

NINETEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE
STATE OF LOUISIANA

WOODLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NO:

VERSUS

DIVISION:

THE PRESBYTERY OF SOUTH LOUISIANA

ORDER

CONSIDERING THE FOREGOING Petition For Temporary Restraining Order, Preliminary Injunction, and Declaratory Judgment filed herein by Woodland Presbyterian Church:

IT IS ORDERED that a Temporary Restraining Order be and hereby is issued as of this 22nd day of May, 2007, at 9:30 o'clock A.m., which Temporary Restraining Order shall continue for ten (10) days hereafter from the date and time above indicated unless, prior to the time of expiration, it is extended by the Court for good cause shown.

This Temporary Restraining Order shall be effective against the Presbytery of South Louisiana, its officers, agents, employees, and counsel, and any persons in active concert or participation with it, on its behalf or in its stead, restraining the Presbytery of South Louisiana from filing any documents in the mortgage and conveyance records of Orleans Parish to assert rights of ownership, or rights to determine ownership, to any property titled in the name of Woodland Presbyterian Church or to assert a trust on behalf of the Presbytery of South Louisiana or other third party over property titled in the name of the Woodland Presbyterian Church, the effect of which would be to place a cloud on the title of said property, or otherwise take any action to claim ownership of local church property, or a right to determine ownership of local church property, in the possession of, control of, or owned by Woodland Presbyterian Church; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Presbytery of South Louisiana, and any persons in active concert or participation with it, on its behalf or in its stead, is temporarily restrained from taking any action that could affect the property and rights of Woodland Presbyterian Church, including but not limited to: 1) seeking to change the locks of Woodland Presbyterian Church;

~~2) initiating any disciplinary action against the ministers or members of Woodland Presbyterian Church; 3) appointing an administrative commission to assert original jurisdiction over Woodland Presbyterian Church; or 4) otherwise interfering with the normal duties and responsibilities of the ministers and other employees of Woodland Presbyterian Church, the governing body of said local church (the "session"), or the board of trustees, the governing body of the local church corporation.~~

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Petitioner/applicant is not required to furnish security as a condition to the issuance of this Temporary Restraining Order.

This Order is being granted without notice and hearing to temporarily preclude the Presbytery of South Louisiana from appointing an administrative commission to exercise original jurisdiction to replace the authority of the ordained clergy employed by Woodland Presbyterian Church or the authority of the session or board of trustees of Woodland Presbyterian Church prior to a determination by this Court of the rights and responsibilities of the parties.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Temporary Restraining Order be filed in the Clerk's Office and entered of record.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the defendant The Presbytery of South Louisiana show cause on the 1st day of JUNE, 2007, at 9:00 o'clock, A.m. why a preliminary injunction should not be issued and granted as prayed for by petitioner.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the defendant file its response to the petitioner's request for a Declaratory Judgment within the delays allowed by law.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, this 22nd day of May, 2007. @ 9:30 A.M.

R. Michael Caldwell
JUDGE, NINETEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

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DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT

PLEASE SERVE:
THE PRESBYTERY OF SOUTH LOUISIANA
Through its agent for service of process:
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