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TRANSCRIPT OF TESTIMONY OF AUDRA LITTLE
BEFORE THE HONORABLE DANNY C. REEVES AND A JURY

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1 (Whereupon, the following proceedings were had in the
2 presence of the jury.)

3 THE COURT: Thank you. You may call your next
4 witness.

5 MR. MCBRIDE: Thank you. The United States calls
6 Audra Little.

7 AUDRA LITTLE,
8 having been first duly placed under oath, was examined and
9 testified as follows:

10 THE COURT: Thank you.

11 Mr. McBride, you may proceed.

12 MR. MCBRIDE: Thank you, Your Honor.

13 DIRECT EXAMINATION

14 BY MR. MCBRIDE:

15 Q Good afternoon. Could you state your name and spell your
16 last name for the court reporter and the jury?

17 A It's Audra Little, and that's A-u-d-r-a L-i-t-t-l-e.

18 Q Thank you. Mrs. Little, would you pull that microphone
19 over so we could hear you?

20 A (Witness complies with request of counsel.)

21 Q Thank you very much.

22 Where do you live, ma'am?

23 A In Florence, Kentucky.

24 Q And I want to ask you a little bit about your educational
25 background. Could you tell us about your post high school

1 educational background?

2 A I went to Bowling Green State University in Ohio for two
3 years and then I took an accounting class at Owens Community
4 College after that.

5 Q What were you studying when you were at Bowling Green,
6 ma'am?

7 A It was just general business, general courses.

8 Q How about at Owens Community College?

9 A Just an accountant class.

10 Q And when did you take that, what year?

11 A Maybe a year after those first two years. So, let's see,
12 maybe 2000 possibly, around there.

13 Q All right. And are you married?

14 A Yes.

15 Q What's your husband's name?

16 A Chris.

17 Q And your father is Ronald Weinland; is he not?

18 A Yes.

19 Q When were you married?

20 A September 9th of 2008.

21 Q And your brother's name is Jeremy?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Where does Jeremy live?

24 A In Germany.

25 Q How long has he lived in Germany?

- 1 A I think maybe four years or so possibly.
- 2 Q The last four years?
- 3 A Around, uh-huh.
- 4 Q Is he still there?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q Is he married?
- 7 A Yes.
- 8 Q What's his wife's name?
- 9 A Patricia.
- 10 Q Do you know what -- whether he attended any colleges before
- 11 he moved to Germany?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q Do you remember what those are?
- 14 A Cincinnati State and Northern Kentucky University.
- 15 Q Do you know if he went to Owen Community College at all?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q Oh, he did that too?
- 18 A Uh-huh.
- 19 Q Great. Now, you're an employee of the Church of God -
- 20 Preparing for the Kingdom of God; correct?
- 21 A Correct.
- 22 Q And that's your father's church, he's the leader of that
- 23 church?
- 24 A Yes.
- 25 Q Okay. I want to talk to you -- I know that you are

1 employed by the church. Would you tell the ladies and gentlemen
2 of the jury what your title is and how would you describe your
3 duties for the church?

4 A I guess the title would be office administrator. What I
5 do, I check the mail at the post office downtown about every
6 other day. I get -- I open the mail. I make deposits from the
7 checks that come in the mail. I distribute the letters to
8 different elders in the church, whoever it needs to go to or
9 answer, you know, things if I can take care of it myself. I
10 balance the checkbooks, I pay all of the credit card bills --
11 well, I pay all of the bills that come in. I write expense
12 checks to the elders. I think that's about it. Oh, when I
13 first started working there, too, if you want that, I used to
14 mail out the books that were -- for about probably -- maybe a
15 year, I think, when I first started working there.

16 Q These are the books your father wrote?

17 A Yes.

18 Q We'll talk a little bit more about your duties with the
19 church, but I would like to also ask you, you're a member of
20 your dad's church; correct?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Do you have a position in the church --

23 A Yes.

24 Q -- at this time?

25 A Yes.

1 Q What is that position?

2 A Senior elder.

3 Q Could you describe for the ladies and gentlemen of the jury
4 what your role is as a senior elder in the church?

5 A I can baptize people, I can anoint people, also counsel
6 with someone if I'm told to.

7 Q Do you help members or provide ministry to members during
8 baptisms and funerals and those kind of events?

9 A Not funerals, no.

10 Q Not funerals?

11 A Huh-uh.

12 Q Okay. How long have you been a senior elder?

13 A Possibly two years maybe.

14 Q About two years?

15 A Or around, uh-huh.

16 Q And before that, did you have a position in the church?

17 A No.

18 Q Okay. How long have you been a member of the church?

19 A My whole life.

20 Q I would like to ask you some questions about the church --
21 Oh, I want to go back. One more question about your role as a
22 senior elder. Do you minister to a particular congregation?

23 A No.

24 Q So you're sort of a -- for lack of a better term, an
25 at-large elder as a senior elder; is that -- do you know what I

1 mean by that phrase, at-large?

2 A No.

3 Q No? Okay. So I want to ask you some questions about your
4 understanding of the organization of the church from 2004 to
5 2008; okay?

6 So what -- how would you describe the organization of the
7 church during that period of time, its structure, its hierarchy?

8 A My parents, my dad being at the top and then evangelists,
9 under that there's a senior evangelist and three other
10 evangelists, and then we have senior elders and then elders
11 below that and then associate elders below that.

12 Q My understanding is that's the structure now; correct?

13 A Uh-huh.

14 Q All right. Now, what about, was it any different before
15 2008?

16 A I don't know -- I don't think that there were associate
17 elders at that point.

18 Q So has the structure of the church grown since 2008?

19 A Yes.

20 Q And between 2004 and 2008, did you hold any positions, such
21 as elder or anything of that nature?

22 A No.

23 Q You were a member?

24 A Uh-huh.

25 Q What congregation do you -- did you attend or belong to as

1 a member of the church?

2 A I'm in the Cincinnati congregation now, but I was in the
3 Toledo-Detroit church before that.

4 Q When did you come to the Cincinnati congregation?

5 A About 2007, I think.

6 Q Did that coincide with your relocating to the Northern
7 Kentucky-Cincinnati area?

8 A Uh-huh.

9 Q Well, let's talk about that. What occasioned you to move
10 to the Northern Kentucky-Cincinnati area?

11 A I'm sorry, I didn't hear that.

12 Q What were the circumstances that brought you to the
13 Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky area?

14 A My job.

15 Q Your job?

16 A Uh-huh.

17 Q So you came here to work for the church?

18 A Yes.

19 Q What were you doing before that?

20 A I worked at The Appliance Center in Maumee, Ohio, for nine
21 years. I worked in the -- basically it was the cash, checks,
22 credit cards office taking care of all that.

23 Q And Maumee is up in the Toledo area?

24 A Uh-huh.

25 Q And actually Bowling Green University is up there, too,

1 isn't it?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Is that correct?

4 A Uh-huh.

5 Q So had you gone from your school to working up in that
6 area; is that right?

7 A Yes.

8 Q So you were working at The Appliance Store?

9 A Uh-huh.

10 Q Okay. Where did you live when you were up in Maumee? Did
11 you live in a house, in an apartment, what were your
12 circumstances?

