



# New Jerusalem

*A Church... Walking in Kingdom Authority*

July 10, 2007

Federal Communications Commission  
Office of Secretary  
Attention: CGB Room 3-8431  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

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## Re: Request for Exemption from Commission Closed Captioning Rules

New Jerusalem Church is on local TV once a week for 30 minutes taped delayed with a program known as "Walking in Kingdom Authority". The purpose of this petition is to request an exemption from the Closed Captioning requirements, under Section 79.1 of the FCC Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R and 79.1. New Jerusalem Church believes that our program, "Walking in Kingdom Authority", qualifies for exemption for the following reasons:

### Part 79.1 - Section (D)

Item (8) "Walking in Kingdom Authority" is a locally produced and distributed non-news program with no repeat value. The program is of local interest, is not a news program, and the "electronic news room" technique of captioning is unavailable.

### Part 79.1 - Section (F)

Compliance would impose an undue burden to New Jerusalem Church for the following reasons:

1. It would be necessary to send the program to an outside source for captioning because the ministry has neither the equipment nor the trained personnel to facilitate such a demand.
2. This would adversely impact meeting a very firm show delivery and airdate deadline imposed by the television station.
3. The added production cost would make production unaffordable.
4. New Jerusalem Church would have to discontinue our program and cease broadcast operation due to the church financially underwriting other viable internal and external community ministries.
5. New Jerusalem Church is a donor supported, non profit organization and the added cost would be an undue burden on the ministry at this time.

Again, we respectfully request that New Jerusalem Church be exempted from the closed captioning requirement for the above stated reasons. We may be reached at:

New Jerusalem Church  
Attention: Larry Nicks  
601-371-6772(ph) or 601-218-04258(ph)

Sincerely, *Dwayne K. Pickett*  
Pastor Dwayne K. Pickett, Sr.  
Enclosure: Affidavit of Costs

### Affidavit of Cost

I, Dwayne K. Pickett, business manager of New Jerusalem Church, by my signature affixed to this document, do hereby make the following statement of fact and affirm:

1. The amount paid WAPT-TV for the weekly show is the sum of :
  - \$ 300 per week for the telecast
  - \$ 125 per week for Closed Captioning
  - \$ 800 per week for pre and post production / editing

Total weekly expenditure for television show-to-date is \$1,225

#### Summary of Expenses

- Annual cost of airing program : \$ 15,600
- Annual cost of pre / post production services: \$41,600
- Cost to-date for Closed Captioning : \$ 125 per program. x 52 weeks if captioning is made to continue, equaling : \$6,500

Total Cost to Church = \$63,700

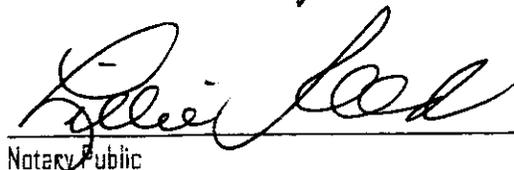
2. All other cost involved in the television show is either performed by contracted personnel as well as members of the church who volunteer. Without the contribution of volunteerism of church members, the program would be cost prohibited.

I now affix my signature to these affirmations:



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Business Manager

The foregoing was subscribed and sworn to me, a Notary Public, of the State of Mississippi, County of Hinds, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2007.



Notary Public

NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF MISSISSIPPI AT LARGE  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: Mar 10, 2010  
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