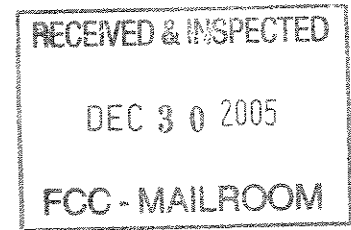




CGB CC-0137

Abundant Faith Christian Center

"For we walk by faith, not by sight." II Corinthians 5:7



December 28, 2005

Federal Communications Commission
Attn: Secretary's Office
Closed Captioning
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM COMMISSION'S CLOSED CAPTIONING RULES

Abundant Faith Ministry (AFM) is a fast growing, non-denominational community-based ministry serving Springfield and Sangamon County in Illinois. The ministry established an hour long local talk-show, "Faith for Today," that is broadcasted on WCFN television and a local cable channel, Access 4.

Please accept this petition for exemption from Section 79.1 of the Commission's rules, implementing Section 713 of the Communications Act of 1934. The rules are threatening the future of "Faith for Today" due to the overwhelming expense it would take to comply with such rules. Our program qualifies for exemption for the following reasons:

Part 79.1 – Section (D)

"Faith for Today" is a locally produced and distributed non-news program with no repeat value. The program is of local public interest, is not a news program, and the technique of captioning is unavailable. The program is similar to a local talk-show format, distributed locally, and is completely unscripted. It is of local interest due to the continued religious events and issues we make available to the public.

Part 79.1 – Section (F)

Abundant Faith Ministry will be imposed with undue burden if it has to comply for the following reasons:

1. In order to make all programs closed caption we would have to outsource the production. Post-production would cost the ministry nearly \$17,000 a year at \$325.00 per 60-minute show for 52

weeks. This estimate does not include the \$2,600 a year in shipping and handling costs associated with outsourcing.

2. "Faith for Today" is strictly produced by volunteers using minimal editing equipment. We only pay the local station \$150.00 to air each show. If we had to add closed captioning to the equation it would come at almost three times the cost.

3. The ministry has already stretched its resources to allocate funds for television programming. If we are asked to spend more monies to produce "Faith for Today," we will be forced to terminate the program.

We have requested that the station we broadcast on help us with the closed captioning portion. We were told that the station only produces one show that needs closed captioning and don't have the resources to help us.

Abundant Faith Ministry also considered purchasing equipment that will enable us to do closed captioning ourselves. The proper closed captioning machine costs in the range of \$3,000 - 4,000. We would also have to hire some one to transpose the information at least 20 hours per week and the funds aren't available for that either.

Again, we respectfully request that Abundant Faith Ministry be exempted from the closed captioning-requirement for the aforementioned reasons. Should you have any questions or concerns call me at 217-622-1839.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jimmy Rice', written over a white background.

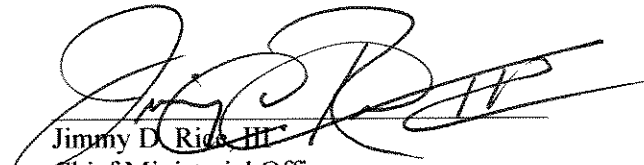
Jimmy Rice
Chief Ministerial Officer

AFFIDAVIT OF COSTS

I Jimmy D. Rice, III, Chief Ministerial Officer of Abundant Faith Ministry, by my signature affixed to this document, do hereby make the following statement of fact affirm:

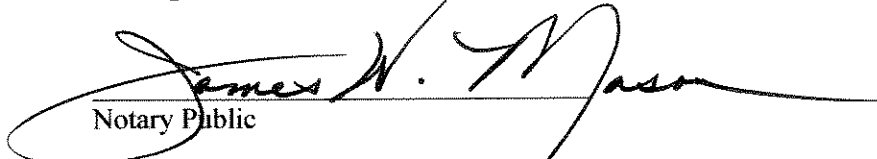
1. The amount paid to WCFN television for one program a week is \$7, 800 per year.
2. The amount paid to Beatty Televisual for dubbing the program to television format each week is \$29.00.
3. All other costs involved in the production of "Faith for Today" are donated by volunteers.
4. Based on our highest and lowest estimates, closed captioning would cost some where between \$325.00 and \$395.00 per program.

I now affix my signature to these affirmations:



Jimmy D. Rice, III
Chief Ministerial Officer

The foregoing was subscribed and sworn to me, a Notary Public, of the State of Illinois, County of Sangamon this 28th day of December 2005.



James W. Mason
Notary Public

Notary Public
James W. Mason
Sangamon County, Illinois
My Commission Expires 12/31/2007



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June 26, 2006

Federal Communications Commission
Attn: Secretary's Office
Closed Captioning
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: CGB-CC-0137

Please accept the following additional requested information for the petition for exemption from 79.1 of the Commission's rules, implementing Section 713 of the Commission Act of 1934.

FINANCIAL RESOURCES & ASSESTS

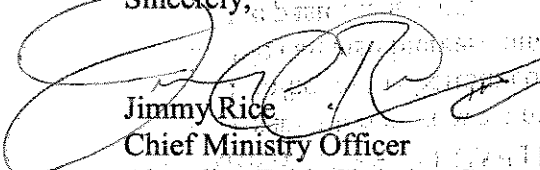
Attached you will find an affidavit of Profit & Loss and costs associated with the "Faith for Today" program.

