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# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS SHERMAN DIVISION

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THE REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD	§	
EAGLE BELIEVERS CHAPEL	§	CASE 16-40620
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DEBTOR	§	

# DISCLOSURE STATEMENT OF THE REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD EAGLE BELIEVERS CHAPEL PURSUANT TO SECTION 1125 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE DATED DECEMBER 15, 2016

TO: ALL PARTIES-IN-INTEREST, THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD AND TO THE HONORABLE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE:

# I INTRODUCTION

#### Identity of the Debtors

The Redeemed Christian Church of God Eagle Believers Chapel, ("Debtor") filed its voluntary Chapter 11 case in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Texas, Sherman Division ("Court") on April 4, 2016. The Debtor owes a piece of real property located in Lewisville Texas. The Debtor proposes to sell all its assets and provide a dividend to the unsecured creditors of Debtor.

#### **Purpose of Disclosure Statement; Source of Information**

Debtor submits this Disclosure Statement ("Disclosure Statement") pursuant to Section 1125 of the Code to all known Claimants of Debtor for the purpose of disclosing that information which the Court has determined is material, important, and necessary for Creditors of Debtor in order to arrive at an intelligent, reasonably informed decision in exercising the right to vote for acceptance or rejection of the Debtor's Plan of Reorganization dated December 15, 2016 ("Plan"). This Disclosure Statement describes the operations of the Debtor contemplated under the Plan. You are urged to study the Plan in full and to consult with your counsel about the Plan and its impact upon your legal rights. Any accounting information contained herein has been provided by the Debtor.

### **Explanation of Chapter 11**

Chapter 11 is the principal reorganization chapter of the Code. Pursuant to Chapter 11, a debtor is authorized to reorganize its business for its own benefit and that of its creditors and equity interest holders. Formulation of a plan of reorganization is the principal purpose of a Chapter 11 reorganization case. A plan of reorganization sets forth the means for satisfying claims against and interests in the debtor. After a plan of reorganization has been filed, it must be accepted by holders of claims against, or interests in, the debtor. Section 1125 of the Code requires full disclosure before solicitation of acceptances of a plan of reorganization. This Disclosure Statement is presented to Claimants to satisfy the requirements of Section 1125 of the Code.

# **Explanation of the Process of Confirmation**

Even if all Classes of Claims accept the plan, its confirmation may be refused by the Court. Section 1129 of the Code sets forth the requirements for confirmation and, among other things, requires that a plan of reorganization be in the best interests of Claimants. It generally requires that the value to be distributed to Claimants may not be less than such parties would receive if the debtor were liquidated under Chapter 7 of the Code.

Acceptance of the plan by the Creditors and Equity Interest Holders is important. In order for the plan to be accepted by each class of claims, the creditors that hold at least two thirds (2/3) in amount and more than one-half  $(\frac{1}{2})$  in number of the allowed claims actually voting on the plan in such class must vote for the plan and the equity interest holders that hold at least two-thirds (2/3) in amount of the allowed interests actually voting on the plan in such class must vote for the plan. Chapter 11 of the Code does not require that each holder of a claim against, or interest in, the debtor vote in favor of the plan in order for it to be confirmed by the Court. The plan, however, must be accepted by: (i) at least the holder of one (1) class of claims by a majority in number and two-thirds (2/3) in amount of those claims of such class actually voting; or (ii) at least the holders of one (1) class of allowed interests by two-thirds (2/3) in amount of the allowed interests of such class actually voting.

The Court may confirm the plan even though less than all of the classes of claims and interests accept it. The requirements for confirmation of a plan over the objection of one or more classes of claims or interests are set forth in Section 1129(b) of the Code.

Confirmation of the plan discharges the debtor from all of its pre-confirmation debts and liabilities except as expressly provided for in the plan and Section 1141(d) of the Code. Confirmation makes the plan binding upon the debtors and all claimants, equity interest holders and other parties-in-interest, regardless of whether or not they have accepted the plan.

#### **Voting Procedures**

<u>Unimpaired Class</u>. Claimants in Classes 1 are not impaired under the Plan. Such Class is deemed to have accepted the Plan.

<u>Impaired Classes</u>. The Class 2 and 3 Claimants are impaired as defined by Section 1124 of the Code. The Debtor is seeking the acceptance of the Plan by Claimants in Classes 2 and 3. Each holder of an Allowed Claim in Classes 2 and 3 may vote on the Plan by completing, dating and signing the ballot sent to each holder and filing the ballot as set forth below.

For all Classes, the ballot must be returned to Eric A. Liepins, 12770 Coit Road, Suite 1100, Dallas, Texas 75251. In order to be counted, ballots must be **RECEIVED** no later than at the time and on the date stated on the ballot.

