

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DEKALB COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

KIDIST MARIAM ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX)
TEWAHEDO CHURCH, INC.,)

Plaintiff,)

Civil Action No. 16CV11400-3

v.)

ABBA YAKOB a/k/a ABBA GEBREMARIAM)
AYALEW, EYOB W/TEGEGN, FASIL BEKELE.)
KEBEDE GESSESSE, MEKONNEN YAYNE,)
MISGANAW ABEBE, NEGA WONDIMU,)
NEGUSSE DEMIE, WOSSENSEGED KEBEDE,)
JOHN/JANE DOES 1-30,)

Defendants.)

**ORDER MODIFYING THE COURT’S JANUARY 18, 2017
CONSENT INTERLOCUTORY INJUNCTION ORDER**

On January 18, 2017, the Court entered its Consent Interlocutory Injunction Order (the “Order”). By letter request to the Court on March 20, 2017, Defendants requested certain modifications to the January 18, 2017 Order. Plaintiff responded by letter on March 22, 2017 and also enclosed its earlier letter to Defendants’ counsel of March 17, 2017.

Following a hearing conducted on March 31, 2017, with proper notice given, and after hearing argument of counsel, the Court makes the following modifications to the January 18, 2017 Order:

In addition to the alternating schedule for access to and use of the Church building on Sundays as set forth in numbered paragraph 1 of the Order, on those Saturdays immediately preceding the Sundays on which either Plaintiff, and its supporters, or Defendants, and their supporters, have access to the Church building on Sunday morning, that respective group shall also have access to the Church building on the immediately preceding Saturday from 3:00 p.m.

to 8:00 p.m. for peaceful worship services or fellowship activities. Defendant Yakob is prohibited from participating in any such Saturday activities and his use of and access to the Church building remains as stated in the January 18, 2017 Order. The only noted exception to this alternating Saturday schedule is Saturday, April 15, 2016, as detailed below.

With respect to activities at the Church during the Holy Week of April 9, 2017 through and including April 16, 2017, the Plaintiff Church may conduct its regularly scheduled events as follows:

April 9, 2017:

The Church's Palm Sunday service will be held during the Church's allotted time under January 18, 2017 Order that Sunday morning;

April 10, 2017 through and including April 13, 2017:

The Church will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day for worship and prayer;

April 14, 2017:

The Church will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for worship and prayer; and

April 15, 2017:

The Church will conduct its Easter Service from 8:00 p.m. on April 15, 2017 to 2:00 a.m. on April 16, 2017.

During these Holy Week events, Defendant Yakob may attend the Church's services as a parishioner, but he is prohibited from presiding over, controlling, or attempting to preside over or control the Church's services in any way. Defendant Yacob may enjoy the Church's services from the pew, but he may not enter areas of the Church's sanctuary for which access to

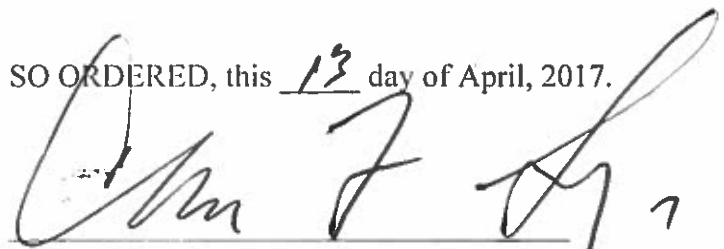
parishioners is prohibited and may not participate in those services in any role other than as a parishioner.

The Defendants and their supporters shall have use of the Church building consistent with the January 18, 2017 Order on Sunday afternoon, April 9, 2017. The schedule of alternating Sunday access to the Church building as set forth in paragraph 1 of the January 18, 2017 Order shall resume at 6:00 a.m. on Sunday, April 16, 2017. Consistent with the alternating Sunday access detailed here and in the January 18, 2017 Order, the Church shall make arrangements for Defendants and their supporters to have access to the replica Ark of the Covenant for use in performing liturgical rights.

With respect to paragraph 5(g) of the January 18, 2017 Order, the Defendant Board Members are to be provided with access to the Church's office and computer files in every detail, with the exception of attorney-client privileged information between the Plaintiff Church and its counsel, so that the Defendant Board Members can perform their specific functions and do the work of the Church. With the exception of modifications to membership records to reflect the ongoing payment of dues for 2017, no membership records, other records or documents, computer programs or files, or Members' rights may be materially altered as a result of this access, the purpose being to preserve the status quo ante.

Except as expressly modified herein, all remaining provisions of the January 18, 2017 Order remain in full force and effect.

SO ORDERED, this 13 day of April, 2017.



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Order Modifying January 18, 2017 Interlocutory Injunction Order

Judge. Clarence F. Seeliger
Superior Court of DeKalb County

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