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via Certified Mail

New Covenant Community Church
Attn: Clerk of the Session

1005 Mill Road
Homewood, IL 60430

RE: Michael and Carlota [REDACTED]

Please be advised that my office has been retained by the above individuals to draft and forward this correspondence to your attention related to an ongoing violation of their rights.

I have reviewed the various communications by and between the New Covenant Community Church, its staff and my Clients stemming back from April, 2022 through and including current communications. My review of said correspondences clearly indicate an ongoing effort by the Allens to be removed from any membership or participation with the New Covenant Community Church and the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. Specifically, in October, 2022, a first request was provided to the Church to remove the Clients from the membership rolls. This request having been ignored, again in July, 2023, the Session was sent a Certified Letter from my Clients demanding that the family be removed from the membership rolls and requesting that no further communications be provided to any of the members of the [REDACTED] family.

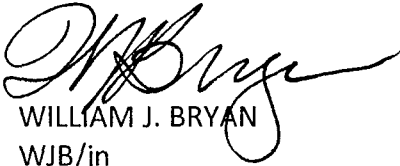
Notwithstanding the above demands, the Church has ignored their requests and continues to engage in what appears to be harassment.

As confirmation, I am forwarding an executed copy of a letter from both Michael and Carlota [REDACTED] which again, for the third time, specifically requests that their names be removed from any participation of whatever nature with the Church and that their names not be mentioned in any public statements or forum. As their letter is self-explanatory and direct, both the Church and any staff members of the Church are directed to cease and desist from uttering any negative remarks or defamatory statements about my Clients. You are directed to remove their names from any membership rolls of the Church effective immediately as of the date of this correspondence. Pursuant to their letter, you are further directed to forward any correspondence regarding the above subject to my office and not to my Clients.

Be advised that my Clients are prepared to initiate action against the Church and their staff members through the Circuit Court in the event their demands are not honored.

I trust you will give this matter your immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Bryan', written in a cursive style.

WILLIAM J. BRYAN

WJB/jn

Enclosure

August 28, 2023

Michael and Carlota [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

New Covenant Community Church

Attn: Clerk of the Session

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

RE: Formal Resignation

To whom it may concern:

As a review of your records will indicate, you have been informed since October, 2022 that we were to be erased from any and all membership of the New Covenant Community Church. Correspondence from the Church dated February 7, 2023 confirms receipt of our communication. Subsequent demand in July, 2023 again directed that our family be completely removed from the membership rolls of the Church.

This is our third attempt to amicably resolve the differences by and between our family and the Church. Allow this letter to serve again as our formal resignation from the New Covenant Community Church as well as the Orthodox Presbyterian Church denomination. Although we have made numerous demands in the past, this latest formal resignation is effective immediately.

We hereby further withdraw any consent to being subjected to the New Covenant Community Church or Orthodox Presbyterian Church rules, policies, beliefs and "discipline".

As such, effective immediately, we direct that our names are to be permanently and completely removed from any and all membership rolls of the Church and denomination. We hereby exercise our freedom of religion, our right to privacy and our resignation should be processed immediately without any dispute, judgment or argument as well as without any waiting period. We shall not be judged by you or the members of your Church nor dissuaded from our resignation and we shall not participate in any of your Church processes.

To confirm, should the New Covenant Community Church fail to honor our demands or otherwise refuse to immediately remove our membership, we shall be forced to seek legal counsel and take whatever action is required through the Courts in order to exercise our rights. As such, this matter should be handled promptly and with confidentiality pursuant to the laws of the State of Illinois related to slander, defamation and liable.

You are directed that no further membership contact is to be provided to either of us or any members of our family to include, but not limited to, our children, [REDACTED]. The only correspondence which shall be acceptable is a single letter from the New Covenant Community Church which specifically acknowledges our resignations and confirms the removal of our names from all New Covenant Community Church rolls. You are further directed to forward the confirmation letter as well as any and all other written communications to our Attorney, William J. Bryan. No further communications are to be forwarded to the undersigned or any members of our family.

In recognition of our resignation and the demands set forth above, any publication, notice or discussion related to the undersigned or our family is specifically forbidden and no longer authorized. Any negative remarks or efforts on the part of the Church and/or its staff to discredit the undersigned will be viewed as defamatory.

[REDACTED]