#### **Best Interests of Creditors Test**

Section 1129(a)(7) of the Code requires that each impaired class of claims or interests accept the Plan or receive or retain under the Plan on account of such claim or interest, property of a value as of the Effective Date of the Plan, that is not less than the amount that such holder would so receive or retain if the Debtor was liquidated under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code. If Section 1111(b)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code applies to the claims of such class, each holder of a claim of such class will receive or retain under the Plan, on account of such claim, property of a value, as of the Effective Date of the Plan, that is not less than the value of such holder's interest in the estate's interest in the property that secures such claims. In order for the Plan to be confirmed, the Bankruptcy Court must determine that the Plan is in the best interests of the Debtor's creditors. Accordingly, the proposed Plan must provide the Debtor's creditors with more than they would receive in a Chapter 7 liquidation. It is anticipated that in a Chapter 7 liquidation, the Debtor's creditors, other than the secured creditors, would receive nothing. Accordingly, since the Plan proposes a substantial dividend to all creditors, such creditors are receiving more than they would receive in a Chapter 7 liquidation. Accordingly, the Plan satisfies the requirements of Section 1129(a)(7).

#### Cramdown

The Court may confirm the Plan even though less than all of the classes of claims and interests accept it. The requirements for confirmation of a plan over the objection of one or more classes of claims or interests are set forth in Section 1129(b) of the Code.

# II REPRESENTATIONS

[Note: Paragraphs in brackets to be included after the Bankruptcy Court approves this Disclosure Statement.]

[This Disclosure Statement is provided pursuant to Section 1125 of the Code to all of the Debtor known Creditors and other parties in interest in connection with the solicitation of acceptance of its Plan of Reorganization, as amended or modified. The purpose of this Disclosure Statement is to provide such information as will enable a hypothetical, reasonable investor, typical of the holders of Claims, to make an informed judgment in exercising its rights either to accept or reject the Plan. A copy of the Plan is attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"**.]

[After a hearing on notice, the Court approved this Disclosure Statement as containing information of the kind and in sufficient detail adequate to enable a hypothetical, reasonable investor typical of the classes being solicited to make an informed judgment about the Plan.]

The information contained in this Disclosure Statement has been derived from the Debtor, unless specifically stated to be from other sources.

NO REPRESENTATIONS CONCERNING THE DEBTOR IS AUTHORIZED BY THE DEBTOR OTHER THAN THOSE SET FORTH IN THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT. THE DEBTOR RECOMMENDS THAT ANY REPRESENTATION OR INDUCEMENT MADE TO SECURE YOUR ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF THE PLAN WHICH IS NOT CONTAINED IN THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT SHOULD NOT BE RELIED UPON BY YOU IN REACHING YOUR DECISION ON HOW TO VOTE ON THE PLAN. ANY REPRESENTATION OR INDUCEMENT MADE TO YOU NOT CONTAINED HEREIN SHOULD BE REPORTED TO THE ATTORNEYS FOR DEBTOR WHO SHALL DELIVER SUCH INFORMATION TO THE COURT FOR SUCH ACTION AS MAY BE APPROPRIATE.

ANY BENEFITS OFFERED TO THE CREDITORS ACCORDING TO THE PLAN WHICH MAY CONSTITUTE "SECURITIES" HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE FEDERAL SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION ("SEC"), THE TEXAS SECURITIES BOARD, OR ANY OTHER RELEVANT

GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY IN ANY STATE OF THE UNITED STATES. IN ADDITION, NEITHER THE SEC, NOR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY HAS PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT OR UPON THE MERITS OF THE PLAN. ANY REPRESENTATIONS TO THE CONTRARY MAY BE A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN HAS NOT BEEN SUBJECT TO A CERTIFIED AUDIT. FOR THE FOREGOING REASON, AS WELL AS BECAUSE OF THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF MAKING ASSUMPTIONS, ESTIMATES AND PROJECTIONS INTO THE FUTURE WITH ACCURACY, THE DEBTOR IS UNABLE TO WARRANT OR REPRESENT THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS COMPLETELY ACCURATE, ALTHOUGH EVERY REASONABLE EFFORT HAS BEEN MADE TO ENSURE THAT SUCH INFORMATION IS ACCURATE. THE APPROVAL BY THE COURT OF THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN ENDORSEMENT BY THE COURT OF THE PLAN OR GUARANTEE THE ACCURACY OR COMPLETENESS OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN.