13 A When I lived up there, I lived with my parents until they
14 moved, and then I still lived in the house for a little bit
15 until it was sold, and then I moved into an apartment for a year
16 in Perrysburg.

17 Q Okay. Do you remember what year your parents moved?

18 A Not off the top of my head, I can't remember.

19 Q Could it have been around 2000, 2002, somewhere in there,
20 or do you think it was later?

21 A It was after that.

22 Q After that?

23 A Uh-huh.

24 Q Do you think it was later than 2004?

25 A Yes, I think so.

1 Q How long did you remain up in that area before you
2 relocated and joined the church down here as -- in your current
3 role?

4 A I'm sorry, what do you mean?

5 Q How much time passed between the time your mom and dad
6 moved and you moved to this area?

7 A I can't remember how long I was in their house before it
8 sold, before I had to be out of there. Maybe a couple of months
9 possibly. But then I was in my apartment for a year, so --

10 Q I would like to ask you about the services you attend at
11 the Cincinnati congregation. Where do they take place?

12 A At the La Quinta off of Sharonville Road, Cincinnati.

13 Q I understand the Sabbath that you celebrate is on Saturday;
14 correct?

15 A Yes.

16 Q All right. So what time of day do the services typically
17 take place?

18 A 2:30 to 4:30.

19 Q All right. And in very general terms, what happens at
20 these services?

21 A We sit down and listen to the sermon for two hours.

22 Q So you have some fellowship when you get there?

23 A Before and after, yes.

24 Q Before and after. And you hear a sermon?

25 A Uh-huh.

1 Q And typically, who gives the sermon?

2 A Usually my dad.

3 Q And, of course, he's the pastor of the church?

4 A Uh-huh.

5 Q So are those sermons always live?

6 A Yes. Oh, you mean --

7 Q Let me ask a question a better way. Does your dad come to
8 your congregation typically and give a sermon?

9 A When he's in town, yes. But when he's traveling, it's over
10 the Internet that we listen.

11 Q So sometimes your dad comes and gives a sermon at your
12 location?

13 A Uh-huh.

14 Q And sometimes it's over the Internet; correct?

15 A Yes.

16 Q You hesitated when I asked the last question, because it's
17 live over the Internet, isn't it?

18 A Yes.

19 Q So you use the Internet technology so that the congregation
20 can hear your father give the sermon simultaneously as close as
21 possible?

22 A Right. Uh-huh.

23 Q All right. Are there times that you hear the sermon in a
24 recorded format?

25 A Rarely, but every once in a while.

1 Q So if your dad was in New Zealand giving a sermon, would it
2 have to be recorded for you to listen to in Cincinnati?

3 A Yes. Uh-huh.

4 Q Is it important to you, as a member of the congregation,
5 that you hear the sermon as close in time as to when it's given
6 as possible?

7 A Uh-huh. On the Sabbath, anytime on the Sabbath.

8 Q Anytime on the Sabbath?

9 A Yes.

10 Q So it's important that it's delivered on the Sabbath?

11 A Yes.

12 Q All right. Before 2008, were women ordained in the
13 positions like you have now?

14 A No.

15 Q How did that change come about?

16 A We believe that that's how it should have been for -- since
17 Adam and Eve, but it's not that way, so we believe that that's
18 changed.

19 Q Who revealed that?

20 A My dad.

21 Q And he did that, of course, in his role as the leader of
22 the church?

23 A Yes.

24 Q And since that time it's been revealed that your mother is
25 the other witness; is that correct?

1 A Yes.

2 Q All right. And who revealed that, ma'am?

3 A My dad.

4 Q With this expansion of the hierarchy, for lack of a better
5 word, because I don't mean to imply anything negative about
6 that, but with the expansion, is there any change in the role
7 your father plays as the leader of the church?

8 A Nope, he's still leader.

9 Q So he remains the leader?

10 A Yeah.

11 Q I want to talk about sort of -- start to talk about sort of
12 the business side of the church operations, if we could; okay?
13 The church has income, does it not, where people tithe to the
14 church; is that right?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Tell me about your -- you mentioned earlier that one of
17 your jobs is to collect the tithes and document and deposit
18 them; is that fair?

19 A Uh-huh.

20 Q Could you tell the jury about the mechanics of that from
21 your point of view in your role as the office assistant or
22 administrator?

23 A I pick up the mail, open the mail, get the checks, make a
24 deposit, I copy -- well, before I make the deposit, I copy all
25 of the checks on the copy machine, and then after I make the

1 deposit, usually a day or so after, I take those copies and go
2 from there and put it in the computer and then give everyone
3 basically what they've turned in credit for that. And then
4 quarterly and yearly, we send out a report showing what they've
5 sent in for contributions and tithes.

6 Q That's a lot of information.

7 A I'm sorry.

8 Q That's great. But I'm going to ask you some specific
9 questions to kind of bring out the details.

10 A Okay.

11 Q So you pick up the mail?

12 A Uh-huh.

13 Q All right. Where do you pick up the mail?

14 A The Cincinnati Post Office off of Dalton, I think Dalton
15 Street.

16 Q The church has a Post Office box there?

17 A Uh-huh.

18 Q Do you remember what the Post Office box address is?

19 A 14447.

20 Q You probably can read that in your sleep, can't you?

21 A Yeah.

22 Q All right. So you pick up the mail. Do you go more than
23 once a day?

24 A Every once in a while we've gone, but usually it's just
25 once a day -- or every other day usually.

1 Q Every other day like in a business day; correct?

2 A Yeah. It's been rare that I've gone a couple of times
3 twice, but --

4 Q So you wouldn't go on the Sabbath and the Post Office isn't
5 open on Sunday? So it's Monday to Friday?

6 A Well, I do go on Sundays. You can still pick it up.

7 Q Oh, you can? I didn't know that.

8 A Uh-huh.

9 Q So sometimes you might go on a Sunday and pick it up?

10 A Uh-huh.

11 Q Okay. Very good. And when you get there, can you describe
12 kind of the typical volume of mail you might have when you pick
13 up? And I'm talking about tithes that the church is receiving.

14 A It could be up to one deposit check slip, which would be 17
15 people, to maybe up to nine or so. It depends on the time of
16 year.

17 Q So you're measuring it by the deposit slip that you use?

18 A Uh-huh.

19 Q And then the deposit slips, you know, mine has a bunch of
20 lines on it for different checks and --

21 A Right. Right.

22 Q So you might have a full one or maybe --

23 A There's about 17 entries on each one. So the smallest,
24 it's usually just one, but normally it's about three or four
25 that I do.

1 Q Okay. So three or four every time you pick up the mail --

2 A Uh-huh.

3 Q -- once, twice, maybe three or four times a week?

4 A Right.

5 Q That's fair?

6 A Uh-huh.

7 Q So when you get the mail -- By the way, when you go to the
8 mailbox, where are you leaving from? Are you leaving from your
9 office?

10 A Sometimes I leave straight from my house in the morning,
11 sometimes it's from my parents' house at the office, yes.

12 Q And your home's in Florence in Boone County; right?

13 A Right.

14 Q So you may go to the Post Office box. Do you bring it back
15 to the office?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Would there be times when you would go from the office to
18 the Post Office box and back, that sort of thing?

