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February 11, 1976

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Cabinet of the Southwest Texas Conference
Eugene Slater, Bishop
Box 28098
San Antonio, Texas 78284

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

In accordance with Paragraph 372 of The Book of Discipline, I am requesting a review of my qualifications and the circumstances relating to my location with the hope that the Board of the Ministry, the District Committee on the Ministry and the Cabinet will recommend to the 1976 Annual Conference the restoration of my ministerial credentials and conference membership.

I am available to meet with the involved groups at their convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Gene Loggett

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Charge Conference
St. Stephens United Methodist Church
5705 Blanco Road
San Antonio, Texas 78216

Dear Members:

In accordance with Paragraph 1536 of The Book of Discipline, I am requesting from the St. Stephens Charge Conference a certificate of character and a recommendation for the restoration of my ministerial credentials.

These should be forwarded to the 1976 Annual Conference of the Southwest Texas Conference.

Peace and Love,

Gene Loggett



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Southwest Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church

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March 17, 1976

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Mr. Gene Leggett
464 Cloverleaf # 6
San Antonio, Texas 78209

Dear Gene:

This is to advise you that the Board of Ministry has voted to refuse your request for a hearing, feeling that its understanding of your situation does not warrant a reconsideration of past decisions with regard to the restoration of your ministerial credentials.

Sincerely yours,

Dan E. Solomon
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THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SAN ANTONIO AREA

THE METHODIST BUILDING-535 BANDERA ROAD
P. O. BOX 28509

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78228

O. EUGENE SLATER
RESIDENT BISHOP

CONFERENCES:
RIO GRANDE
SOUTHWEST TEXAS

March 22, 1976

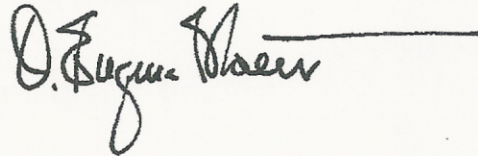
Mr. F. Gene Leggett
464 Cloverleaf, Apt. 6
San Antonio, Texas 78209

Dear Gene:

I appreciate your letter of March 10. Will you please send me, at your convenience, a statement of your church activities over the last year? This will be helpful to the Cabinet as it makes its response to your request for a review of your qualifications.

Thank you, Gene. May the Lord bless and keep you.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "O. Eugene Slater", followed by a horizontal line.

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ONE HUNDRED, THIRTY TWO
March 26, 1976

Bishop C. Eugene Slater
The United Methodist Church
San Antonio Area
P. O. Box 28509
San Antonio, Texas 78228

Dear Bishop Slater:

I gather from your kind letter of March 23 that you want me to share with you the changes in my life and ministry to determine whether or not I should be re-admitted under Paragraph 372 of the Discipline.

My problem is that I have never known what is expected of me in order to be "acceptable" for readmission. My church activity at St. Stephen is more than substantial and my ministry to young people connected with my work at Ella Austin Community Center is extensive and very exciting. My outreach to the many disenfranchised gay people is just as involved. To write about all of this without knowing what your criteria for readmission are is the same thing as asking me for large amounts of evidence with no knowledge of what I am trying to prove.

At this point, it would be helpful to have a meeting with the Cabinet and the Board of the Ministry in order for us to get clear what changes must take place, either in myself or in the Church, so that I can again be a minister and member of the Conference.

There is also the strong possibility that St. Stephen's will again be asking that my credentials be restored. This action will need more clarification than it received last year.

Thirdly, whatever happens at General Conference in regard to the gay issue will be significant for the life of the Church. I should think it would be valuable for all of us to discuss this.

Finally, I have so few opportunities to talk to the leaders of our conference that I am eager to take advantage of any time we might have together. My concern and prayers are for a stronger, healthier and more spiritual Church. As part of my call to the Methodist ministry, I feel I have been given special gifts of ministry that have made my involvement in the Church productive.

In spite of misunderstandings, prejudices or differences that exist between me and other workers in the Church, I am sure our goals are mutually shared. Only by further dialogue can we work through these concerns.

cc Don Solomon
Ted Richardson
Barret Kenfroe

Love and Peace,

Gene Leggett