

House of the Covenant
3710 Gilbert Street
Dallas, Texas 75219
May 21, 1973

The Rev. William M. Harris
The Methodist Building
P. O. Box 28098
San Antonio, Texas 78284

Dear Bill:

I have taken the liberty of writing the members of the Austin District Committee on the Ministry urging them to study carefully the "Report to the Annual Conference from the Task Force on Homosexuality" prior to our Saturday meeting. I trust they have been mailed copies of the study.

According to my understanding of Paragraph 367, both the district Committee and the conference Board should consider my request for readmittance. I mention this because Ernest Dixon's letter seemed to imply that the conference Board would consider the recommendation of the district Committee. Both groups should consider my request irrespective of their individual conclusions. I mention this to you because I am afraid that a letter to Ernest would not reach him before his leaving for Conference.

Again, my thanks for your consideration in arranging a meeting at such an inopportune time.

Love and Peace,

Gene Leggett



Ward Memorial

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MURRAY O. JOHNSON

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Pastor

August 27, 1973

Mr. F. Gene Leggett
c/o C. & D. McPherson
3435 Hidalgo, #107
Dallas Texas

Dear Gene:

You will recall that we agreed to keep you informed as to progress on presenting the Petition to the Judicial Council. We are preparing a "brief" to be filed with the Petition in the near future. Bill Harris informed me that a recent card from you indicated that you might be reached at one of two addresses. We are sending the original of this letter to the Dallas address and a copy to your Austin address. When you arrive back in Austin, I would appreciate a telephone call and I will bring you up-to-date on the progress of the Petition and the "brief".

You have the right of presenting a brief direct to the Judicial Council and it is my understanding that you have the right to request a hearing before the Council as they consider the Petition. You have a copy of the Petition.

I hope you have had a good summer and that I will hear from you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Murray
Murray O. Johnson

MOJ/ab

cc: Bishop O. Eugene Slater
Rev. William Harris

*Tel. conversation
Oct. 10
no news as to
place of meeting*

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September 4, 1973

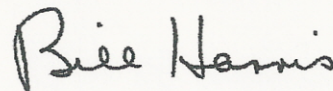
Mr. Gene Leggett
c/o C. & D. McPherson
3435 Hidalgo, #107
Dallas, Texas 75220

Dear Gene:

As of this date I have had no information concerning the future meeting dates of the Judicial Council. I received a carbon of a letter which Murray Johnson recently wrote to you explaining how he was writing up a "brief" to be filed with the Petition which you are entering with the Council. I presume that Murray will be your chief contact with the Judicial Council. Even so, if I do have word, I have your address and will let you know.

Hoping that you have had a good summer and all goes well with you, I am

Very sincerely yours,



William M. Harris

WMH:pb

4141 Newton, Apt. 110
Dallas, Texas 75219
October 21, 1973

Mr. Murray O. Johnson
Ward Memorial United Methodist Church
2105 Parker Lane
Austin, Texas 78741

Dear Murray:

As I had mentioned to you in our telephone conversation on October 10, the Judicial Council meets this November 7-10. According to Paragraph 1515, the petition must be printed in The Interpreter thirty days prior to its being heard by the Judicial Council. Obviously, we are too late for the November meeting.

I finally got a list of the officers of the present council. They are as follows:

Ralph M. Houston, president
Theodore M. Barry, vice president
Ms. Dwight Grove, secretary

Ms. Grove's address is 5025 N. Marvine, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19141. Her telephone is 215-457-1299.

I talked to Ms. Grove this past week. The next meeting of the council will be April. Ms. Grove believes the meeting place will be in West Virginia. Ms. Grove said a petition should be mailed to her at least two months prior to their meeting in order to make the publication date. She also said that at least ten copies of the petition will be needed.

Any interested party may file a brief pertaining to the petition. A person who wishes to appear before the council may request to do so through the president of the council, Mr. Houston.

I hope you will mail me a copy of the petition at the same time you send one to Ms. Grove. I also hope you can get a copy of the speech that accompanied the 1971 resolution to locate me involuntarily. You will remember we discussed it in our telephone conversation.

I also wish to take this opportunity to invite you to use our film strip, "The Invisible Minority." It was well received by all who saw it at Conference. I realized at the time that it would be too busy a time for many of the Bishop's cabinet to see it. It is available for showing. We can either mail it to you, or I would be glad to bring it down. I've been wanting to set up a visit with the Bishop to discuss future plans.

I hope you had a good Sunday. I usually attend Casa View Methodist when I am in Dallas, but this morning I spoke to a class at University Park Methodist. This Wednesday I speak at North Texas in Denton and then head for the Valley to see the Kids.

Will be in touch with you when I am in Austin. Thanks for your continued help.