.

TRUSTEE REPORT: by Trustee Pro Tem Derrick Lucas.

3 burials

No rentals

Bro. Lucas gave status of the Church van (the Ac is not working, rusting and need tires).

Discussed the upcoming Church Anniversary

Fundraiser Report for Seafood Bash:

Donations from Stewards & Trustees	\$1080
Ticket Sales	\$3141
Soda Sales	\$ 87
Total Income	\$4308
Expenses	\$1270
Profit	\$3038

FINANCIAL REPORT: \$306

Respectfully Submitted by

Jacqueline Miller, Church Secretary

**Payne Church
Steward Board Meeting
June 16, 2014 7:00PM**

The meeting was called to order by the Pastor, followed by the roll call. The minutes from the last meeting were read and accepted as information.

COMMUNION REPORT

Br. Bright, Sis. Wilder, Br. Brown, Elder Richardson, Br. Bolds, and Sis. Washington gave reports on members they communed.

Baptism-0

Fellowship-0

Wedding-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Workshop Update-duties and responsibilities of leaders and stewards presented for discussion. It was suggested to review and adapt to the needs of the church.

NEW BUSINESS

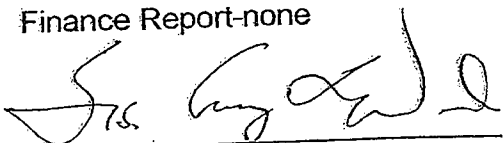
Sunday Worship Service-the board was reminded that the service should start promptly at 10 AM. At 0945 the Musician should be in place with soft music playing for praise and worship. Also, no activity should occur after the sermon has been delivered. Sunday School lessons should end at 9:30, followed by the lessons summary from 9:30 to 9:45.

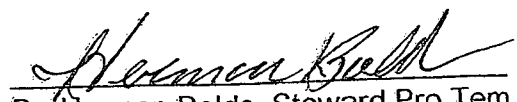
P.O. Box-the board received a request from the Treasurer to secure a P.O. Box with two keys. Keys would be available for the Treasurer and the Recording Secretary. A motion was made by Sis. Marilyn Washington, and seconded by Sis. Martha Matthews to secure a P.O. Box for the church. The call for questions was made. The vote was requested by saying "aye". A unanimous vote was received. The call for any opposition was made. None received.

Elder Hamilton-the Pastor informed the board he along with Br. Bolds and Br. Miller, met with Elder Hamilton to discuss Elder Hamilton's intent. After some discussion, the board agreed to have the Pastor meet again with him to disclose references on July 20, 2014, after service.

Access to Church-it was requested to contact Trustee Chairman re: access to the church. It was noted that the church has often been open hours in advance prior to meetings, which was not appropriate.

Finance Report-none


Sis. Audrey L. Wilder, Secretary


Br. Herman Bolds, Steward Pro Tem

MINUTES –September 8, 2014 OFFICIAL MINISTRY MEETING – PAYNE CHURCH

Meeting was call to order by Rev. Thomas Junious, Pastor

Song: Blessed Assurance

Prayer: Elder Wesley A. Moore, Sr.

Scripture: Exodus 20:1-7 by Sis. Sylvia Moore

Marshall: Bro. James Roper III

Boundary: the 5th pew.

Roll Call by Sister Jacqueline Miller, no names omitted.

The minutes from the July 7, 2014 Official Ministry Meeting was read by Sis. Jacqueline Miller, Secretary. It was moved by Bro. Caesar Jenkins, second by Elder Wesley A. Moore Sr. and Bro. Robert Bright that the minutes are accepted as read with the necessary corrections. Majority voted yes. No opposition.

LEADERS' REPORT: No report for Classes #1,4,5,6,8,9,12,14,15,16,18,20,24,25,and Class #27.

Class#3 \$30 Class#7 \$300 and Class #8 \$25 Class#11 \$50

CHRISTENING: None

BAPTISMS: None

FELLOWSHIP: None

WEDDINGS: None

FUNDRAISER REPORT: None

Bro. Carl Moore gave the Sunday school report. Total raised this year \$923.67. Expenditures \$256.56. Balance \$ 711.11

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Rev. Junious inquired in reference the status of the letters to be sent to members who have not supported the Church in attendance or financially since the beginning of the year. Leader Carolyn Gourdine and Leader Willie Parker Jr. submitted names. The letters are waiting for Rev. Junious' signature.

NEW BUSINESS: Sis. Kathryn Oliver advised that Bro. Leroy Singleton and Bro. Jesse Davis (Class#19) as well as Sis. Hattie Barnwell (Class#23) would like to transfer to Class#8 under the leadership of Leader Kathryn Oliver. Majority vote yes. No opposition.

Sis. Crystal Blue requested dates; June 8, 2014 and June 22, 2014 for Hot dog sale. Advised of the upcoming J.I. Interfaith trip to Carowinds on August 2, 2014. Sis. Blue also requested the following dates: July 25, 2014 for a Movie night and Book Swap and July 27, 2014 to go Skating. She also reminded everyone of the Bridging Ceremony to be held on Saturday, July 26, 2014. Sis. Mary Coleman made motion that the following dates be granted; second by Leader Caesar Jenkins.

One unreadiness; Rev. Junious asked Sis. Blue if she discussed the planned activities with Bro. Fludd. It was suggested by Bro. Carl Moore that by the next meeting, Sis. Blue will report that the activities were discussed with Bro. Fludd. Majority voted yes. No opposition.

STEWARD REPORT: by Sis. Audrey Wilder

The Steward Ministry continues to commune our sick, provide the elements for Communion and continues to access the financial state of the church. The Steward Ministry appreciates the members for paying their Tithes and supporting the various programs. All bills are being paid. We are in the process of planning ahead for our Pastor's Anniversary in October. We have already contacted our Speakers for the Week and is planning an Evening of Entertainment for that Saturday. We continue to do the very best that we can as far as ensuring that the Spiritual atmosphere is conducive for you to come in here to Praise and Worship God, and that is first and foremost. If there is anything that is contrary to what God expects us to do in His Church then we will make the corrections. If you see anything that is contrary to what God commands us to do in His church, let us know and we'll make the correction. We are appreciative of everyone's support that you've given us thus far. And we just ask that you just continue to pray for us as we continue to do our best to lead this church to higher heights in the Spiritual Realm of God.

TRUSTEE REPORT: by Trustee Pro Tem Derrick Lucas.

6 burials (1) member (5) non member

3 rental

Gave update of Church Anniversary. *\$8,913.Profit

Advise all Leaders to make sure to turn in the names of their Sick Members for delivery of the dinners.

Gave update of stolen Van. The damage on the van outweighs the cost of the van.