19 A Uh-huh.

20 Q So this is part of your job?

21 A Right.

22 Q Okay. When you bring the tithes back to the office, what
23 do you do with them? What's the first step?

24 A Depositing them.

25 Q Well, when you bring them back to the office, you open the

1 mail; right?

2 A Yes.

3 Q And there might be somebody's check in there. Let's say
4 there's a check from a member. What do you do with that check?

5 A I alphabetize all the checks by their last name and then I
6 write their last name down on the deposit slip and add it up and
7 take it in.

8 Q And take all those checks to the bank?

9 A Yes.

10 Q All right. Now, you've been doing this since 2007; right?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Or 2006, somewhere around there?

13 A 2007.

14 Q 2007?

15 A Uh-huh.

16 Q And so what bank do you typically take them to?

17 A Usually Fifth Third Bank.

18 Q And so the church has some accounts at the Fifth Third
19 Bank?

20 A Uh-huh.

21 Q Are there any times that you might take the tithing
22 deposits and put them into another account? And I'm only
23 talking about through 2008.

24 A No. Sometimes I think they may have gone to PNC for a
25 little bit, you know. I don't remember why. I think maybe I

1 ran out of deposit slips or something, that's happened before.

2 So I think maybe just -- I think PNC possibly was the only other
3 one.

4 Q So the church has accounts at Fifth Third?

5 A Uh-huh.

6 Q And then there are accounts at PNC?

7 A Uh-huh.

8 Q And it has some other accounts, doesn't it?

9 A Yes.

10 Q National City checking, does that sound familiar?

11 A We used to have that one.

12 Q So when you were up in the Ohio area --

13 A Uh-huh.

14 Q -- your church had it? And then there was a Citizens and
15 Charter Bank records?

16 A I didn't work then, so I'm not really sure about those.

17 Q Okay. Are you aware of those at all?

18 A I've seen Charter One statements, but --

19 Q You've seen them?

20 A -- I don't know if it's personal, church, or what.

21 Q I'm not going to ask you anything about those, but just
22 whether you're aware the church had those accounts?

23 A Yes.

24 Q And then also Huntington Bank, you're aware the church used
25 to have those accounts?

1 A I don't remember the Huntington.

2 Q Okay. That's fine. But mostly today, you're using -- the
3 church uses, and tell me if I'm wrong, Fifth Third, Bank of
4 Kentucky?

5 A Yes.

6 Q And PNC?

7 A Right.

8 Q Those are the ones you're using for the most part right
9 now?

10 A Uh-huh.

11 Q Or at least through 2008?

12 A Yes.

13 Q All right. So you get the checks together, you've done the
14 deposit slip, and you take it to the bank. What do you do after
15 that with the deposits?

16 A I write the deposit down in the checkbook.

17 Q And then how do you record who gave what?

18 A I make copies of all the checks. So then I just type those
19 into the computer in a program.

20 Q So you've got a program at the office, you can type in
21 somebody's name and the amount they tithe and the date?

22 A Yes.

23 Q All right. And then later on you can generate from that --
24 say if I had donated money, you could generate a record of the
25 tithe?

1 A Correct.

2 Q And why would you generate that, for --

3 A So people could have receipts, check it over and, you know,
4 claim it on their income tax.

5 Q If they wanted to take it off their taxes?

6 A Uh-huh.

7 Q Which brings me to a question. Could you explain the -- in
8 very general terms the tithing system? And I don't mean to use
9 a word that is inappropriate, but the tithes in your church, the
10 three types and then offerings?

11 A The three types of tithes?

12 Q Uh-huh.

13 A We have first tithe, which is basically 10 percent of your
14 income that you give to the church, second tithe would be
15 10 percent that you save for yourself for holy days, and then we
16 used to have third tithe a long time ago and I really don't
17 even -- I think that was for helping people out, elderly and
18 things like that, but we got rid of that a long time ago, so I
19 really don't know much of what that was about.

20 What was your other question about --

21 Q What's the difference between offerings and tithes?

22 A Oh, offerings is -- that's just what you want to give in
23 for just, you know, any amount if you choose to give to the
24 church.

25 Q So the things -- the tithings and offerings that come to

1 the church are first tithes, and offerings if folks want to do
2 it that way?

3 A Yes, and holy days, too, we also are required to turn in an
4 offering, too.

5 Q An offering?

6 A Uh-huh.

7 Q But that is -- it is proper to consider that in that
8 general category of offerings as opposed to tithes?

9 A Offerings.

10 Q Offerings?

11 A Uh-huh.

12 Q Thank you. Are you aware of the fact the church has
13 congregations all over the world?

14 A Yes.

15 Q What's your impression of where the majority of the
16 congregations are in the United States and then in Europe?

17 A Where the majority are in the United States, is that what
18 you said?

19 Q Uh-huh.

20 A Okay. Cincinnati has got a big congregation, Georgia.
21 Those are the two biggest. Detroit and Toledo have a good one
22 and then there's a whole bunch all over the place, small ones.

23 Q Some in Oregon?

24 A Uh-huh.

25 Q All right. Are there any that you're aware of -- and

1 again, I'm talking the 2004 to '08 time frame -- in Las Vegas?

2 A No.

3 Q How about Alaska?

4 A I know we've got members all over the place, but I don't
5 know -- there's not -- I don't believe there's a church there.

6 Q Not necessarily a congregation?

7 A Uh-huh.

8 Q In Europe, where are the largest congregations?

9 A That would be the UK -- England and Netherlands.

10 Q How about New Zealand or Australia?

11 A Yes, both of them.

12 Q Are they not quite as large as the ones in England and the
13 Netherlands?

14 A They have a few different ones I believe in Australia. And
15 New Zealand, it's pretty small, so I think they all just meet
16 together.

17 Q Well, that doesn't mean they're not a congregation, though?

18 A Right. Right. Yes.

19 Q And as I understand it, sometimes --

20 A It's smaller.

21 Q Pardon me?

22 A It's smaller, the one in New Zealand.

23 Q Folks will meet at homes if they're smaller?

24 A Right. Right.

25 Q Is there a congregation in the Middle East?

1 A Not that I know of, no.

2 Q But there could be?

3 A Well, there are members that are there, so they could meet
4 in their homes too. But as far as a big church congregation,
5 not that I know of.

6 Q For tithes or offerings in the United States, does the
7 church receive them in any way other than they're mailed to you
8 or maybe somebody hands you a check when they see you, something
9 like that?

10 A No.

11 Q The church doesn't use PayPal --

12 A No.

13 Q -- or anything like that?

14 A No.

15 Q May I ask why not?

16 A I think my dad didn't want to give out all the information,
17 the checking account numbers and things like that to everyone,
18 so --

19 Q I asked because there's work of the church done over the
20 Internet, isn't there?

21 A Yes.

22 Q How about in Europe, are tithes and offerings made in the
23 same way from Europe?

24 A Yes.

25 Q How are they received at church headquarters, for lack of a

1 better word?

2 A They have their own banks over there, so they collect it
3 just like I would over here, and then every once in a while
4 they'll send a wire transfer from there to our accounts here.

5 Q Does that typically go into a -- or does it always go into
6 a Church of God account?

7 A Always, yes.

8 Q And what causes -- if you know, what causes one of the
9 foreign congregations to send a wire transfer to a Church of God
10 account? Do you know?