THE DEBTOR BELIEVES THAT THE PLAN WILL PROVIDE CLAIMANTS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY ULTIMATELY TO RECEIVE MORE THAN THEY WOULD RECEIVE IN A LIQUIDATION OF THE DEBTORS ASSETS, AND SHOULD BE ACCEPTED. CONSEQUENTLY, THE DEBTOR URGES THAT CLAIMANTS VOTE FOR THE PLAN.

DEBTOR DOES NOT WARRANT OR REPRESENT THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS CORRECT, ALTHOUGH GREAT EFFORT HAS BEEN MADE TO BE ACCURATE. THE STATEMENTS CONTAINED IN THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT ARE MADE AS OF THE DATE HEREOF UNLESS ANOTHER TIME IS SPECIFIED HEREIN. THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT CONTAINS ONLY A SUMMARY OF THE PLAN. THE PLAN WHICH ACCOMPANIES THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, AND EACH CREDITOR AND INTEREST HOLDER IS URGED TO CAREFULLY REVIEW THE PLAN PRIOR TO VOTING ON IT.

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#### FINANCIAL PICTURE OF THE DEBTORS

# Financial History and Background of the Debtor

The Debtor purchased a building at 1569 W. Main Street, Lewisville, Texas (the "Property") in April of 2014. The Debtor's plan was not only to use the Property as the church home, but also to operate a school at the Property. Once the Property was purchased, the Debtor began the process of converting the Property into a functional school, however, the Debtor soon realized that the

amount of improvements necessary to make the Property compliant with all the state requirements to operate as a school was beyond the financial ability of the Debtor.

The Debtor currently uses the Property for regular church activities, however, the Property is too large for the Debtor's current 120 member congregation. After falling behind on its payments to the secured creditor, the Debtor filed this bankruptcy to either restructure the debt, or possibly to sell the Property.

### **Post Petition Operations**

Since the filing of the bankruptcy, the Debtor has hired a real estate broker and has placed the Property on the market. There have been several parties who have expressed interest and the Debtor has received some offers on the Property. The offers received so far have not been sufficient to pay the secured debt in full. During the course of the case, the Debtor has entered into an agreement with the secured creditor to make monthly payments of \$4,000 per month. The Debtor is current with these payments.

### **Operations and Exit Financing**

Under the terms of the Plan, the Debtor will sell all the Property for an amount sufficient to fund the Plan. In the event the Debtor is unable to sell the Property the Debtor will surrender the Property to the secured lender.

#### **Post-Confirmation Management**

Upon Confirmation of the Debtor's Plan, Nosa Evbuomwan will continue to lead the Debtor. Mr. Evbuomwan will not receive a salary in this role.

IV.

#### ANALYSIS AND VALUATION OF PROPERTY

The Debtor's major asset is the Property. The Debtor also has certain furniture and property associated with the operation of the Property. While the Debtor believes that the value of the Property exceeds the amount owed the secured creditor, in the event of a foreclosure, the Debtor does not believe excess funds would exist to pay the remaining creditors.

# V. **SUMMARY OF PLAN OF REORGANIZATION**

The Debtor will sell all its assets to fund the Plan. The Debtor's Plan will break the existing claims into 3 categories of Claimants. These claimants will receive cash payments from the proceeds of the sale of the assets of the estate on the Effective Date.

<u>Satisfaction of Claims and Debts</u>: The treatment of and consideration to be received by holders of Allowed Claims or interests pursuant to this Articles 5 and 6 of this Plan shall be the sole an exclusive means for full settlement, release and discharge of their respective Claims, Debts, or interests. On the Confirmation Date, the Reorganized Debtor shall assume all duties, responsibilities and obligations for the implementation of this Plan. Any class of Claimants failing to vote on this Plan shall be deemed to have accepted this Plan in its present form or as modified or amended as permitted herein.

Class 1 Claimants (Allowed Administrative Claims of Professionals and US Trustee) are unimpaired and will be paid in cash and in full on the Effective Date of this Plan. Professional fees are subject to approval by the Court as reasonable. Debtors' attorney's fees approved by the Court and payable to the law firm of Eric Liepins, P.C. will be paid immediately following the later of Confirmation or approval by the Court out of the available cash. This case will not be closed until all allowed Administrative Claims are paid in full. Class 1 Creditor Allowed Claims are estimated as of the date of the filing of this Plan to not exceed the amount of \$15,000 including Section 1930 fees. Section 1930 fees shall be paid in full prior to the Effective Date. The Debtor is required to continue to make quarterly payments to the U.S. Trustee and maybe required to file post-confirmation operating reports until this case is closed.

The Class 1 Claimants are not impaired under this Plan.