Advised that the refrigerator for the Stewardess Ministry needs to be replaced.

FINANCIAL REPORT: \$405

Respectfully Submitted by

Jacqueline Miller, Church Secretary

-Payne Church
Steward Board Meeting
9-22-14 7:30PM

The meeting was called order by the Pastor, followed by the roll call. Br. Carl Bright, Minister of Music, was presented to the board to address any questions re: his obligations / performance. He then submitted a list of dates which included time off dates and dates he works his 2nd contracted job.

He also requested to conduct a community play on Nov. 15th or 16th. He suggested to develop a website for the church to be managed by the young adults and youth web team. He also suggested to record the pastor's messages for purchase on CD the following Sunday or same Sunday. Min. Bright was given a request for flexibility in rehearsal dates for the children's choir. He was then dismissed from the meeting. The minutes from the last meeting were then read and accepted as information.

COMMUNION REPORT

Sis. Wilder, Br. Bolds, Sis. Walker, Sis. Washington, Br. Brown, Br. Miller, and Br. Chisolm gave reports on those members who were given communion. The following issues were noted during the report: 1.) Br. William Frasier's living condition questionable; 2.) Daughter of Br. Willis and Sis. Mary Drayton refuse to allow them to have communion; 3.) concerns of sick members who are not home when going to give communion.

OLD BUSINESS

Elder Hamilton-it was noted he was affiliated with WORD ministries. The church was contacted and voice message left to return call for verification. Also spoke with Elder Hamilton who confirmed the pastor of the church and location. Request was also given for a copy of ordination certificate / license from him.

NEW BUSINESS

Souvenir Journal-the board received a request from East Side Missionary Baptist Church to place an ad in the souvenir journal. The board agreed to secure a ½ page ad.

Workshop-the board received detailed information on the Praise Dance Workshop scheduled for Oct. 11th.

Classes with 3 Members-the board was informed of Classes 19 and 21 only having 3 members. It was suggested to contact these members and have them choose a class leader.

Pastor Anniversary-the board was given an updated on the anniversary activities

Invitational Prayer-it was questioned why all the pulpit staff required to come in the alter for the invitational prayer. Also, he received concerns re: Rev. Wesley Moore participating with communion service using the can with gloves on.

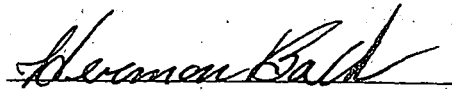
Pall Bearers-the timing of allowing the pall bearers to recess behind the casket was questioned. It was explained this procedure dictated by the funeral home attendants.

Funeral Service-Br. Miller questioned services held for a member of the church whom he was not aware of. After much discussion, Br. Miller resigned as Assistant Pastor Steward while leaving the meeting. It was then suggested that the Pastor and Br. Bolds meet with Br. Miller to address.

Finance Report-Dues-\$2; Checking-\$15, 988.49; Loan Balance-\$170,131.43; Savings-\$29,146.52; Special Account-\$4,200; ditch settlement-\$8,300; it was then noted monthly operating expense was \$20,000.



Sis. Audrey L. Wilder,
Secretary



Br. Herman Bolds,
Steward Pro Tem

Payne Church
Steward Board Meeting
10-20-14 7:30PM

The meeting was called to order by the Pastor followed by the roll call, reading of the minutes and collection of dues.

COMMUNION REPORT

Br. Bright, Sis. Roper, Sis. Wilder, Br. Bolds, Br. Chisolm and Br. Brown gave reports on sick members who were communed.

BAPTISM-0

FELLOWSHIP-0

WEDDING-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Class Membership-Sis. Roper presented the name of Sis. Melissa Brent to be removed from the church roll. Rev. Richardson agreed to contact Sis. Brent to clarify and report back to the board.

Elder Hamilton-the board was given an updated with the meeting held with Elder Hamilton. After much discussion, it was suggested to allow him to sit in the pulpit as a Minister under the guidance of the Pastor, but not a part of the ministerial staff.

NEW BUSINESS

Church Conference-to be schedule after the hearing or at the end of the year.

Contract for Musician-the board was reminded the contract for the Musician would expire soon. The board agreed to amend the contract to include 2 non-consecutive weeks paid vacation (Sunday to Saturday), with at least two weeks advance notice.

Ditch Condemnation-the board was informed the County condemned the ditch and further information would be forthcoming.

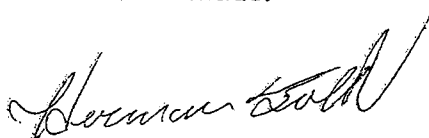
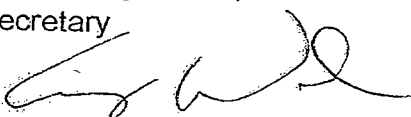
Worship Service-the pastor was encouraged to adhere to starting the service on time at 10AM.

Resignation from Board-the board was reminded of Br. Miller stating his resignation from the board at the previous meeting. It was questioned if he had been reinstated. The pastor informed the board he had addressed the issue and an apology would be forthcoming.

Meeting-it was questioned concerning a meeting held at the church that did not involve the entire board. Sis. Wilder explained the purpose of the meeting and that it was a personal matter she had to address with those members involved. Concerns were then voice re: breach of confidentiality.

Finance-\$5 in dues collected; ½ deposit on the windows made.

Sis. Audrey Wilder,
Secretary



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MINUTES –November3 , 2014 OFFICIAL MINISTRY MEETING – PAYNE CHURCH

Meeting was called to order by Rev. Thomas Junious, Pastor

Song: Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior led by Sis. Thomasina Walker

Prayer: by Elder Wesley A. Moore, Sr.

Scripture: Matthew 4:1-3 by Leader Joan Roper

Marshall: Bro. Farris Chisolm

Boundary: the 5th pew.

Roll Call by Sister Jacqueline Miller, no names omitted.

The minutes from the October 6, 2014 Official Ministry Meeting was read by Sis. Jacqueline Miller, Secretary. It was moved by Leader Caesar Jenkins and properly second by Asst. Steward Pro Tem Bro. Theodore Miller and Leader Robert Bright that the minutes are accepted as read with the necessary corrections. One unreadiness; Bro. Carl Moore stated for clarification the Trustee Report should read as follows, that a voucher was submitted for \$7,000 as down payment for Phase 2 of the Window Project. Majority voted yes, no opposition.

LEADERS' REPORT: No report for classes #1, 4, 5, 6, 11, 14, 15, 20, 24, 25, and Class #27.

Class#3 \$30 Class#7 \$50 Class #8 \$40 Class#12 \$150 Class#16 \$24 Class # 18 \$200

Leader Caesar Jenkins (Class #18) advised that he has three members that has transferred to another Church. Bro. Nathaniel Ladson, Sis. Cécilia Ladson and Bro. John Ladson. And two members who have not attended/no show; Bro. Shawn L. Fludd and Bro. Franklin Prioleau.