11 A I have no idea.

12 Q There's no event or anything --

13 A No.

14 Q -- that you know of?

15 A Huh-uh.

16 Q Do you know whether it's the local congregation in Europe
17 that decides to send it or whether your dad asks them to do so?
18 Do you know how that works at all?

19 A Well, I would assume he would tell them to send it over.

20 Q I want to talk about the spiritual functions of the church,
21 but not about the context, but the kinds of things the church
22 does for its members typically. So we've talked about
23 congregations; correct?

24 A Uh-huh.

25 Q So there are congregations all over the world and all over

1 the country, and you've told me they have Sabbath services?

2 A Uh-huh.

3 Q Do the congregations typically gather in other times, just
4 as a congregation?

5 A Other than Sabbath services?

6 Q Uh-huh.

7 A If they get together for meetings or something, but --

8 Q They might need to discuss something of concern to the
9 local congregation, so they --

10 A Maybe the elders would get together or something, but not
11 the whole church probably.

12 Q Is the core activity of the congregations meeting on the
13 Sabbath for services?

14 A Yes.

15 Q That's fair to say?

16 A Yes.

17 Q All right. And then I understand there are holy days and
18 we already talked about the Feast of the Tabernacle. Could you
19 talk about the difference in terms of duration for holy days
20 versus the Feast of Tabernacles?

21 A What do you mean, duration? As in like --

22 Q How long is the Feast of Tabernacles?

23 A It's seven days and then another day for the last great
24 day, which is separate.

25 Q And then who gathers for the feast?

1 A Everyone in our church.

2 Q So it's not limited to one congregation or one group, it's
3 everybody who can be there goes?

4 A Yes.

5 Q And then holy days, how long are they typically?

6 A Mostly just a day -- well, Days of Unleavened Bread would
7 be seven days altogether, but we don't meet seven days, we just
8 meet on the first day and the last day.

9 Q So the Days of Unleavened Bread as two days that you meet?

10 A Yes.

11 Q And are these like the Feast of the Tabernacles, in that
12 everybody comes?

13 A No.

14 Q No?

15 A Huh-uh.

16 Q Who comes to those or how do those work?

17 A We only come basically as a local congregation on the first
18 day and the last day.

19 Q What about other holy days?

20 A They're all just a day.

21 Q When you gather -- I didn't ask the question very well.

22 When you gather, does everybody come from different
23 congregations or do you as a congregation meet together?

24 A As a congregation, we meet together, except for the Feast
25 of Tabernacles.

1 Q So the Feast of the Tabernacles is the big event where
2 everybody comes from anywhere they can to be together?

3 A Right. And there's, you know, different areas, different
4 sites that we go to.

5 Q Elders come and your dad, of course, would be there and
6 your mom; right?

7 A Uh-huh.

8 Q And holy days, as I'm hearing you, it's more concentrated
9 on the congregations themselves, they'll gather?

10 A Right, just for Sabbath services.

11 Q Okay. So is that fair?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Okay. I understand. As I understand the mission of the
14 church, it's to spread the word of the gospel; correct?

15 A Right.

16 Q Is that fair, or Jesus Christ; is that fair?

17 A Yes.

18 Q And one of the things that the church does is distribute
19 the books that Mr. Weinland has written; is that right?

20 A Right.

21 Q And you're familiar with these two books?

22 A Yes.

23 Q And so one of the things the church does is they distribute
24 these books to people who want them at no cost to those persons;
25 correct?

1 A Right.

2 Q All right. The same thing is true for your father's
3 sermons; correct?

4 A Yes. What do you mean, like distributing?

5 Q Yeah, if somebody calls Mr. Dalrymple and says, I want to
6 get Mr. Weinland's sermon from June 4th, 2002, he could provide
7 it; correct?

8 A I believe April Combs actually sends those out.

9 Q April does?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Than you very much. But that's a function of the church --

12 A Yes.

13 Q -- to serve the spiritual needs?

14 A Uh-huh.

15 Q And in order to also spread the word, you have websites;
16 correct?

17 A Yes.

18 Q And the websites have contents of the teachings of your
19 church; correct?

20 A Right.

21 Q And you can download books, Mr. Weinland's books; correct?

22 A Uh-huh.

23 Q And Mr. Weinland has sort of a blog where he writes about
24 whatever the topic that's moving him is in the church; is that
25 right?

1 A Yes.

2 Q And is there also sort of a communication -- people who are
3 part of the church, they can communicate together, they have a
4 password and can get in and talk to each other? Are you
5 familiar with that?

6 A No.

7 Q There isn't anything like that?

8 A No. We have one for the elders, but not to communicate
9 with each other.

10 Q I misunderstood. So there is a website for the elders that
11 they can access?

12 A Uh-huh.

13 Q Do you know what the purpose of that is?

14 A Basically it depends on an elder. If it's in his own area,
15 then he can see the names of people in his area, their e-mail
16 addresses, things like that.

17 Q But the church uses this technology to spread its mission;
18 correct? Is that fair to say?

19 A Do you mean, what, the elders?

20 Q The websites.

21 A Oh, the websites, yes.

22 Q It's helping feed the spiritual needs of the congregation?

23 A Uh-huh.

24 Q All right. So those -- fulfilling those spiritual needs
25 have practical implications in terms of, you know, we live in

1 the physical world, things have to be paid for; is that right?

2 A Uh-huh.

3 Q So I would kind of like to talk to you about the expenses
4 associated with those spiritual -- serving those spiritual needs
5 in those categories we have. So with regard to those services,
6 like the one you attend on the Sabbath, I understand you meet in
7 a gathering place that you rent; correct?

8 A Right.

9 Q How does that work from an expense point of view?

10 A Different people get together in the closest area that they
11 can come to and there are -- they rent buildings or a hall
12 somewhere all over, so that would be an expense. We don't have
13 actual church buildings.

14 Q Right. So in your congregation, it's Mr. Dalrymple, is it
15 not, that will get the hotel room?

16 A Yes.

17 Q And he will submit an expense to you; right?

18 A Right.

19 Q So acting as the office -- as the administrative person in
20 the church, what do you do when he submits that expense to you?

21 A I'll look it over, I'll give him a check and send it out to
22 him.

23 Q Put it in the register of the books?

24 A Uh-huh.

25 Q And so you're reimbursing him for that cost incurred by him

1 on behalf of the church; is that fair?

2 A Right.

3 Q And what about the mileage for an elder to go and, you
4 know, back and forth to the sermon, would you reimburse that
5 kind of thing?

6 A Not normally, no.

7 Q What about if an elder had to drive or even fly to minister
8 to somebody or an evangelist, whoever would be appropriate, to
9 go to a baptism or a funeral and they incurred a mileage expense
10 or a hotel room or something like that, would you reimburse that
11 as a church expense?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Same way, they would give you a receipt --

14 A Uh-huh.

15 Q -- and you would write the check for the receipt and send
16 it back to them?

17 A Yes.

18 Q With regard to the sermons on the Sabbath, are there any
19 equipment rental-type expenses?

20 A Yes, there can be piers or speakers, things like that.

21 Q That's for the live feed sometimes over the --

22 A Uh-huh.

23 Q What about food at the Sabbath; does the church
24 headquarters, for lack of a better term, pay for any food for
25 the congregation at a Sabbath meeting?

