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15 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
16 **FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA**

18 RON LEE, NAOMI GATZKE, JOSEPH  
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19 OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH, a  
not-for-profit religious corporation, and THE  
20 CALIFORNIA-NEVADA-HAWAII  
DISTRICT OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH-  
21 MISSOURI SYNOD, a not-for profit religious  
corporation,

22 Plaintiffs,

23 vs.

24 SHARON BOWLES, MARY ANN HILL,  
25 PORTIA RIDGEWAY, and CELIA MOYER,

26 Defendants.  
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Case No. RG07363452

Judge: Hon. Steven A. Brick  
Hearing Date: March 13, 2008  
Hearing Time: 3:00 p.m.  
Reservation No.: R-795577  
Courtroom No.: 17

**DECLARATION OF SHERRI C.  
STRAND IN SUPPORT OF  
APPLICATION TO APPEAR AS  
COUNSEL PRO HAC VICE**

Filing Date: December 28, 2007  
Trial Date: None Set

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I, Sherri C. Strand, declare:

1. My name is Sherri C. Strand. I currently reside at 2333 Camberwell Drive, St. Louis, Missouri 63131. I am a partner of the law firm of Thompson Coburn LLP at One US Bank Plaza, Suite 2600, St. Louis, Missouri 63101. I have personal knowledge of the facts as set forth herein and if called as a witness could and would testify competently as to those facts.

2. I have been admitted to practice before the courts of Missouri (date of admission: 1978). I have also been admitted to the following federal courts: the United States Supreme Court (date of admission: 1987); the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri (1978); and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit (date of admission: 1978).

3. I am a member in good standing of each of the bars of these courts.

4. I am not currently suspended or disbarred in any court.

5. I have not applied to appear *pro hac vice* in any California actions in the preceding two years.

6. The following active members of the State Bar of California are attorneys of record for the plaintiffs in these cases:

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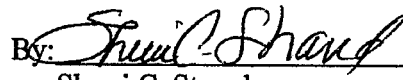
7. During the past several years, I have represented a number of religious nonprofit

1 corporations in a wide variety of matters, including property-related issues.

2 8. Plaintiffs have requested that I appear in this matter on their behalf. I am familiar  
3 with the issues in this case and am prepared to proceed with the litigation of this matter.  
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5 I declare under penalty and perjury of the laws of California that the foregoing is true and  
6 correct.


7 Executed on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008, at St. Louis, Missouri

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9 By:   
10 Sherri C. Strand

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1.	At the time of service I was at least 18 years of age and <b>not a party to this legal action.</b>
2.	My business address is 3 Embarcadero Center, 24 <sup>th</sup> Floor, San Francisco, CA 94111.
3.	<b>I SERVED COPIES OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS: DECLARATION OF SHERRI C. STRAND IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION TO APPEAR AS COUNSEL <i>PRO HAC VICE</i></b>
4.	I served the documents listed above in item 3 on the following persons at the addresses listed::
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5. a.	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>By personal service.</b> I personally delivered the documents on the date shown below to the persons at the addresses listed above in item 4. (1) For a party represented by an attorney, delivery was made to the attorney or at the attorney's office by leaving the documents in an envelope or package clearly labeled to identify the attorney being served with a receptionist or an individual in charge of the office. (2) For a party delivery was made to the party or by leaving the documents at the party's residence between the hours of eight in the morning and six in the evening with some person not less than 18 years of age.
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>e.</b>	<b>By fax transmission.</b> Based on an agreement of the parties to accept service by fax transmission, I faxed the documents on the date shown below to the fax numbers of the persons listed in item 4. No error was reported by the fax machine that I used. A copy of the fax transmission, which I printed out, is attached.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>f.</b>	<b>By e-mail or electronic transmission.</b> Based on an agreement of the parties to accept service by e-mail or electronic transmission, I caused the documents to be sent on the date shown below to the e-mail addresses of the persons listed in item 4. I did not receive within a reasonable time after the transmission any electronic message or other indication that the transmission was unsuccessful.
6. I served the documents by the means described in item 5 on:  February 20, 2008		
I declare under penalty of perjury that this document is signed in San Francisco, California under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.		
2/20/08	Leon Thomas, Jr.	
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