Leader Carolyn Gourdine (Class#11) advised that she has two members who have not attended/no show; Bro Daytron Brothers and Bro. Rayshawn Brothers.

Leader Joan Roper (Class#24) advised that she has a member that is a no show, Sis. Melissa Britt.

Rev. Thomas Junious requested a list of all members of Payne Church.

Asst. Leader Audrey Wilder wanted clarification from the leaders when they say that their members is a "no show". Members who has not attended and has not met their financial responsibility (have not paid).

Rev. Junious advised that a letter should be sent from the Steward Board to advise the subjects that they are no longer a member of Payne Church.

BABY CHRISTENING: None

FELLOWSHIP: None

WEDDINGS: None

FUNDRAISER REPORT: None

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Leader Marilyn Washington advised that no decision has been made on the fundraiser for the Mass Choir Ministry.

Leader Carolyn Gourdine gave an update on the Live Nativity Scene. Requested an after offering to help with the cost of the costumes and shelters. It was moved By Trustee Pro Tem Derrick Lucas and properly second by Leader Caesar Jenkins. The After offering will be taken on the Third and Fourth Sunday. Majority voted yes. No opposition.

NEW BUSINESS

Sis. Jacqueline Miller on behalf of Sis. Crystal Blue (Young People's Ministry) requested December 6, 2014 for a Craft day for the Sick & Shut In. It was properly moved and second by Sis. Jarie Stanley and Leader Robert Bright. One unreadiness; Elder Josephine Richardson, advised that the Sunday school was also planning on a Craft Day for the members at the Nursing Home. After much discussion the request was tabled until Rev. Junious and Steward Pro Tem Herman Bolds meet with Sunday School Superintendent Bro. Stanley Fludd and the Young People's Ministry President Sis. Crystal Blue on Sunday Morning.

Bro Theodore Miller discussed the status of some of the Sick & Shut In Members.

Asst. Leader Inez Jenkins on behalf of Minister Carl Bright requested permission for the Mass Choir to have a mini Choir rehearsal on Sunday mornings before services. After much discussion the request was tabled until we can meet with Minister Carl Bright.

Leader Kathryn Oliver asked what happened to the Worship Service on Sunday Mornings?
Rev. Junious advised that Leader Oliver and anyone else can conduct the service as time permits.

Elder Josephine Richardson advised that her family will worship with us on this Sunday. Requested to reserve a couple of pews also stated that flowers will also be in the pulpit.

STEWARD REPORT: Given by Steward Jarie Stanley; The Stewards continues to Commune and visit the Sick. We ask for your continued prayers and support.

TRUSTEE REPORT: by Trustee Pro Tem Derrick Lucas
3 Burials

Update on the stolen van, the Lien was kicked back due to SC not being added on to one of the bank's name. A Lien waiver needed to be issued; we will probably get it back in 20 to 25 days.

Clean Up Day Saturday, November 8, 2014

We should receive the windows on the week of January 5, 2015

Bro. Lucas gave the following dates of December 5, 6, 12, 13, 19 and 20, 2014 for the Live Nativity Scene.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Total intake \$494

Respectfully Submitted by,
Jacqueline Miller, Church Secretary

**Payne Church
Steward Board Meeting
11-17-14 7:30PM**

The meeting was called to order by the Pastor followed by the roll call and reading of the minutes from the last meeting. Dues collected was \$26.

COMMUNION REPORT

Br. Bright, Sis. Walker, Sis. Wilder, Br. Bolds, Br. Chisolm and Elder Richardson gave reports on sick members who were communed.

BAPTISM-0

FELLOWSHIP-0

WEDDING-0

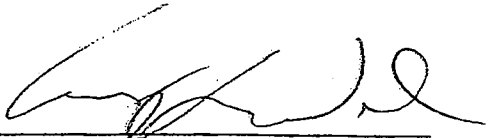
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Membership Status-a recommendation was received from Leader Roper to remove M. Brent from class #24 roll and the church roll, who had not met obligations to the church. A motion was made by Br. Carl Moore, and seconded by Sis. Marilyn Washington to accept the recommendation from Leader Roper to remove M. Brent from class #24 roll and the church roll. A call for the vote was made. All those in favor of the motion were asked to say "aye". A unanimous vote was received. A call for any oppositions was made. None received.

NEW BUSINESS

Communion Assignment-it was suggested to solicit help from the pulpit staff and office staff on those Communion Sundays when a shortage of Stewards occur. The process of making the assignments was explained. It was suggested to consider giving communion during the week instead of on the first Sunday, when a shortage occur. It was also suggested to utilize class leaders as well to assist with this service. It was noted if a visitation was made twice to a sick member for communion and the member was not at home on both occasion, the member should be removed from the sick list.

Financial Report-collected \$26 for dues; all special envelopes for the fall tea fundraiser to be recorded in the church financial database for the membership.



Sis. Audrey L. Wilder, Secretary



Br. Herman Bolds, Steward Pro Tem

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF CHARLESTON

Payne R.M.U.E. Church, et al.

Plaintiffs,

vs.

Payne Church, a corporation, et al.

Defendants.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

CASE NO.: 2013-CP-10-01877

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

THE UNDERSIGNED PARTIES and their attorneys hereby agree that the above matter has been settled upon the following terms:

1. Payne Church will re-align with RMUE;
2. Reverend Junious will serve as Pastor and Reverend Richardson will serve as Associate Pastor of Payne RMUE Church until the 2016 Annual Convention; Reverend Richardson will be compensated \$1,340 per month during this period.
3. RMUE Conference Claim will be set at Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for 2015;
4. Condemnation funds will be used for mediation and to pay towards the Conference claim;
5. A CPA will be engaged within 60 days to audit the finances of RMUE, with the proviso that fees will not exceed one thousand dollars until further action is voted on at the 2015 Annual Conference;
6. The Cemetery will be immediately available to the united congregation, subject to applicable Membership rules;
7. Payne RMUE Church will have four 2015 Conference delegates, based upon congregation size of approximately 350;

8. All members of Payne Church will be returned to good and regular status with RMUE. No schism or secession will be considered until at least the 2016 Annual Conference.
9. The pending litigation will be dismissed with prejudice after entry of a final consent order; and
10. Formal settlement documents, including a mutual general release, to be executed by the parties in the form of a consent order. It is understood that this Agreement is subject to the approval by Bishop Polite of Paragraph 2 above, relating to Reverend Junious' tenure as Pastor of Payne RMUE Church. Paragraph 2 may also be modified by agreement between Reverend Junious and Bishop Polite.