1 A Not normally. If there's a meeting, sometimes there could
2 be food provided or every once in a while for holy days, we've
3 done that too.

4 Q Not typically, but could be?

5 A Uh-huh.

6 Q And those reimbursements are -- when you write the check,
7 what account are you using when you write those checks?

8 A The church account.

9 Q The Church of God account?

10 A Uh-huh.

11 Q And that would be either the Fifth Third account or the PNC
12 account, something like that?

13 A Right.

14 Q The cost of the pastor traveling, you have congregations
15 all over, the cost of the pastor traveling, you would consider
16 that a church expense, you would not?

17 A Uh-huh.

18 Q So how -- Wrong way to phrase it. Who decides where the
19 pastor will go and when?

20 A My dad does.

21 Q So your dad does?

22 A Uh-huh.

23 Q Who makes his travel arrangements typically?

24 A He does.

25 Q And how does he go about doing that?

1 A He makes up a calendar, decides where he's going to go for
2 the next month or two, and then makes his arrangements, flights,
3 rental cars, whatever.

4 Q Is his schedule sometimes posted on one of the websites so
5 folks know where he's going to be?

6 A Sometimes.

7 Q And people say, well, the pastor is coming on this Saturday
8 and we're going to go and listen to him and that sort of thing?

9 A Uh-huh.

10 Q Kind of keep the congregation aware?

11 A (Witness nods head affirmatively.)

12 Q And obviously when he travels to a congregation, he might
13 incur -- if he drives, he might get mileage or fuel; is that
14 fair?

15 A Uh-huh.

16 Q Or if he flies, the cost of the flight, if he stays in a
17 hotel, it would be the hotel bill?

18 A Right. But I don't take care of that stuff, my mom takes
19 care of that.

20 Q I'm just asking whether that's a church expense from your
21 point of view --

22 A Uh-huh.

23 Q -- as the administrative person in the --

24 MR. WEBB: Objection, Your Honor. Excuse me,

25 Mr. McBride. May we approach, Your Honor?

1 THE COURT: You may come up.

2 (Whereupon, the following discussion was had between the
3 Court and counsel at the bench, out of the hearing of the jury.)

4 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

5 MR. WEBB: Thank you, Judge. I'm trying to honor your
6 request not to have a speaking objection, so that's the reason
7 why I asked to come up.

8 THE COURT: All right.

9 MR. WEBB: I believe that Ms. Little has testified she
10 only started working in 2007, so I would just object to the lack
11 of foundation for any testimony related to the prior years. If
12 we could just get a time frame, that's all I'm seeking.

13 THE COURT: Well, I'm going to overrule the objection
14 as to the time period. I believe this witness has established
15 that she does understand the manner of making charges of certain
16 expenses that are incurred by the church, so the objection is
17 overruled.

18 MR. WEBB: Thank you, Judge. I'm sorry, Your Honor.

19 THE COURT: No, you'll not have a continuing
20 objection, you'll need to make it if you think it's appropriate.

21 MR. WEBB: Okay. Thank you, Judge.

22 (Whereupon, the following proceedings continued in open
23 court.)

24 MR. MCBRIDE: Thank you.

25 BY MR. MCBRIDE:

1 Q Ms. Little, let me ask it again, if I may. I'm asking you
2 about the expenses that are incurred by the pastor when he
3 travels on church business.

4 A Okay.

5 Q So we've talked about airfare possibly?

6 A Uh-huh.

7 Q Think of the farthest away, farthest from your home
8 congregation that your father might go to and think about what
9 expenses you've seen him turn in for reimbursement or that you
10 would consider church expenses.

11 A He doesn't send his expense reports to me.

12 Q I understand. What are the church expenses that he would
13 incur? We've got airfare?

14 A Uh-huh.

15 Q Hotel?

16 A Uh-huh.

17 Q Perhaps some meals?

18 A Okay, yeah.

19 Q Can you think of anything else typically?

20 A I don't know, but I'm not with him all the time. I don't
21 know what they did. They don't tell me what they do for
22 expenses. I don't know about that.

23 Q I understand. But you're the administrative person in the
24 organization and I'm asking you what you would understand
25 expenses to be.

1 MR. WEBB: Objection, Your Honor, I believe the
2 witness has said she doesn't know.

3 THE COURT: Overruled. She may give her understanding
4 based upon her position.

5 THE WITNESS: I only write checks out to the elders
6 and so I know that airfare -- that's just the basic things that
7 I can write a check for without having to check with my parents
8 to see if that's okay, would be airfare, hotels, rental cars,
9 and some food expenses, too. But that would be all that I could
10 write a check without asking them if that was okay.

11 BY MR. MCBRIDE:

12 Q Well, let me get to Mr. Webb's point, then. For those
13 things that you don't know are expenses, who do you ask?

14 A My parents.

15 Q All right. And when you say your parents, do you go
16 directly to your dad, do you go to your mom, just who's
17 available?

18 A Usually my mom. Whoever is there, but usually my mom.

19 Q And why would your mom know?

20 A Because she's the one that when I pay the bills, the credit
21 card bills, and I give her the statements, she's the one that
22 goes over the expenses and decides what's personal or what's
23 church. She's usually the one.

24 Q We'll talk about the process of paying the credit card
25 bills again. But just generally, let me make sure I understand.

1 You get the credit card bill, you pay it?

2 A Uh-huh.

3 Q And then you give it to your mother?

4 A Yes.

5 Q And you don't know what happens after that?

6 A Nope.

7 MR. WEBB: Your Honor, same objection, with the time
8 period. I believe that -- I'm just trying to get what time
9 period.

10 THE COURT: All right. I'll sustain. If you could be
11 more specific in terms of the time.

12 BY MR. MCBRIDE:

13 Q We're only talking about the time period when you started
14 working as administrative assistant through the end of 2008.

15 A Okay.

16 Q If we get off track, I'll try to remind you of that. So
17 from 2007 through 2008, when you paid the credit card bills,
18 what did you do with the bill?

19 A I gave it to my mom.

20 Q Okay. Do you know what she did with it?

21 A I know she went through every -- line by line and checked,
22 you know, for things -- for expenses or if it was church or
23 personal.

24 Q How do you know that, ma'am?

25 A I've seen her do it before. And she's written checks out

1 before that I would deposit, whether it was reimbursing the
2 church or from her personal account or she reimbursed herself
3 from the church account. I have deposited those checks before.
4 And on my mother's check, it usually says what it's for, so --

5 Q But your mother is the one making the decision about what's
6 personal versus church?

7 A Right.

8 Q But the things we've talked about so far would be things
9 that from your point of view you understand to be clearly church
10 expenses?

11 A Uh-huh.

12 Q You wouldn't need permission to pay for an airline bill if
13 your dad flew to a congregation event, would you?

14 A That would be on the credit card, so --

15 Q It just gets paid?

16 A I just pay it; right.

17 Q Well, we'll talk more about that, ma'am. And again, we're
18 talking 2007 to 2008.

19 All right. You explained to me the feast and the holy
20 days, and I appreciate that. Because they're shorter periods of
21 time, let's talk about the holy days.

