

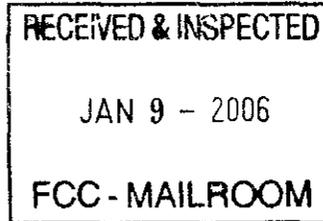


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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. SW
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December 21, 2005

Dear members:

On behalf of the First Methodist Church of Longview, TX, I respectfully request an "undue burden waiver" for closed captioning of our weekly-service videotapes.

According to information in the FCC bulletin, we hope to qualify for a waiver on the basis of all four of the factors listed:

1. **NATURE AND COST OF CAPTIONING:** We produce 50 thirty-minute local church service programs a year, on tape for broadcast one week later. Since our equipment costs are covered by a private donation, our major cost is the airtime at \$430 per program we pay to KLTV Channel 7, Tyler, TX. Other production costs are negligible since volunteers do all work. Longview has no local captioning firms, but are currently trying to locate the nearest available service. We fear the cost of closed captioning would be greater than our available funds can provide.
2. **IMPACT OF CAPTIONING ON OPERATION:** After Sunday's taping we must deliver our tape to KLTV by Tuesday, for airing on the following Sunday. This tight schedule leaves no time to ship the tape to a closed captioning firm and get it back to KLTV before deadline. This severe restriction could even result in loss of our time-slot, effectively closing down our production.
3. **FINANCIAL RESOURCES:** At the current time the TV Ministry has no budget other than the \$5160 for airtime, plus postage. We have no outside revenues from which to meet the burden of captioning costs.
4. **TYPE OF OPERATION:** Our current television crew is totally comprised of four amateur volunteers. We currently have no paid church staff, and some of our volunteers have limited technical capabilities.

We hope you agree that enforced closed captioning would impose an undue burden upon our small operation, and that the FCC will grant the waiver we need in order to continue our television ministry to shut-ins.

Sincerely,

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Chairman, TV Ministry

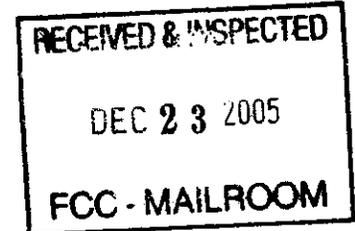
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