Dated: _____

Plaintiffs:

Payne R.M.U.E. Church

By: D. F. ADAMS, JR.

Its: Attorney

Defendants:

Payne Church

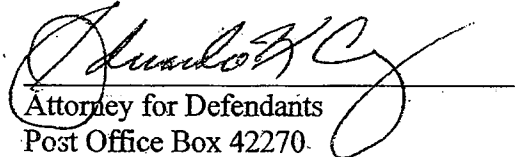
By: Edward K. Carr

Its: Attorney

costs associated with this motion and for such and other relief as the Honorable Court deems necessary and proper for dismissal.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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Dated: 11/10/15

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true copy of the **DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO COMPEL SETTLEMENT** has been served upon opposing counsel by hand delivery, email, or by mailing a copy properly addressed with sufficient postage affixed thereto this 12 day of Nov., 2015 to the following:

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THE RMUE THROUGH ITS
GENERAL OFFICERS, ET
AL.,

PLAINTIFFS,

VS.

HERMAN BOLDS, PAYNE
CHURCH, ET AL.,

DEFENDANTS.

TRANSCRIPT OF RECORD

DECEMBER 16, 2015
CHARLESTON, SC

B E F O R E:

HONORABLE J.C. NICHOLSON, JUDGE.

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1 (The following proceedings were held December 16,
2 2015, Charleston County, South Carolina, @ 11:11
3 a.m.)

4 THE COURT: We have a motion to enforce
5 a settlement.

6 MR. JOHNSON: That's correct.

7 MR. CURRY: That's correct, Your Honor.

8 THE COURT: I don't have your motion.

9 Was the settlement -- the signed settlement
10 attached to the motion?

11 MR. CURRY: Your Honor, may I approach?

12 It is. May I approach?

13 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

14 MR. CURRY: Thank you, Your Honor.

15 Here was the motion that we filed. In addition,
16 there is a signed copy of the mediation agreement
17 that's attached to it with regard to the motion.

18 THE COURT: Give me a second to glance
19 at it.

20 MR. CURRY: That's fine, Your Honor.

21 (Brief pause.)

22 THE COURT: Let me just ask a couple
23 questions because we are dealing with some terms in
24 the settlement. Whichever attorney can respond.
25 Condemnation funds, what is that?

1 MR. CURRY: Your Honor, there was a --
2 respectfully, Eduardo Curry representing the
3 corporation. There was a plot of land, that
4 easement kind of sits on the side. That was
5 actually condemned because the city needed it for
6 whatever rights and they paid some money. And the
7 money is in a check that I think they may have
8 already placed it with the court. So that at the
9 conclusion of this that money was agreed, I think
10 it is 5,000, \$6,000. And so what we will end up
11 doing is, you know, the property is already
12 condemned. There is nothing we can do about it.
13 They were giving us the funds. We are going to use
14 it and offset the cost.

15 THE COURT: How much money is it?

16 MR. JOHNSON: It's a little over \$6,000
17 I think, Your Honor. It had to do with a sewage
18 easement or a drainage easement.

19 MR. CURRY: Right.

20 THE COURT: All right.

21 MR. JOHNSON: The money is on deposit
22 with the clerk of court.

23 THE COURT: Okay. How do you want to
24 disburse it? Do you want to assume -- if I approve
25 the agreement, how do you all -- how should it be

1 disbursed? Are you going to let the church
2 disburse it?

3 MR. CURRY: Yes, Your Honor. Because
4 it's going to get reallocated based on the fees and
5 everybody knew that it existed.

6 THE COURT: We talk about the annual
7 convention. When is the convention?

8 MR. CURRY: I think they already had
9 it, Judge.

10 THE COURT: Came and went.

11 MR. JOHNSON: Probably September or
12 August.

13 A SPECTATOR: November 2015.

14 THE COURT: Next November?

15 MR. CURRY: Yes, sir.

16 THE COURT: Let me see here.

17 MR. JOHNSON: Paragraph 2 as read and
18 paragraph 10 are the only points of contention
19 before you today, Your Honor.

20 THE COURT: So paragraph 2 says
21 Reverend Junious will serve as pastor. Reverend
22 Wilson will serve as associate pastor until the
23 annual convention and Reverend Richardson will be
24 compensated. What is this -- let me find it real
25 quick. I want to ask you one more question and I

1 will listen to you. I'm not trying to prejudge.
2 In paragraph 8 it says Payne Church will return to
3 the regular status and no schism or secession be
4 considered until at least the 2016 annual. What
5 are we talking about? What type of schism or
6 secession? What is that?

7 MR. JOHNSON: That is sort of a
8 non-disparagement agreement almost, Your Honor. I
9 mean analogous to that meaning that they will not
10 -- the church, anybody will not attempt to
11 orchestrate another schism or --

12 THE COURT: Departing from the RMUE?

13 MR. CURRY: That's correct, Your Honor.
14 There would be no attempt to withdraw. There would
15 be no attempt to create a disparagement to separate
16 the congregation. We will put the congregation
17 back together and then move it forward and then
18 that's something that they decide -- have to be
19 decided at an annual conference. There is ways to
20 do that.

21 THE COURT: Now, it says in
22 paragraph 10, you say it is understood that subject
23 to the approval of Bishop Polite in paragraph 2 as
24 to Reverend Junious' tenure at Payne RMUE church.
25 I recognize the name, but I don't remember Bishop

1 Polite. What is his -- where is he in this RMUE?

2 MR. JOHNSON: He is a denominational
3 head, Your Honor. And he is the person who
4 licenses or ordains ministers. And he is the
5 person that signs off so to speak on the
6 assignment. And under their rules of discipline if
7 you are not licensed by the bishop you are not an
8 RMUE minister. And that is the reason this was a
9 condition under contingency. And Bishop Polite
10 could not find it in his conscience to license and
11 appoint Reverend Junious who he -- well, I won't
12 speak for him.

13 THE COURT: Let me back up. It's been
14 a while since I heard the case. I've had it under
15 advisement quite a while. Reverend Junious and
16 Reverend Richardson, there was one preacher RMUE
17 assigned and they called the cops and wouldn't let
18 him come. Which one was that?

19 MR. CURRY: That was Sims.

20 THE COURT: Tell me how Reverend
21 Junious and Reverend Richardson fit into this
22 scheme because I thought -- I don't remember.

23 MR. JOHNSON: Reverend Junious led the
24 secession if that's the right word.

25 THE COURT: He led the original

1 departure from RMUE by Payne Church?

2 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, sir. And Reverend
3 Richardson is the designee of the denomination.