22 What kind of expenses does your father incur that you're
23 aware of from 2007 to 2008 to go to a holy day celebration to be
24 with a congregation? If it's in Cincinnati, what would he incur
25 that you're aware of?

- 1 A Mileage, gas.
- 2 Q Let's say he had to go to England.
- 3 A Uh-huh.
- 4 Q So are you talking about the same kind of things? Parking?
- 5 A Airfare.
- 6 Q Airfare?
- 7 A Car.
- 8 Q Car?
- 9 A Uh-huh.
- 10 Q Hotel?
- 11 A Right.
- 12 Q Those sorts of things?
- 13 A Uh-huh.
- 14 Q Now, we talked about the book distribution. What kind of
- 15 costs are you aware of, again for the relevant time period, that
- 16 the church has incurred related to the book distributions?
- 17 A Envelopes, postage, things like that. You mean an amount?
- 18 Q No, not amounts.
- 19 A Okay.
- 20 Q Types. Types. For instance, who publishes the books? Who
- 21 prints them up, I mean?
- 22 A I think it's BookMasters.
- 23 Q And do you incur a cost for that? Do you pay them?
- 24 A Yes.
- 25 Q And how about postage or cost related to postage --

1 A Uh-huh.

2 Q -- for the books?

3 A Yes.

4 Q And there is some equipment related to that?

5 A Yes.

6 Q The church has bought some equipment related to that?

7 A Right.

8 Q How about packaging and mailing materials, you know, the
9 envelopes or the boxes to put them in?

10 A Right, uh-huh.

11 Q The church buys those things?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Or reimburses somebody for them?

14 A Right.

15 Q And there might be mileage driving to and from the post
16 office to be shipped or fuel related to that?

17 A Right.

18 Q Printers and printing cartridges; is that fair?

19 A Yes.

20 Q And I understand there's a storage facility where you hold
21 books getting ready to ship them out?

22 A Right.

23 Q Is there an Internet related cost? I know that there's
24 some communication with you and Mr. Dalrymple over the Internet,
25 that sort of thing. Is there any cost related to that, do you

1 think?

2 A I know there's a program that we had to have for the Post
3 Office, that there's a cost for that, for that machine, using
4 that, but as far as the Internet, no.

5 Q Let me roll back to 2004 and talk about is there any change
6 in the way Sabbath operates? And I mean from a practical point
7 of view, you know, meeting every Saturday. Is there any change
8 in that from 2004 to 2008?

9 A No.

10 Q How about the pastor visiting congregations, is there any
11 changes in how that happens from 2004 to 2008?

12 A What do you mean, my dad or --

13 Q Your dad, yeah.

14 A Okay.

15 Q Your dad, in 2004, when you were a member, he would fly to
16 congregations, wouldn't he?

17 A Uh-huh.

18 Q And your mom would always attend with him?

19 A Right.

20 Q And so that hasn't changed at all, has it?

21 A No.

22 Q The same thing with the book distribution, your dad had a
23 book back in 2004, I think he first published it. The same
24 thing, he would send out books?

25 A Uh-huh.

1 Q And I think at one point videos; is that right?

2 A Uh-huh.

3 Q CDs and that sort of thing?

4 A Yes.

5 Q So the church's work to continue to spread the word.

6 A Right.

7 Q And there would have been the same kind of costs associated
8 then with that as there are now, as far as you know?

9 A Uh-huh.

10 Q We talked about the websites being one of the ways the
11 ministry is spread. There are several websites; correct?
12 There's one called, and correct me if I get this wrong,
13 end-time.com; is that right?

14 A No.

15 Q Theend.com?

16 A I think it's the-end.com.

17 Q Thank you. And that's the one that the books are
18 distributed from; right?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Or that you can download a book?

21 A Yes.

22 Q And then there's the Church of God - Preparing for the
23 Kingdom of God website; right?

24 A Uh-huh.

25 Q And then your father has a website or a blog of sorts?

1 A Right.

2 Q And then I think you told us there was the site that elders
3 could access --

4 A Uh-huh.

5 Q -- for exchange of more close-held information and
6 addresses and that kind of thing?

7 A Right.

8 Q So let's talk about the expenses associated with that. I
9 understand there are Google fees?

10 A Uh-huh.

11 Q Explain that to me. Some of us just aren't computer
12 people. What's a Google fee?

13 A It's our advertising. I think it's by -- they do keywords.
14 So if you type in like end time or something like that on the
15 computer that our website will come up on a Google search.

16 Q So if I'm looking for your dad or the church, you pay
17 Google so that your name or your keywords related to your
18 organization will bring your website up before maybe somebody
19 else's who, you know, doesn't pay Google; is that right?

20 A Right.

21 Q Is that a weekly -- is it a one-time fee, an ongoing fee,
22 what is that?

23 A Ongoing, daily.

24 Q So every day?

25 A Uh-huh.

1 Q Do you have any idea how much it is?

2 A That varies. If we're doing more advertising and putting
3 more money into it, then it's a lot more than -- it depends on
4 if we're slow or, you know --

5 Q So the more you pay, the better your -- the better the
6 reaction time or the response on the website is?

7 A Right.

8 Q Okay. And you did this from '07 to '04 -- or '07 to '08,
9 I'm sorry?

10 A I don't remember that.

11 Q Do you know how long you've been doing the Google -- paying
12 the Google?

13 A I'm not really quite sure.

14 Q Okay. Are there any other fees for payments the church
15 makes related to advertising on the web that you're aware of?

16 A I don't know.

17 Q Websites sometimes require maintenance and upgrading and
18 that sort of thing.

19 A Uh-huh.

20 Q Have you had that kind of work done on your websites?

21 A I don't know.

22 Q Do you know who Mr. Greg Chipps is?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Who is he?

25 A He's a member of our church in Detroit.

1 Q Does he do any work on your websites?

2 A Yes.

3 Q What kind of work does he do? And, again, '04 to '08, as
4 far as you know?

5 A I know he made the program for me when I enter the
6 contribution in the computer, so he's worked on that and he said
7 anytime I have a problem. And then he works on the elders'
8 website for sure. That's what I'm aware of. I'm not sure what
9 else he does.

10 Q Could he have worked on the other websites too?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Do you know what he does for a living?

13 A I don't know.

14 Q He's not a W-2 employee of the church, though, is he?

15 A No.

16 Q You pay him for his services?

17 A Yes.

18 Q All right. Are there any domain fees that you're aware of
19 related to the websites? Do you pay domain fees?

20 A I don't pay them personally, so I don't -- I'm not sure.

21 Q Okay. Do you know if they exist or not?

22 A Actually, I think Greg does, because I think I've seen that
23 on his expense before.

24 Q Might be an expense that he advances and the church
25 reimburses?

1 A Yes, but I'm not a hundred percent sure about that, but I
2 think --

3 Q Okay. You think so?

4 A Yeah, I'm not positive.

5 Q But that would be a church expense in your eyes?

6 A Right.

7 Q I think we've covered all the sort of functions that
8 directly support spiritual needs of the church. Do you see
9 anything else that I'm missing where there might be operations
10 or functions or events of the church that serve a spiritual need
11 directly like we've been talking about here?

12 A Not that I can think of.

13 Q Okay. I want to talk about some operational -- I call them
14 operational costs, not directly associated to spiritual
15 functions and I think they're just things that any organization
16 might have. Where is your office, ma'am?

