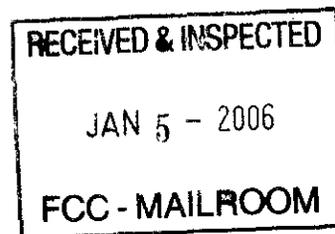


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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
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Closed Captioning
445 12th Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Sir or Madam:

Cathedral AME Zion Church respectfully submits this petition requesting exemption from the closed captioning requirements, under Section 79.1 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R & 79.1. Cathedral AME Zion Church believes their program "Say What the Lord Said" qualifies for this exemption for the following reasons:

Part 79.1 Section D - "Say What the Lord Said" Ministry is locally produced. This program is not a news program and the "electronic news room" technique of captioning is unavailable at this time.

Part 79.1 Section F - Compliance would impose an undue burden to Cathedral AME Zion Church for the following reasons:

1. It would be necessary to purchase equipment to upgrade our current system, which will cost approximately \$30,000; however, the funds are not available at this time.
2. Cathedral AME Zion Church is solely responsible for any financial obligations. An added cost could put a damper on the Ministry at this time.

Current alternative: - As an alternative, Cathedral AME Zion Church currently uses a sign language interpreter on the broadcast.

Again, we respectfully request that the "Say What the Lord Said" broadcast be exempted from the closed captioning requirement for the above stated reasons. We may be reached at the following address:

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