4 THE COURT: He is an associate of Payne
5 Church?

6 MR. JOHNSON: Of RMUE. He would be
7 the --

8 THE COURT: Organization or the
9 hierarchy.

10 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, sir, in the normal
11 scheme of things he would be the pastor.

12 THE COURT: Isn't Richardson the one
13 that RMUE assigned at one time and the Payne Church
14 wouldn't accept him?

15 MR. JOHNSON: That was his predecessor,
16 Sims, and Richardson was named subsequent to that
17 in lieu of Sims under the theory that he would be a
18 better man for the job as it -- under the
19 circumstances.

20 THE COURT: Who is the minister present
21 at Payne Church?

22 MR. JOHNSON: Reverend Junious.

23 THE COURT: All right. I got the names
24 straight. Be glad to hear you, Mr. Curry. It's
25 your motion.

1 MR. CURRY: Thank you very much, Your
2 Honor. If it please the Court, I am Eduardo Curry.
3 Judge, I think you have got it pretty straight.
4 You pretried --

5 THE COURT: Let me interrupt you. Do
6 you have a caption?

7 THE COURT REPORTER: I don't.

8 THE COURT: Let me give her a caption
9 real quick. Let me put on the record before we get
10 started that I heard this case nonjury, I don't
11 remember when, was it last winter?

12 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, sir.

13 THE COURT: It's been close to about
14 ten months.

15 MR. CURRY: Yes, sir.

16 THE COURT: And I took it under
17 advisement. I met with the attorneys and
18 encouraged the attorneys to get the parties to
19 mediate the case to see if they could resolve it.
20 They did mediate it. I was informed that they had
21 entered an agreement or an agreement had been
22 reached at mediation and I was later informed that
23 there was a hang-up with that agreement.

24 And I asked Mr. Curry to file a motion
25 so I could hear it in open court with the court

1 record. That's why we are here this morning on Mr.
2 Curry's motion. I will be glad to hear you.

3 MR. CURRY: Thank very much, Your
4 Honor. You have summed it up. We had a mediation
5 with Dawes Cooke which occurred August 31st, 2015,
6 and we actually mediated this case for 12 hours.
7 Judge, just to sort of make the record complete if
8 I may, may I approach?

9 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

10 MR. CURRY: Attorney Johnson has this.
11 What we have -- what I have handed and I will get
12 marked, Your Honor, was a letter from the mediator
13 basically saying that if we are going to have
14 mediation you have got to present people who have
15 authority to make the decision. If you look at
16 that, I would like to have that marked.

17 THE COURT: The rules say that.

18 MR. CURRY: Yes, Your Honor. I would
19 like to have this marked as --

20 THE COURT: Mark it as I guess you are
21 the Plaintiff.

22 MR. CURRY: Plaintiff. Marked as
23 number 1. And I have got -- I would like to have
24 marked as number 2, which is the ADR notice to the
25 judge that we had the mediation and it was

1 12 hours. I want to put that in the record.

2 THE COURT: Okay.

3 (PLF. EXH. 1, letter, was marked for
4 identification.)

5 (PLF. EXH. 2, ADR notice, was marked
6 for identification.)

7 MR. CURRY: Judge, I would ask that we
8 move these in the record. Exhibit No. 1, move it
9 for identification and actually it's Plaintiff's
10 Exhibit and Exhibit No. 2 for identification as
11 Plaintiff's Exhibit.

12 MR. JOHNSON: No objection.

13 (PLF. EXHS 1-2 in evidence.)

14 THE COURT: Thank you very much.

15 MR. CURRY: Judge, and at that time we
16 actually came up with an agreement, settlement
17 agreement with Dawes Cooke which was signed by the
18 people who said that they had the authority to make
19 the decision. And the caveat on 10 was well,
20 Bishop Polite wanted to look at it to see whether
21 or not it violated any of his conscience;
22 eventually he said that it did. But, Judge, we put
23 in an heroic effort as the Plaintiffs and the
24 Defendants to try to bring a mass of people
25 together obviously with the goal of this church not

1 splintering. The financial issues of the church
2 were paramount. We had real property and personal
3 property and money and additional money that came
4 in from a condemnation.

5 And it is felt that in the mediation
6 the spirit of it is that the church was in this
7 James Island community in order to reach people,
8 homeless, the lost, the marginal, the unsaved and
9 not spend all their money paying lawyers and
10 spending time in litigation.

11 And so after 12 hours we -- like any
12 mediation, not everybody is happy, but we thought
13 there was a doable deal that should work. And so
14 what I did was I filed a motion to enforce the
15 agreement that we came up with on August 31st of
16 2015.

17 Judge, we believe that there was a
18 meeting of the minds. We believe that the people
19 who had the authority held themselves out. It was
20 general officers who do not work for the bishop
21 because the general officers actually run the
22 church. The bishop is just the figurehead, but at
23 the end of the day the people who had the
24 authority, the general officers and the folks were
25 there, members of Payne Church Corporation, members

1 of Payne RMUE that was there present. And it was a
2 long, detailed process and we believe that it
3 should not go for naught, that we should enforce
4 this agreement and put this church back together
5 and see if we can move it forward. And that's why
6 I filed the motion, Your Honor.

7 THE COURT: Well, on paragraph 10,
8 what's your interpretation?

9 MR. CURRY: Judge, my interpretation
10 was really that there was a settlement. They
11 indicated to me that more than likely it was --
12 there was a settlement. We put it in there because
13 we didn't want there to be a total rift about maybe
14 an ecclesiastical matter. So you have to read 10
15 in conjunction with 1. And 1 was the appeasement
16 that an RMUE person would be there, that Reverend
17 Junious who had been certified under the RMUE
18 system, had a license, but would be able to come
19 back if we believed there was any kind of --

20 THE COURT: He had a license from RMUE
21 that was withdrawn.

22 MR. JOHNSON: That is correct.

23 THE COURT: Was he the preacher at the
24 time of the withdrawal?

25 MR. CURRY: Yes, he was. And so what

1 we believe is coming back and remaining the
2 preacher that he would go with Bishop Polite. We
3 didn't think there were any impediments that would
4 cause him not to be in good and regular standing,
5 nothing had changed, he had not been arrested.
6 They were going to pay the dues that were due from
7 the RMUE, they reduced the conference claim because
8 that wasn't the original amount of the conference
9 claim, but in an effort to sort of make this matter
10 work, they reduced it to a minimum on the
11 conference claim, the delegates, they let them have
12 the same amount of delegates that were there, and
13 so that what we are trying to do is place it in a
14 status quo prior to the schism. And then if
15 Reverend Junious and Reverend Richardson who was
16 there, they moved forward, that there may be an
17 opportunity for Reverend Junious if he didn't get
18 reappointed there to get a new appointment
19 somewhere else, but that was going to be between he
20 and the bishop during the annual conference. As,
21 you know, the annual conference, is it the time
22 that the bishop signs the license for and the
23 appointment for all the membership to go to their
24 various churches.