Class 2 Claimant (Allowed Secured Claim of Life Changers International Church) are impaired and shall be satisfied as follows: On or about April 23, 2014, the Debtor executed that certain Promissory Note in favor of Life Changers International Church ("Life") in the original principal amount of \$1,600,000 ("Note"). The Note was secured by that certain Deed of Trust on the Property. As of the Petition Date, Life has asserted a claim in the amount of \$1,724,213.63. The Debtor shall make monthly payments to Life, commencing on the Effective Date of \$4,000 per month and continuing each month until the sale of the Property. The Debtor shall sell the Property and pay off the Class 2 creditor on or before June 30, 2017. In the event, the Debtor does not sell the Property by June 30, 2017 (unless extended by agreement of the parties), the Debtor shall surrender the Property to the Class 2 creditor in full satisfaction of the Class 2 claim. Life shall maintain is current lien on the Property under this Plan.

The Class 2 creditor is impaired under this Plan.

#### Class 3 Claimants(Allowed Unsecured Creditors) are impaired and shall

be satisfied as follows:. All Class 3 creditor shall share pro rata on all proceeds from the sale of the Property after payment of the Class 1 and 2 claims. Based upon the Debtor's books and records, the Debtor believes the total amount of Class 3 creditor to be \$4,500. The Debtor believes the Class 3 creditors should receive 100% of their Allowed Claims.

The Class 3 creditors are impaired under this Plan.

# ARTICLE VI MECHANICS/IMPLEMENTATION OF PLAN

Debtor anticipates the sales proceeds to fund the Plan.

As specified in Section 1125(e) of the Bankruptcy Code, persons that solicit acceptances or rejections of this Plan and/or that participate in the offer, issuance, sale or purchase of securities offered or sold under this Plan, in good faith and in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, are not liable on account of such solicitation or participation for violation of any applicable law, rule, or regulation governing the solicitation of acceptances or rejection of this Plan or the offer, issuance, sale or purchase of securities.

# VIII. RETENTION OF JURISDICTION

The Bankruptcy Court's jurisdiction shall be retained under the Plan as set forth in Article XIII of the Plan.

# IX. ALTERNATIVES TO DEBTOR'S PLAN

If the Debtor's Plan is not confirmed, the Debtor's bankruptcy case may be converted to a case under Chapter 7 of the Code, in which case a trustee would be appointed to liquidate the assets of the Debtor for distribution to its Creditors in accordance with the priorities of the Code. Generally, a liquidation or forced sale yields a substantially lower amount. As set forth above, the Debtor's assets consist mainly of the Property. The debtor has not been able to obtain a sale in excess oft eh secured debt. In the event of a liquidation, the Debtor does not believe there will be any excess proceeds to pay unsecured creditors.

A liquidation analysis is attached hereto as Exhibit "B".

# RISKS TO CREDITORS UNDER THE DEBTOR'S PLAN

Claimants and Equity Interest Holders should be aware that there are a number of substantial risks involved in consummation of the Plan. The Plan contemplates that there will be excess funds to pay Creditor Claims.

XI.

#### TAX CONSEQUENCES TO THE DEBTOR

Implementation of the Plan may result in federal income tax consequences to holders of Claims, Equity Interest Holders, and to the Debtor. In this case most of the creditors will not be paid in full the amount of their claims. Tax consequences to a particular Creditor or Equity Interest Holder may depend on the particular circumstances or facts regarding the Claim of the Creditor or the interests of the Equity Interest Holder. CLAIMANTS ARE URGED TO CONSULT THEIR OWN TAX ADVISOR AS TO THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE PLAN TO THEM UNDER FEDERAL AND APPLICABLE STATE AND LOCAL TAX LAWS.

# XII. PENDING OR ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

The Debtor has evaluated potential claims which may be brought. The Debtor does not believe any litigation exists that will provide any additional funds to the bankruptcy estate.

Dated: December 15, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

The Redeemed Christian Church of God Eagle Believers Chapel

/s/ Nosa Evbuomwan

By: Nosa Evbuomwan

Its: Authorized Representative

#### EXHIBIT 'B'

# LIQUIDATION ANALYSIS

	CHAPTER 7	CHAPTER 11
ASSETS		
Property	$1,400,000^{1}$	$1,800,000^2$
LIABILITIES		
ADMINISTRATIVE	15,000	15,000
SECURED CREDITOR	1,720,000	1,720,000
UNSECURED CREDITORS	4,500	4,500
DISTRIBUTION TO UNSECURE	D 0%	100

 $<sup>^{1}\</sup>mbox{The Debtor believes}$  a sale of the Property at a liquidation would yield no more than 80% of the secured debt.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>The Property is currently on the Market for \$2,000,000.