17 A It's at my parents' house in the basement area.

18 Q Could you describe it for me? How big is it?

19 A It's like a bedroom. Average bedroom I guess.

20 Q So it's a bedroom in a home that you converted to an
21 office?

22 A Right.

23 Q All right. Do you have office-type equipment in your
24 office?

25 A Yes.

1 Q Tell us what you've got.
2 A Computer, printer, copy machine, that's what I've got.
3 Q Does your office provide you a phone?
4 A Yes.
5 Q Okay. So you've got a cell phone?
6 A Yes.
7 Q And the church pays for that?
8 A Yes.
9 Q Okay. That was in --
10 A Well, part of it. In 2000 -- about 2008, they paid \$50 of
11 it.
12 Q Starting in 2008?
13 A Uh-huh.
14 Q So originally they were paying the whole thing?
15 A No, they weren't paying for it.
16 Q They weren't paying any?
17 A Yeah.
18 Q Okay. I'm sorry. So like my office gives me a Blackberry,
19 you have some phone service provided by the church?
20 A Yes.
21 Q Do you know if they do that for your dad and your mom?
22 A I don't know how their cell phone is paid for.
23 Q That's fair. I lost my spot here. I'm sorry.
24 All right. So you've got a computer, you have a printer.
25 A (Witness nodding head affirmatively.)

1 Q So you've got -- Ma'am, I need you to say yes.

2 A Oh, yes. I'm sorry.

3 Q It's being taken down. So you've got a computer, you've
4 got a printer and you would have cost of ink cartridges, that
5 sort of thing?

6 A Right.

7 Q You have office postage different from the materials that
8 are shipped off for the spiritual support?

9 A Yes.

10 Q You have office supplies?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Paper, pencils, pens, all that stuff?

13 A Right.

14 Q And it constantly needs to be refurbished; correct?

15 A Right.

16 Q Do you have a postage meter in your office?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Files, do you have file cabinets?

19 A Yes.

20 Q So you've got all the things that an office requires to
21 function?

22 A Right.

23 Q How about employees? You're a W-2 employee of the church;
24 right?

25 A Yes.

1 Q What was your salary when you started in '07?

2 A I got paid \$1,000 a month spending money, but my W-2,
3 18,000 altogether for the year.

4 Q So that was your reported W-2 income?

5 A Yes.

6 Q And out of that taxes were taken?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Who created your W-2?

9 A I did.

10 Q And are you aware that -- Is your father a W-2 employee?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Who creates his W-2?

13 A He does.

14 Q Did your salary or your pay change at all in 2008?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Tell me about that.

17 A I'm not really quite sure what it was monthly, but I think
18 yearly it was 32,000-something.

19 Q So you went from 18 to 32?

20 A Uh-huh.

21 Q Who gave you the raise?

22 A My parents.

23 Q Your parents?

24 A Uh-huh.

25 Q And for lack of a better term, I'm going to use the word

1 "contractor." The church has some people it contracts with;
2 correct?

3 A Yes.

4 Q So we already talked about Mr. Greg Chipps; correct?

5 A Uh-huh.

6 Q And do you know if he was issued a 1099?

7 A I believe so.

8 Q Who issued the 1099?

9 A My dad.

10 Q And Mr. Dalrymple?

11 A Uh-huh.

12 Q He provides the distribution services for the church;
13 correct?

14 A Right.

15 Q Did he get a 1099?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Who issued it?

18 A My dad.

19 Q And in 2008, did your brother do some work for the church?

20 A Yes.

21 Q And did he get a 1099 for that?

22 A I'm not sure which one he got for that.

23 Q Has your brother done work for the church for which he was
24 compensated before 2008 that you're aware of?

25 A I don't know how he was paid at all.

1 Q I'm sorry?

2 A I don't know how he was paid at all, so --

3 Q Or if he was paid?

4 A Yeah, I'm not sure.

5 Q Okay. When you told me earlier that you'll sometimes drive
6 from your home to the post office and you drive -- not your
7 home, I'm sorry. From your office to the post office and back,
8 that would be an office errand, even if you went from your home
9 I suppose, are there times you go out and do other things on
10 behalf of the church in your duties? For instance, would you go
11 out and buy supplies and things like that?

12 A Yes.

13 Q You might pick up a member and transport them to a site to
14 do books or something like that?

15 A Right.

16 Q Do you put in for that mileage, and again between the 2007
17 and 2008 time frame?

18 A Not then I didn't.

19 Q Do you now?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Why do you do that now?

22 A Before I wasn't reimbursed for any of my -- or for any of
23 my gas, all the gas that I paid for myself, and we just didn't
24 do it before, so now I do get reimbursed for gas, so --

25 Q Okay. Are there times that the elders -- again, '04 to

1 '08, that you know, gathered together -- obviously, there was a
2 spiritual component, but to talk about church business with your
3 dad, they had meetings for elder business, for lack of a better
4 term?

5 A Yes, they have meetings.

6 Q Do you know how long typically those meetings would last?

7 A It could be a couple of hours in a day or it could be a
8 couple of days.

9 Q There's times they would go places and meet for three days
10 or something; is that right?

11 A Right.

12 Q And just to get to the expenses again, that might be
13 mileage?

14 A Uh-huh.

15 Q Correct?

16 A Right.

17 Q Or airfare and a hotel; correct?

18 A Right.

19 Q It may be meals, too?

20 A Right.

21 Q And if they took a trip, they might take their wives with
22 them?

23 A Yes.

24 Q From your point of view as an elder and stepping back down
25 from the expenses, why do the spouses go with the elders? Why

1 is that an expectation? Or is it an expectation?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Why. Can you explain that to me?

4 A We believe that husbands and wives, they work together as a
5 team, and it's not just the husband doing everything, they both
6 usually play a role in that.

7 Q And the wife or the husband is always a member of the
8 church; correct?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Let me ask you about -- and if you can't answer it, tell
11 me. If I were a member of the church, but my wife wasn't, would
12 there still be an expectation for her to be with her when I
13 minister to somebody?

14 A When you ministered somebody? What do you mean?

15 Q Well, like if I met somebody to give them counseling in my
16 role as an elder and my wife was not a member of the church,
17 would there still be an expectation that she would come with me?

18 A No, she wouldn't be there.

19 Q I want to talk a little bit about the legal construction of
20 the church, if you're aware of it. And are you aware of the
21 legal structure of the church?

22 A No.

23 MR. MCBRIDE: Your Honor, may I show the witness
24 what's been previously marked as Government Exhibit No. 38?

25 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

1 MR. MCBRIDE: May I have a moment, Your Honor?

2 Your Honor, Government Exhibit No. 38 is the certified
3 copy of the Certificate of Incorporation of the Church of God -
4 PKG, Inc. We ask that it be admitted, Your Honor.

5 THE COURT: Any objection?

6 MR. WEBB: No objection to its admission, Your Honor.

7 THE COURT: Exhibit 38 will be admitted at this time.

8 BY MR. MCBRIDE:

9 Q Ma'am, would you take a look at Government Exhibit No. 38?

10 MR. MCBRIDE: Can I have the Elmo on, please?

11 MR. WEBB: Your Honor, I would object to any questions
12 regarding the document since she's testified that she's not
13 familiar with the legal structure of the church.