25 THE COURT: The bishop works for the

1 RMUE board.

2 MR. CURRY: That's correct, works for
3 the board. And so the board is one -- the general
4 board was the one that was there at the mediation.

5 THE COURT: Why -- do you know why
6 Bishop Polite would not agree to Junious to
7 continue on at the church?

8 MR. CURRY: I'm going to let Attorney
9 Johnson speak, but I do want to say one thing about
10 this. That the general board indicated that they
11 had asked Bishop Polite not to come because they
12 were going to just handle it based on the fact that
13 they were kind of the people who were running it.
14 He would have been at that mediation there.

15 And so based on that, the
16 representation of the general secretary and the
17 potential members were hey, we can get this
18 resolved and that's why he wasn't there and they
19 put this caveat in there maybe out of deference is
20 my position because originally he was the actual
21 associate bishop and then when Fred Henderson
22 Moore, and you know about going to the Supreme
23 Court and all that coming back, and so he wasn't
24 there. He kind of assumed the position by
25 appointment and not by election because Fred

1 Henderson Moore was removed and never reinstated
2 himself even though the court, Supreme Court,
3 reverted their action back down to the lower court
4 for some kind of disposition, but he never did
5 anything about it.

6 THE COURT: Under the -- I know you're
7 probably familiar with this, I will hear from Mr.
8 Johnson if he has a contrary opinion, under the
9 church hierarchy, the ruling board of the RMUE
10 organization, who has the authority within the
11 church hierarchy to make contracts and perform
12 legal documents and make legal decisions as far as
13 RMUE organization? I apologize, organization may
14 be the wrong term, I apologize if it is.

15 MR. CURRY: Well, Judge, I believe that
16 because there is a hierarchy of the church and you
17 got the general board, the bishop is the figurehead
18 and obviously always signed, but he wouldn't sign
19 on his own without the approval of his general
20 board because he would be out there on a limb by
21 himself. So it's the general board that normally
22 makes the decision because each one of them have a
23 title, secretary, treasurer.

24 THE COURT: Does the general board make
25 policy?

1 MR. CURRY: I believe so.

2 THE COURT: And the bishop runs it on a
3 day-to-day basis or how does the organization work?

4 MR. CURRY: Judge, it's my
5 understanding that the bishop doesn't run the
6 day-to-day operations of the church. I believe
7 that's the secretary and general board that deals
8 with all of that. The bishop is a figurehead. So
9 when you got Union, Reformed Union, Methodist,
10 Episcopal church. So the bishop is the recognized
11 leader, but in terms of handling the business, it's
12 going to be the general board.

13 They were the ones that were there at
14 the mediation. The bishop may make appointments,
15 but he's not going to make them because what you
16 have here is you got a bishop, then you got the
17 people who manage it like the presiding elders of
18 each of these districts who recommend pastors.

19 So a lot of times the bishop doesn't
20 know these pastors, doesn't know their work,
21 because they meet with their presiding elders and
22 they come up to an annual conference and then every
23 four years they have like a general conference.
24 And then we have the general conference. That's
25 when everybody comes together, they make rules,

1 they make doctrines and discipline, you know, they
2 do all the stuff at the general conference. And
3 they also will elect bishops, and, you know,
4 appoint people to a particular job. That's the
5 business part of most Methodist churches in terms
6 of the hierarchy. Bishop is a just figurehead.
7 But inside or the workings come up through the
8 general board through the general --

9 THE COURT: The bishop does have the
10 authority to assign pastors in a Methodist church?

11 MR. CURRY: That is correct. Had that
12 authority through the annual conference.

13 THE COURT: Do they rotate these
14 pastors on a routine basis or it's just up to the
15 bishop?

16 MR. CURRY: They do rotate them, Judge.
17 They are traveling pastors. So once assigned a
18 church it's no guarantee you are going to be there
19 for life. Sometimes people stay as long as they
20 are -- I would say from my personal experience
21 being a Methodist preacher and pastor, I was at a
22 church eight and-a-half years and just recently
23 they transferred me to a church in McClellanville.
24 So Methodism is Methodism whether you are RMUE or
25 whether you are African Methodist Episcopal. When

1 you talk about the hierarchy, it's going to be the
2 same. In fact, RMUE was a member of AME at one
3 particular time.

4 THE COURT: Who did you have at Payne
5 Church, I say Payne RMUE Church, that had the
6 authority to approve the settlement?

7 MR. CURRY: General secretary. General
8 secretary, there was a person of general annuity,
9 there was a person there for admissions; they had
10 most of their general members of the board there.

11 THE COURT: All right. I'm talking
12 about you. For you, because I see you signed on
13 behalf of your client, Mr. Johnson signed on behalf
14 of his. I am asking who authorized you to sign it.

15 MR. CURRY: I had the pastor, I had the
16 stewards, I had the trustees. As you know in
17 Methodist, the stewards handle the financial, the
18 membership and the spiritual part of the church.
19 The trustees handle the physical part of the
20 church, okay? So they signed. Once he broke us up
21 I had pastor, stewards, trustees, and there is
22 members of heads and boards that were there.
23 Approximately maybe 20, 25 people. Wasn't just --
24 it wasn't just Attorney Johnson and Attorney Cook
25 and myself doing it. We had a whole gamut of

1 people.

2 THE COURT: Thank you. Mr. Johnson.

3 MR. JOHNSON: Your Honor, it's
4 irrelevant to put on the record I disagree with the
5 characterization of the Fred Henderson Moore
6 litigation.

7 THE COURT: Well, I don't -- I know the
8 Supreme Court ruled and other than that that
9 doesn't affect my decision in this case.

10 MR. JOHNSON: To answer your last
11 question first --

12 THE COURT: Because I am going to ask
13 you the same question.

14 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, sir. I figured you
15 were. There were a host of people. I don't know,
16 maybe a hundred or probably about equal amounts
17 from both churches. They included the local Payne
18 RMUE clergy and membership and deacons and elders
19 and church officers. There were a number of RMUE
20 denomination general officers. There was more than
21 enough people there with authority to speak for
22 both sides. The bishop was there -- was not there,
23 and that may have been my doing because when we
24 started, seemed like we started late because of a
25 flood and we finished late. In fact, I'm not sure

1 there is not a little poetic license in 831. I
2 think it might have already been into the next day
3 when we actually put the ink to the paper.

