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May 6, 2010

Commission's Secretary  
Office of the Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Attention: CGB Room 3-B431  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Request for exemption from Commission's Closed Captioning rules

Dear Commission's Secretary:

The Television Ministry for First United Methodist Church of Valdosta, GA respectfully submits this request for an exemption from the Closed Captioning requirements, under Section 79.1 of the Commissions rules, 47 C.F.R. We are a non-profit Christian organization.

Broadcasts of the church's 1-hour weekly program are aired on a one week delay on NBC, WALB Channel 10, Albany, GA. The weekly cost of airing this program is \$567.00.

The church estimates the cost to implement Closed Captioning from an outside source to be in the range of \$250-\$500 per week. We also looked at a "quality voice recognition captioning system" which would cost from \$10,000 to \$15,000, and then we would also have to find trained volunteers to caption each weekly telecast. We do not have any other available alternatives to implement this program.

Our church does not have the resources to purchase a system for the closed caption requirements, or to pay for an outside source to do it. Our church is totally funded by tithes and offerings from our Church members. Attached you will find our current Income Statement for this year which reflects Year To Date current Revenues at \$406,982.98, and YTD expenses of \$452,309.51, for a deficit for the year through 4/31/10 of \$-45,326.53.

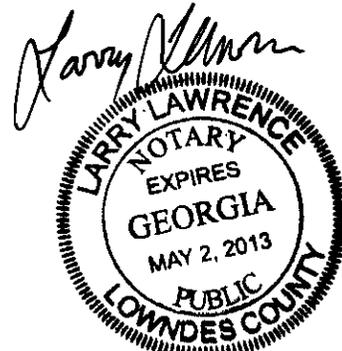
With our current financial situation, it is totally cost prohibitive for us to implement a closed captioning program. It would impose an undue burden and expense on the Church that we could not afford. We would be forced to cease broadcasting our church services.

We respectfully request that First United Methodist Church of Valdosta, GA be granted an exemption from the Closed Captioning requirements.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,  
**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Dr. Bob Moon  
Senior Pastor



## First United Methodist Church

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BUDGET COMPARISON REPORT  
 Selected Funds All Cost Centers 101 Operating Fund 101 Operating Fd  
 For the 4 months ending 04/30/2010

	Actual	Year To Date Budget	Variance	Annual Budget	Annual Bgt Remaining
<b>Revenue</b>					
3210 Pledges	241,070.74	264,322.04	(23,251.30)	836,584.80	595,514.06
3220 Loose Plate Offering	5,277.29	5,194.96	82.33	15,584.90	10,307.61
3221 Mother's Morning Out	8,666.00	7,699.08	966.92	23,097.25	14,431.25
3250 Unpledged Identified Give	135,969.51	135,007.00	962.51	452,661.00	316,691.49
3251 Unpledged - Unidentified	3,634.02	61,063.43	(57,429.41)	149,839.61	146,205.59
3256 Kitchen CNS	9,280.65	6,707.00	2,573.65	8,383.75	(896.90)
3266 Kitchen Non Church	1,035.00	1,134.32	(99.32)	3,403.02	2,368.02
3268 Kitchen Church Programs	2,049.77	486.32	1,563.45	1,459.00	(590.77)
<b>TOTAL Revenue</b>	<b>406,982.98</b>	<b>481,614.15</b>	<b>-74,631.17</b>	<b>1,491,013.33</b>	<b>1,084,030.35</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
4260 **CONFERENCE APPORTIONM	-	70,190.48	70,190.48	210,572.00	210,572.00
4310 **CHURCH MINISTRIES**	6,996.03	6,292.26	(703.77)	25,708.42	18,712.39
4335 **COMMISSION ON MISSIONS'	9,993.32	9,993.32	-	36,780.00	26,786.68
4400 **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:**	13,757.55	13,530.30	(227.25)	39,786.00	26,028.45
4500 **MUSIC MINISTRY:**	7,120.95	7,006.53	(114.42)	27,832.50	20,711.55
4540 **YOUTH **	8,108.50	8,453.27	344.77	13,600.00	5,491.50
4559 **YOUNG ADULT**	505.20	970.00	464.80	4,000.00	3,494.80
4571 **SOLOMON'S PORCH**	2,770.66	2,499.96	(270.70)	5,000.00	2,229.34
4600 **PUBLIC RELATIONS:**	11,219.48	10,933.26	(286.22)	24,600.00	13,380.52
4700 **PASTORIAL SALARIES**	80,011.01	84,612.56	4,601.55	235,862.00	155,850.99
4805 **PASTORAL RELATED EXPEN	30,458.32	30,458.32	-	82,289.58	51,831.26
4820 **STAFF SALARIES**	172,752.58	168,460.88	(4,291.70)	484,327.49	311,574.91
4850 **STAFF RELATED EXPENSES	34,401.78	33,471.17	(930.61)	103,840.72	69,438.94
4900 **OPERATING EXPENSE:**	32,313.37	32,226.33	(87.04)	97,622.11	65,308.74
4927 **UTILITIES**	21,949.74	23,193.28	1,243.54	75,680.08	53,730.34
5000 **KITCHEN EXPENSE:**	15,120.67	13,412.52	(1,708.15)	23,512.43	8,391.76
5060 **CAPITAL ITEMS	4,830.35	-	(4,830.35)	-	(4,830.35)
<b>TOTAL Expenses</b>	<b>452,309.51</b>	<b>515,704.44</b>	<b>63,394.93</b>	<b>1,491,013.33</b>	<b>1,038,703.82</b>
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures</b>	<b>-45,326.53</b>	<b>-34,090.29</b>	<b>-11,236.24</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>45,326.53</b>

