

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FAIRFAX COUNTY

<b>In re:</b>	)	<b>Case Nos.:</b>	CL 2007-248724,
<b>Multi-Circuit Episcopal Church Litigation</b>	)		CL 2006-15792,
	)		CL 2006-15793,
	)		CL 2007-556,
	)		CL 2007-1235,
	)		CL 2007-1236,
	)		CL 2007-1237,
	)		CL 2007-1238,
	)		CL 2007-1625,
	)		CL 2007-5249,
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	)		CL 2007-5362,
	)		CL 2007-5363,
	)		CL 2007-5364,
	)		CL 2007-5682,
	)		CL 2007-5683,
	)		CL 2007-5684,
	)		CL 2007-5685,
	)		CL 2007-5686,
	)		CL 2007-5902,
	)		CL 2007-5903, and
	)		CL 2007-11514

**ORDER**

This matter came before the Court on May 16, 2008, on the Motion of the General Council on Finance and Administration of The United Methodist Church, The African Methodist Episcopal Church, The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church and the Worldwide Church of God, for Leave to File a Brief, as *Amici Curiae*, on the question whether Va. Code § 57-9 is constitutional, and for *amici's* counsel to participate in oral argument on the same question on May 28, 2008 ("Motion for Leave"). All parties previously consented to the filing of the *amicus* brief, but the congregation parties objected to the request that *amici's* counsel participate in oral argument. Upon consideration of the Motion for Leave, the memoranda submitted by the parties, and the arguments of counsel, ~~and for the reasons set forth in the Ruling portion of the~~

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~~transcript of the May 16, 2008, hearing attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein,~~ it is hereby

ORDERED that the Motion to Leave is GRANTED and the proposed Brief attached to the Motion for Leave is accepted for filing, by consent of all parties, and it is further


ORDERED that counsel for the *amici* shall be permitted to present oral argument on May 28, 2008, the question whether Va. Code § 57-9 is constitutional.

Entered this 16 day of May, 2008.

  
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Circuit Court Judge Randy I. Bellows

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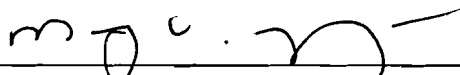
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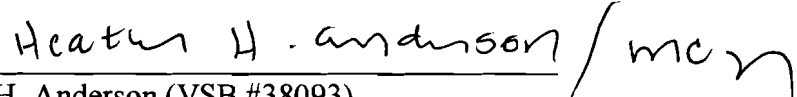
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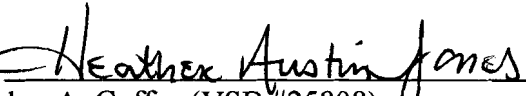
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