4 Because I know I didn't leave there
5 until after midnight. As a consequence we didn't
6 get everybody to sign because a lot of these people
7 were elderly and some of them had to leave for
8 health reasons because they were starving and
9 various other things. So we didn't get everybody
10 there to sign. I think we do have a list or the
11 mediator has a list of -- a notebook pad showing
12 who all was there.

13 THE COURT: You all made it part of the
14 record.

15 MR. CURRY: We did not, Judge, but we
16 can get it to make it part of the record.

17 THE COURT: Good. I would like it as
18 part of the record.

19 MR. JOHNSON: We did not contend that
20 -- we are not challenging anybody's -- I would
21 represent to the Court that I didn't sign on behalf
22 of the Plaintiff without authorization of the
23 proper people on the Plaintiff. There was a
24 condition that the bishop had to approve the
25 agreement as to Junious and so we are down to as we

1 view it one man standing in the way of saving this
2 church and that's Mr. Junious.

3 THE COURT: Do you know why he won't
4 approve Junious?

5 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, sir.

6 THE COURT: It was just to November of
7 2016 and he could be reappointed at that time the
8 way I read the agreement; is that correct?

9 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, sir. Or not.

10 THE COURT: Or not. He could be
11 reappointed or not reappointed.

12 MR. JOHNSON: And I would also
13 represent to the Court that there are e-mails and I
14 would -- should I lose this motion I would like
15 this to be in the record. There are e-mails where
16 it stipulated that Reverend Junious if he were to
17 serve would be committed to operate under the RMUE
18 discipline and doctrine and comport himself as an
19 RMUE minister should. And if he did not he would
20 be subject to all the same, no greater, no less.

21 THE COURT: I think number 1 says Payne
22 Church will re-align as RMUE. I think they
23 incorporate all of the ecclesiastical rules and
24 regulations.

25 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, sir. We'd just like

1 it noted --

2 THE COURT: I will let you mark
3 whatever you want to mark. If you want to mark all
4 the e-mails, that's fine, I will be happy for you
5 to mark them.

6 MR. JOHNSON: I would just like it
7 noted that this would not be like -- should you
8 grant the motion, that Mr. Junious would not be
9 tenured so to speak and above -- not above all the
10 rules just because he got a court order allowing
11 him to stay and he would stay subject to --

12 THE COURT: I think he has got to
13 follow the ecclesiastical rules of the
14 organization.

15 MR. JOHNSON: I just wanted that --

16 THE COURT: I think Mr. Curry would
17 agree with that?

18 MR. CURRY: Yes, Your Honor, I do. If
19 he is going to be RMUE he has to abide by RMUE
20 rules.

21 MR. JOHNSON: I just felt compelled to
22 make sure that was clear on the record.

23 THE COURT: I understand.

24 MR. JOHNSON: Your Honor, just in
25 simplistic -- personally frankly I regret that it

1 didn't go through. Like I said, we worked until
2 midnight or later and got a grudging agreement on
3 both sides. Both sides left unhappy which
4 typically means --

5 THE COURT: That probably makes a good
6 agreement. If both sides are a little bit unhappy
7 that probably makes a good agreement.

8 MR. JOHNSON: Both sides are a little
9 bit unhappy with their lawyers perhaps, but both
10 sides ultimately agreed subject to the approval of
11 the judge -- of the bishop. And I sort of
12 analogize that to some of the things that are
13 subject to approval by the governor or subject to I
14 guess if Mr. Curry and I agree that you would -- we
15 would try a case before Judge Nicholsolson in July at
16 a certain place, then that would still be subject
17 to approval by Justice Toals, but simplistically
18 there was a condition precedent that didn't occur.
19 And it's our -- that is the long and short of our
20 position. Again, should you rule against us, I
21 would --

22 THE COURT: Does the board or the
23 board, the RMUE board, the secretary, the president
24 and whatever the organization consists of, do they
25 now want to back away from this agreement because

1 of Bishop Polite's position concerning Pastor
2 Junious?

3 MR. JOHNSON: They do not want to --
4 they don't want to defy the bishop, nor abandon the
5 hundred year-old discipline. They are less excited
6 about the settlement now than they were before
7 because of some comments and whatnot, but that's
8 not before the Court and that's not in evidence.

9 THE COURT: Let me ask you this: I
10 read 10 and I think I understand what it says, that
11 Bishop Polite has to approve Reverend Junious's
12 tenure.

13 Now, you may not be able to answer, but
14 I'm going to ask you anyway. There's no -- in this
15 paragraph there's no -- I am looking for the right
16 word, there's no reasons why he should turn down or
17 not turn down. But my question to you is this:
18 Does he have any church policy rules as to why he's
19 not qualified? Or is this just a personal thing,
20 goes back to withdrawal of the Payne Church from
21 RMUE that caused this whole controversy?

22 MR. JOHNSON: I do not think that
23 Reverend Junious is disqualified by felony or
24 conduct or any other objective church rule. I
25 think it's solely his view. I don't mean to be

1 flippant, but he's installing a fox to watch the
2 henhouse or appointing a person who has previously
3 been treasonous, that kind of thing. But there is
4 no objective.

5 THE COURT: Does he violate any of the
6 ecclesiastical rules and regulations of the RMUE
7 organization, I guess that's the proper question.

8 MR. JOHNSON: There is nothing other
9 than a subjective judgment.

10 THE COURT: That's what I was asking,
11 is this objective or subjective?

12 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, sir.

13 THE COURT: I mean right or wrong, you
14 may be right, it's subjective, I don't know.
15 Anything else?

16 MR. JOHNSON: No, sir. Like I say, our
17 position is simple contract argument, there's
18 condition precedent that was not met.

19 THE COURT: Mr. Curry.

20 MR. CURRY: Judge, we stand by our
21 arguments. I will bring --

22 THE COURT: Talk to me about the
23 condition precedent.

24 MR. CURRY: Your Honor, I don't think
25 that it was a condition precedent. And the reason

1 being is that I think it was more like conditional
2 because if they didn't have the authority then the
3 mediation should be null and void from the
4 beginning and I think that their representation was
5 that they had the authority to settle this case and
6 they made that their authority by authorizing their
7 attorney to sign it. So number one, you don't show
8 up to a mediation without people who don't have
9 authority. Number two, once you negotiated --
10 negotiated you don't have your lawyer to sign on
11 your behalf, and he has indicated that he didn't
12 sign against their wishes unless they thought they
13 had an agreement. So then if you come and say
14 condition precedent that deals with this has to be
15 approved before we can have authority would be
16 illusory because you presented yourself twice to
17 have authority.

