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**Rev. Antonio M. Alfred, Pastor***"Serving a Winner by Living the Word" Romans 6:1-14*

September 11, 2013

Office of the Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Attention: Disability Rights Office, Room 3-B431  
9300 East Hampton Drive  
Capitol Heights, MD 20743

To whom it may concern:

The purpose of this letter is to request an economically burdensome exemption from closed captioning requirements for video programming.

St. John Missionary Baptist Church is a 70-year-old, African-American Congregation of Bakersfield, California. We have been broadcasting over 25 years.

Our programming does not solicit funding. The primary purpose of our television program is outreach and evangelism in our community.

Our television program is produced by one paid staff member, who volunteers at least one-third of his production time for cost containment, and a host of volunteers. The total cost of our production is \$125 per week. Our average airtime cost per episode is \$150. Our television program airs twice a week.

In order to cut costs to keep our program on the air, we have moved from a one hour program twice weekly to a half hour program twice weekly and moved to less desirable airtime slots. The attached financial statement reflects a 2013 budget that has already been reduced by \$100,000 in comparison to the previous year.

We have received estimates for closed-captioning ranging from \$150 to \$250 per episode. The overall yearly increased costs of closed captioning to our television broadcasting budget would range from \$7,800 to \$13,000. Adding the costs of closed captioning to our broadcast would essentially nullify all of our broadcasting, cost-cutting measures to date and necessitate us going off the air.

Therefore, we request an economically burdensome exemption from closed captioning requirements for video programming.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Antonio M. Alfred', written over a large, stylized oval scribble.

Dr. Antonio M. Alfred, Pastor

Acknowledgment attached

ST JOHN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
SCHEDULE OF ACTUAL RECEIPTS AND  
DISBURSEMENTS vs BUDGET, FOR THE ONE  
MONTH AND SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

	PERIOD TO DATE		YEAR TO DATE			
	ACTUAL	%	ACTUAL	%	CURR BUDGET	BUDGET VAR
<b>Revenues</b>						
Tithes	60,231	80.86	421,093	88.71	438,600	(17,507)
Public offerings	1,067	1.43	5,995	1.26	52,250	(46,255)
Ministry and other funds	12,434	16.69	37,538	7.91	30,000	7,538
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>73,732</b>	<b>98.98</b>	<b>464,626</b>	<b>97.88</b>	<b>520,850</b>	<b>(56,224)</b>
<b>Building fund</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>.52</b>	<b>5,211</b>	<b>1.10</b>	<b>16,650</b>	<b>(11,439)</b>
Rents	0	.00	1,275	.27	9,700	(8,425)
Benevolent	375	.50	3,576	.75	8,000	(4,424)
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>759</b>	<b>1.02</b>	<b>10,062</b>	<b>2.12</b>	<b>34,350</b>	<b>(24,288)</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>74,491</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>474,688</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>555,200</b>	<b>(80,512)</b>
<b>Salaries and Benefits</b>						
Salaries and Pastor housing	14,773	19.83	98,430	20.74	107,500	(9,070)
Pastor / Staff Health Ins	2,099	2.82	14,833	3.12	13,000	1,833
Service benefits	0	.00	12,461	2.63	15,627	(3,165)
Retirement plan	0	.00	0	.00	2,500	(2,500)
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>16,872</b>	<b>22.65</b>	<b>125,724</b>	<b>26.49</b>	<b>138,627</b>	<b>(12,902)</b>
<b>Operations</b>						
Mortgage	24,367	32.71	146,204	30.80	160,000	(13,797)
Maintenance	6,184	8.30	41,086	8.66	62,500	(21,414)
Utilities	7,936	10.65	55,047	11.60	62,500	(7,452)
Office & administrative	3,269	4.39	16,092	3.39	19,500	(3,409)
Property taxes / insurance	1,934	2.60	21,285	4.48	15,000	6,285
Benevolent	800	1.07	3,654	.77	2,500	1,154
Bank chgs/ret'd checks	51	.07	3,009	.63	2,500	509
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>44,541</b>	<b>59.79</b>	<b>286,377</b>	<b>60.33</b>	<b>324,500</b>	<b>(38,124)</b>
<b>Ministries</b>						
TV ministry	1,020	1.37	8,752	1.84	12,500	(3,748)
Biblical counseling	0	.00	0	.00	200	(199)
Sunday school	2,956	3.97	6,185	1.30	3,750	2,435
Brotherhood	550	.74	3,157	.67	500	2,657
BTU	165	.22	950	.20	500	449
Bus transportation	836	1.12	2,355	.50	1,000	1,355
Communion	0	.00	44	.01	300	(256)
Deacon Board	0	.00	0	.00	100	(100)
Drama Ministry	0	.00	0	.00	500	(500)
Ed Council	0	.00	658	.14	250	409
Funerals	559	.75	4,078	.86	650	3,428
Hospitality	0	.00	600	.13	25	575
Irene's Closet	0	.00	0	.00	150	(150)
Kitchen	0	.00	250	.05	500	(250)
Music Department	0	.00	960	.20	1,500	(540)
Prison Ministry	0	.00	0	.00	250	(250)
Social Action	0	.00	100	.02	250	(150)
TV Prayer Line	0	.00	0	.00	25	(25)
Ushers	88	.12	89	.02	250	(162)
VBS	0	.00	250	.05	750	(500)
WMU	0	.00	273	.06	250	23
Youth Choir	0	.00	0	.00	250	(250)
Youth Council	280	.38	1,624	.34	500	1,124
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>6,454</b>	<b>8.66</b>	<b>30,325</b>	<b>6.39</b>	<b>24,950</b>	<b>5,375</b>

See Independent Accountants' Compilation  
Report on Supplementary Information.

	PERIOD TO DATE		YEAR TO DATE			
	ACTUAL	%	ACTUAL	%	CURR BUDGET	BUDGET VAR
Programs						
After School Tutoring	0	.00	4,064	.86	250	3,814
Algebra Institute	0	.00	0	.00	250	(250)
Beach Trip	0	.00	0	.00	200	(200)
Christmas Dinner	0	.00	0	.00	250	(250)
Church Picnic	250	.34	375	.08	250	125
Computer Lab	0	.00	0	.00	250	(250)
Conferences	0	.00	1,150	.24	1,500	(349)
Jubilee/H2T	432	.58	6,193	1.30	2,500	3,692
Leadership 101	0	.00	0	.00	150	(150)
Missions	0	.00	250	.05	150	100
Pastor's Appreciation	0	.00	577	.12	250	327
Prayer Retreat	5,201	6.98	5,201	1.10	500	4,701
Sub-Total	5,883	7.90	17,810	3.75	6,500	11,310
Total Expenses	73,750	99.01	460,236	96.96	494,577	(34,341)
Net	741	.99	14,452	3.04	60,623	(46,171)

**CALIFORNIA ALL-PURPOSE ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

State of California

County of Kern

On Sept. 11, 2013

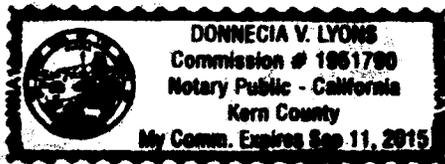
Date

before me, Donnecia V. Lyons, Notary Public

Here Insert Name and Title of the Officer

personally appeared Antonio. M. Alfred

Name(s) of Signer(s)



who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

Signature of Notary Public

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- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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