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Notice of Hearing Panel regarding Bishop Howard

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Bishop Brooke-Davidson:

As counsel for Bishop Howard, I write to inform the Hearing Panel that the mother of Bishop Howard's wife, Marie Howard, has passed. As a result, Bishop and Mrs. Howard left Florida last week and do not expect to return to Jacksonville until August 7.

I need Bishop Howard's assistance to complete the response we are preparing to the Panel's July 2, 2024 Notice transmitted with the email below in this Title IV proceeding. Due to Bishop Howard's unexpected unavailability, Bishop Howard and I will require additional time to complete the response. I plan on transmitting the response to the Panel by August 19, 2024.

I trust under the circumstances, that this delay will be acceptable to the Panel. Bishop Howard and I appreciate the Panel's consideration.

Stephen D. Busey

Chairman

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