14 THE COURT: He still can question. Overruled.

15 You may proceed.

16 MR. MCBRIDE: Thank you, Your Honor.

17 BY MR. MCBRIDE:

18 Q Ma'am, I'm not going to ask you about the legal structure
19 of the church, but I want to show you this. Do you see where it
20 says "Our Mission"?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Would you read that three-line sentence for us?

23 A "The mission of this corporation is to support the ministry
24 that proclaims the gospel of Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of
25 God, and that preaches the truth of God's church as it seeks to

1 minister to his people worldwide in preparing them for the
2 Kingdom of God."

3 Q Do you think that's a fair summary of the mission of the
4 church?

5 A Yes.

6 Q One more thing I would like you to look at. Would you turn
7 to the -- well, I'll put it on the Elmo and you can look at it
8 or you can turn to page number two, ma'am. Do you see down here
9 where it says "Fifth Paragraph"?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Would you read that for us, please?

12 A "The corporation may have members, but not shareholders,
13 and shall be governed by a board of directors who shall be
14 selected in the manner provided by the bylaws. Prior to the
15 first meeting of the members, the following persons will serve
16 as directors of the corporation."

17 Q And whose name is underneath there?

18 A Ronald Weinland.

19 Q Do you think that fairly describes your father's role as
20 the leader?

21 A A board of directors?

22 Q Of your church?

23 A I don't believe that we have a board of directors.

24 Q Fair enough. Thank you.

25 Sorry about that. Pardon me. You told us earlier -- I

1 want to talk about the accounts the church uses. You told us
2 earlier that right now you have accounts at Fifth Third that
3 you're familiar with and use, PNC Bank, and National City
4 checking that you were mostly familiar with; correct?

5 A Yes.

6 Q All right. You also told us that you paid the church bills
7 and all the bills that came in?

8 A Yes.

9 Q What did you mean by that?

10 A Credit card statements, their personal bills too, church
11 bills, all that.

12 Q Do you know whose name are on the accounts for the Church
13 of God, all of the Church of God accounts that you're aware of?

14 A My parents'.

15 Q Anybody else?

16 A Not that I'm aware of -- Well, my -- I'm -- yes.

17 Q You can write checks on those accounts; right?

18 A Yes.

19 Q All right. How about where do your parents -- and I'm
20 talking about 2007 to 2008 now. Where do your parents have
21 accounts personally?

22 A Fifth Third, PNC, I think they had a National City, maybe
23 Bank of Kentucky.

24 Q Okay. And those are their personal accounts?

25 A Actually I'm not positive about Bank of Kentucky. I'm not

1 sure they had a personal one there.

2 Q All right. Is there a Bank of Kentucky checking account in
3 their name?

4 A No, it's the church name.

5 Q And how about -- and can you sign checks on all their
6 personal accounts?

7 A Yes.

8 Q And then they have some credit cards; do they not?

9 A Yes.

10 Q American Express cards?

11 A Uh-huh.

12 Q Citibank cards?

13 A Yes.

14 Q A GM MasterCard, are you aware of that?

15 A I'm not positive about that.

16 Q How about an MBNA card?

17 A I think they used to a long time ago.

18 Q They used to?

19 A I think so.

20 Q All right. I want to talk about the general process that
21 you mentioned earlier about paying the credit card bills.

22 A Uh-huh.

23 Q Is it a fair statement that a lot of expenses for the
24 church and for your mom and dad are put on their credit cards?

25 A Yes.

1 Q The church doesn't have credit cards?

2 A No.

3 Q You explained it to me, but would you tell the jury why the
4 church doesn't have a credit card?

5 A We use the credit cards a lot for everything and they don't
6 really give a church very high limit for credit card and they
7 can actually get a higher limit from their personal cards in
8 their name.

9 Q So does the higher limit give them -- give your parents
10 more flexibility?

11 A Yes.

12 Q All right. Do you have a credit card that you use for
13 church expenses?

14 A I used to have -- well, my name is on their credit cards --
15 well, yes, some of their credit cards, so I used to use some of
16 theirs and sometimes -- and now I use my credit card and just
17 get an expense check back from that.

18 Q So the same way Mr. Dalrymple gets reimbursed for his
19 cards --

20 A Yes.

21 Q -- you might get reimbursed for your costs?

22 A Yes.

23 Q In the past you might have used one of your parents' cards?

24 A Right.

25 Q So when a credit card bill comes in, what do you do with

1 it?

2 A I pay it, I print the credit card statement, and I give it
3 to my mom.

4 Q When you say you pay it, what accounts do you pay it from?
5 Do you pay it from a Church of God account or one of your
6 parents' personal accounts?

7 A The credit card bills always come from my parents'.

8 Q And do you put money from the Church of God accounts into
9 your parents accounts to cover those credit cards?

10 A Yes.

11 Q So is the first step figuring out how much is on the bill
12 that month?

13 A (Witness nodding head affirmatively.)

14 Q And then taking the money from the Church of God account
15 and putting it in one of your parents' accounts; correct?

16 A Usually, yes.

17 Q And then from there, you write the check from your parents'
18 account and pay the credit card bill?

19 A That or do it on the Internet sometimes.

20 Q When you do it on the Internet, are you doing it from your
21 parents' account?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Same process?

24 A Same thing, yeah.

25 Q All right. So typically, and there may be some exceptions,

1 typically do you pay off the credit cards completely every
2 month?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Why do you do that?

5 A You get fees for that if you don't, interest.

6 Q You're not getting interest, you're saving money?

7 A Right.

8 Q And you have multiple credit cards coming in every month;
9 correct?

10 A Right.

11 Q But for each one it's always the same process, money from
12 the Church of God to a personal account to a credit card?

13 A Uh-huh.

14 Q All right. I would like to look at some of these accounts
15 just so that you can identify them and talk a little bit about
16 them.

17 MR. MCBRIDE: Your Honor, do you want me to continue
18 at this point? How much further would you like me to go?

19 THE COURT: I was going to go a few minutes longer,
20 but if this is a good breaking point, we'll go ahead and take
21 our break.

22 MR. MCBRIDE: It very well may be.

23 THE COURT: All right. Very well.

24 Ladies and gentlemen, we will take our afternoon break
25 at this time. We'll take a break until 2:30 this afternoon.

1 Please keep in mind the admonition that you've been given
2 previously not to discuss the case among yourselves while we are
3 in recess.

4 The jury will be excused until 2:30 this afternoon.

5 (Whereupon, the jury retired from the courtroom, after which
6 the following proceedings were had in open court.)

7 THE COURT: Thank you. Ms. Little, you'll be excused
8 until 2:30. I will advise you as you step down that the Court
9 has invoked the rule on witnesses, which prohibits any witness
10 from speaking with anyone about his or her testimony while
11 you're testifying. Thank you.

12 Any issues to take up, Counsel?

13 MR. MCBRIDE: No, sir.

14 MR. CLINE: No, Your Honor.

15 THE COURT: We'll be in recess until 2:30. Thank you.

16 (Transcript concluded at 2:14 p.m.)

17 C E R T I F I C A T E

18 I, Cynthia A. Oakes, certify that the foregoing is a
19 correct transcript from the record of proceedings in the
20 above-entitled matter.

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