18 So what we are asking is that you
19 enforce it so that we can put this church back
20 together and see if we can make it work. Now yes,
21 it is temporary. We don't know what's going to
22 happen come annual conference in 2016, but that's
23 not your worry. Your worry is whether or not
24 legally when we went to mediation did they have the
25 authority to go to mediation and did they do it

1 properly. And our position is yes, there were
2 witnesses, we had the necessary people there on
3 both sides, Payne Corporation, Payne RMUE. The
4 only person that was there -- that wasn't there was
5 Bishop Polite, but it was at their insistence that
6 he not be there and then they said well, it is
7 conditioned -- all these things are conditioned on
8 this. And when I look at the settlement agreement,
9 it even talks about that paragraph 2 may also be
10 modified by agreement between Junious and Polite
11 and something that they can deal with
12 ecclesiastically. It doesn't stop from having this
13 agreement being enforced in its totality and then
14 let the pastor and the bishop talk about what's
15 going to go on and how it is going to go on.
16 Reverend Junious has to be -- has to operate this
17 church as an RMUE based on this agreement. All
18 right? Reverend Richardson will be there, he will
19 be compensated as kind of a copastor and it says in
20 paragraph 1 with regard to it, okay? And Reverend
21 Junious will serve as pastor, Reverend Richardson
22 will serve as associate pastor until the 2016
23 conference.

24 And now they are saying we don't want
25 to have this, we are going to open this case back

1 to -- remember, there is two parts. You tried one
2 part about the property and the other part about
3 who owns it. And I think that problematically I
4 would say this just reading the deeds and all this
5 I'm still not convinced, Judge, it may not have
6 anything to do with this, that RMUE as a
7 denomination owns that property. Because it's
8 deeded into trustees of the Payne Chapel RMUE, not
9 the general church.

10 And so, Judge, the only thing I'm
11 saying is if we want to put it together and try to
12 make it work, this agreement has to be enforced.
13 They said they had the authority, they signed
14 saying they had authority, they had the lawyers
15 sign they had the authority, and now it's the day
16 of reckoning and they say well, Bishop Polite, he
17 had some condition precedent and I just don't think
18 that there's a condition precedent in there.

19 THE COURT: All right. Thank you so
20 very much.

21 MR. CURRY: You're welcome. Your
22 Honor, may I approach the court reporter and give
23 the exhibits back?

24 THE COURT: That would be fine. Mr.
25 Johnson, anything you want to say?

1 MR. JOHNSON: No, sir.

2 THE COURT: Thank you so very much.

3 First of all, let me say this: I have not ruled on
4 the underlying question of who owns the property
5 and the cemetery next to the Payne RMUE church here
6 at James Island here in Charleston County. And
7 that was what was basically litigated before this
8 Court.

9 As I said earlier, I had asked the
10 parties to see if they could resolve it. This
11 Court's major concern was I understand from the
12 testimony the people that remain with RMUE were
13 very small in number, they had gone to another
14 church at James Island. There was not enough of
15 those people to sustain the operating of Payne
16 Church.

17 And, Mr. Curry, contrary to your
18 argument, and that's the same argument you made at
19 trial, the Court does not accept that argument. I
20 don't think there's any question that an RMUE
21 church organization owns the church, owns the
22 cemetery. And I'm going to put that in the form of
23 an order so there is no more dispute about it.

24 The deed where it transfers from RMUE
25 to Payne Church I think should be a nullity and

1 void. That would have been my ruling. However, I
2 did not rule because I was concerned, I wanted the
3 church to survive. That's been there since the
4 early 1800's.

5 MR. CURRY: Yes, Your Honor.

6 THE COURT: I wanted the church to
7 survive. And that was a major concern, but I can't
8 get into the ecclesiastical aspect of it. The only
9 thing I can rule on is the issue of who owns it and
10 I was going to rule RMUE owned it. Therefore, I
11 was afraid it's going to put you in a financial
12 situation of losing the church. Therefore, I asked
13 you all to mediate it. You all mediated it and you
14 all were successful.

15 Now, as to paragraph 10, my
16 interpretation of paragraph 10 is that, yes, Bishop
17 Polite had the authority to state that Reverend
18 Junious could not be the pastor at the Payne
19 Church; however, I interpret that to mean that he
20 just could not arbitrarily refuse to allow that to
21 happen for subjective reasons. He had to base it
22 upon some rule or regulation, violation within the
23 rules before he would approve it. And I think that
24 goes to the contract here of fair dealings between
25 the parties. And I think every contract has an

1 implied good faith in fair dealings. As you sit.
2 back and let this contract -- let the parties
3 hammer it out, it would be nullified simply because
4 Bishop Polite just arbitrarily said I'm not going
5 to let Junious be pastor of that church unless he
6 has a valid reason under the rules and guidelines.
7 I have been informed it's strictly subjective
8 because he's the one that led the departure from
9 RMUE originally.

10 Based upon that I think that is a
11 proper interpretation of 10. Yes, he had the right
12 to approve or disapprove it; however, he had to do
13 that with some objectivity as to the rules and
14 regulations, whether the man wasn't qualified or
15 was qualified.

16 Now, having said that, I'm going to
17 enforce this settlement that was signed by the
18 parties and reduced to writing and that qualifies
19 under the rules. I'm going to enforce the
20 settlement, plus I'm going to issue my order as to
21 ownership of the property. Who will send me a
22 proposed order?

23 MR. JOHNSON: I will try my hand at it
24 and send it to Mr. Curry and I'm sure you'll have
25 some modifications or some suggestions and then

1 hopefully --

2 MR. CURRY: We will work on it.

3 THE COURT: How much time? Christmas
4 is coming up.

5 MR. CURRY: At least 30 days.
6 Christmas is coming up. Could we have it by
7 January 30th?

8 THE COURT: That's fine. Get a
9 proposed order by January 30th. I want to cover
10 this ownership issue, I want to put that to rest.

11 MR. JOHNSON: I will hope that maybe we
12 could exceed our own deadline because I would like
13 to have this done perhaps so they can --

14 THE COURT: Whenever you get it to me I
15 will be happy to look at it. I may modify it some.
16 I want to be very clear about my interpretation of
17 10. I agree that may be a condition precedent.
18 I'm not going to rule on that issue, but my
19 interpretation is that he had the right to refuse
20 it or accept Reverend Junious, but it has to be
21 based upon some ecclesiastical rule by the RMUE
22 organization, okay? He just didn't have the right
23 to say I don't like the way he parts his hair, I'm
24 not going to approve it. Okay? I'm going to make
25 that very clear. I don't think that's the proper

1 interpretation of paragraph 10.

2 MR. CURRY: Thank you, Your Honor.

3 (These proceedings were concluded at
4 11:54 a.m., December 16, 2015, Charleston County,
5 South Carolina.)
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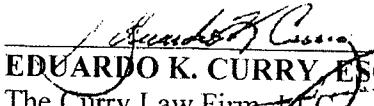
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