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**Pastor McGill Answers the General Conference Department of Communications:**

**SDA:** *We believe that Pastor McGill has the right to exercise his religious beliefs...*

**McGill:** In order to *exercise* my religious beliefs, I must identify who I am via the name of my religion which is “Creation Seventh Day Adventist” (a divinely mandated name). There is no other name appropriate that would testify to my religious identity; consequently, my conscience requires me to employ this name in my religious observances and missionary services.

I am not “Seventh-day Adventist” per se, but a *type* of Seventh Day Adventist as illustrated in the dictionary as follows:

**Seventh-Day Adventist**

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*Protestant theol* a member of that branch of the Adventists which constituted itself as a separate body after the expected Second Coming of Christ failed to be realized in 1844. They are strongly Protestant, believe that Christ's coming is imminent, and observe Saturday instead of Sunday as their Sabbath

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While we “are strongly Protestant, believe that Christ’s coming is imminent, and observe Saturday instead of Sunday as [the] Sabbath” (as do the “Seventh-day Adventists”), we also believe in absolute separation of church and state and would never employ the civil power to seek a redress of grievances with respect to a religious conflict. In addition, we never incorporate our church association as a “legal entity” for church administration purposes. Our faith is based on the principles of the Bible alone and have nothing to do with a “church manual” or other ecclesiastical code of law. We further believe (unlike the “Seventh-day Adventists”) that all genuine Christians are re-created by the power of God and become a *new creation*; thus illustrating one significance of the name of our religion – Creation Seventh Day Adventist.

**SDA:** *...to falsely identify himself with an organization of which he is not a part, is not acceptable.*

**McGill:** I have not identified myself with any other organization than the unified body of Creation Seventh Day Adventist believers. The court record clearly states we have never sought to deceive or defraud any Seventh-day Adventist Church organization.

**SDA:** *This false association confuses the public, media and at times our own members.*

**McGill:** During the long time period between our founding in 1991 and the current date in 2012, the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists has not discovered one instance of confusion caused by our use of the name Creation Seventh Day Adventist. The court record attests to this fact.

**SDA:** *It is not the intention of the Seventh day Adventist Church to shut down Pastor McGill's ministry.*

**McGill:** If the above statement was true, the Seventh-day Adventist Church would do what Jesus did when faced with a similar situation. Read Luke 9:49, 50:

*And John answered and said, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name; and we forbid him, because he followeth not with us. And Jesus said unto him, **Forbid him not: for he that is not against us is for us.***

There is one fact that is not brought out in the legal documentation. During the years of our ministry, there have been more persons join with the Seventh-day Adventist Church because of our labors than those who have joined with the Creation Seventh Day Adventist Church. You may ask, why? Because we are a small denomination and have few places for worship and fellowship (and the Plaintiffs have “more than 6,200 congregations in North America”), many people have decided to attend worship in one of those thousands of convenient SDA Church locations. Instead of defrauding the Seventh-day Adventist Church, we have inadvertently profited them.

**SDA:** *Recent developments are the result of actions taken by the court because Pastor McGill did not comply with the court's ruling.*

**McGill:** It was the General Conference attorney who requested a “civil commitment.” This amounts to a “keys-in-the-pocket” incarceration until the guilty party complies with the mandates of all injunctions and court orders. And, keep in mind, this is a civil case, not criminal. For further evidence, read the “[PROPOSED] ORDER OF CONTEMPT AND SANCTIONS” drafted by Joel Galanter, counsel for the Plaintiffs.

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