

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

In re:

**INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF
CHURCHES AND MINISTERS
(ICCM)/CHURCH MANAGEMENT AND
TAX CONFERENCE, INC.**

Hamilton County

ER# 67588

Property ID.: 148K-A-002.11

Claim of Exemption

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STATE OF TENNESSEE)
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COUNTY OF HAMILTON)

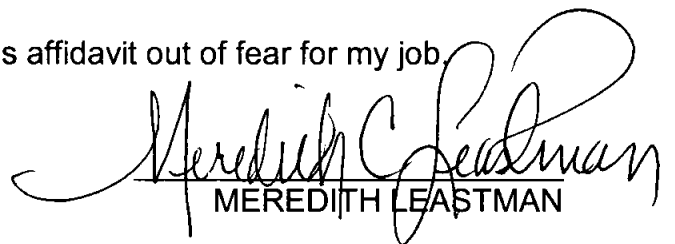
MEREDITH LEASTMAN, being first duly sworn, deposes and states as follows:

1. In June or July of 2013 I responded to an ad for a position as wedding and event planner, and thereafter met with Michael Chitwood about the position at Celebration Event and Conference Center. I also met with Kammy Chitwood, who worked with Mr. Chitwood and was at one time his daughter-in-law. Since the property was being renovated, my employment was postponed from September 2013 until August 2014, at which point I left my previous job.
2. I was given the title of Executive Director with a business card identifying my employer as 'Celebration! The Most Unique Conference and Event Facility In The South.' My focus as instructed, was to bring in customers, and I was given photos of the facility shown with and without a Christian Cross, to be shown to potential customers according to their orientation.
3. I worked at Celebration from August 2014 to August 2015. On November 11, 2014, I was informed there would be an inspection by the state, and I and other

employees were given a list of preparations that included installing media boards and banners with the name 'Celebration Church'. Mr. Chitwood asked the music director he knew from a local church to bring in a choir for rehearsal during the state visit. The signs came down after the visit.

4. During my time working for Mr. Chitwood I booked conferences, fundraisers, weddings, and parties, but there was never a church there before we set up 'Celebration Church.' Early in 2015, Mr. Chitwood invited Pastor Andrew Towe and his wife Brooke to begin conducting church services at Celebration Center. They began Easter Sunday in 2015 but were asked to leave in August 2015.
5. After ICCM received a request from the state to list event usage of the property, Mr. Chitwood dictated revisions that eliminated weddings, parties or other private events. When the state asked about a Celebration brochure that advertised the availability of the Center for weddings and private events, Mr. Chitwood's attorney asked me to sign an affidavit 'admitting' I had made mistakes in circulating the brochure and suggesting I had used the 'church facility' for my personal consulting business. I signed this affidavit out of fear for my job.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAITH NOT.


MEREDITH LEASTMAN

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16th day of May, 2016.


NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires: 12-6-2016