ALTERNATIVES TO CAPTIONING

1. As an alternative we may be able to video a person doing sign language and place him/her at the bottom corner of the television screen.
2. We can also increase our usage of the lower-thirds by outlining the message that the pastor is giving.
3. There is also the possibility of us using full-screens like PowerPoint to display what is going on.
4. We may also be able to type the words of the songs at the bottom of the screen – similar to Karaoke.

Please let me know if you need any further information. You may contact me by phone at 217.622.1839 or email cmo@abundantfaith.org.

Sincerely,


Jimmy Rice
Chief Ministry Officer
Abundant Faith Christian Center

Abundant New Chart of Accounts
Profit & Loss by Class
 January through May 2006

*Grants
Not
Included*

	<u>Jan - May 06</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
6700 · Other incomes	
6700 · Other incomes - Other	650.00
6730 · VENDING	2,544.68
6720 · Investment Returns, Rebates etc	11,291.88
6710 · Rentals	13,170.01
Total 6700 · Other incomes	<u>27,656.57</u>
4100 · Designated Funds - Other Contri	31,314.81
4000 · Contributions	375,098.06
Total Income	<u>434,069.44</u>
Expense	
8300 · Travel & meetings expenses	
8320 · Conference, convention, meeting	2,743.60
8310 · Travel	3,013.98
Total 8300 · Travel & meetings expenses	<u>5,757.58</u>
7500 · Other personnel expenses	
7500 · Other personnel expenses - Other	30.31
7560 · Staff Ed., Dev., Acknowledgemt	1,185.85
7540 · Professional fees - other	1,480.75
7520 · Accounting fees	3,908.00
7550 · Temporary help - contract	12,462.10
Total 7500 · Other personnel expenses	<u>19,067.01</u>
8200 · Occupancy expenses	
8250 · Mortgage interest	139.11
8210 · Rent, parking, other occupancy	1,071.51
8230 · Real estate taxes	6,340.47
8220 · Utilities	20,038.13
Total 8200 · Occupancy expenses	<u>27,589.22</u>
8400 · Depreciation & amortization exp	50,764.00
8500 · Misc expenses	
8515 · Bank Charges	848.81
8500 · Misc expenses - Other	3,513.14
8590 · Other expenses	9,116.39
8520 · Insurance - Other than Health	11,983.96
8510 · Interest expense - general	54,727.49
Total 8500 · Misc expenses	<u>80,189.79</u>
8100 · Non-personnel expenses	
8100 · Non-personnel expenses - Other	17.95
8170 · Printing & copying, bulletins,	2,411.05
8140 · Postage, shipping, delivery	2,489.69
8185 · Fuel	5,191.91
8160 · Equip rental	5,676.06
8120 · Equipment	6,892.77
8190 · Maintenance & Repairs	7,289.27
8130 · Telephone & telecommunications	8,599.08
8180 · Dues, fees, subscrip, gift, ref	14,529.96
8110 · Supplies	37,539.79
Total 8100 · Non-personnel expenses	<u>90,637.53</u>
7200 · Salaries & related expenses	
7250 · Payroll taxes	12,083.81
7240 · Health insurance	14,687.63
7220 · Salaries & wages - other	207,381.49
Total 7200 · Salaries & related expenses	<u>234,152.93</u>
Total Expense	<u>508,158.06</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-74,088.62</u>

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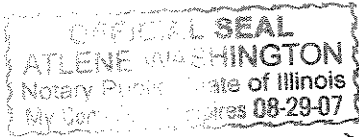
Accrual Basis

**Abundant New Chart of Accounts
Profit & Loss by Class
January through May 2006**

Jan - May 06

Net Income

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AFFIDAVIT OF COSTS

I, Jimmy Rice, Chief Ministry Officer of Abundant Faith Christian Center, by my signature affixed to this document, do hereby make the following statement of fact affirm:

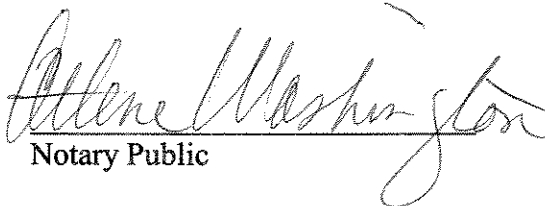
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I now affix my signature to these affirmations:



Jimmy D. Rice III
Chief Ministry Officer

The foregoing was subscribed and sworn to me, a Notary Public, of the State of Illinois, County of Sangamon this 27th day of June 2006.



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Notary Public

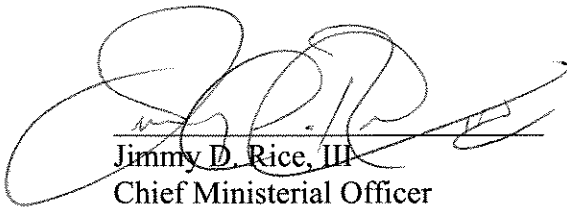


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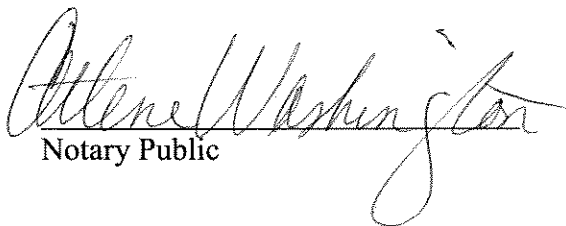
I, Jimmy D. Rice, III Chief Ministerial Officer of Abundant Faith Ministry, by my signature affixed to this document, do hereby make the following statement of fact affirm:

All of the documents that I have submitted to the FCC for the petition (File No. CGB-CC-0137) is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I now affix my signature to these affirmations:


Jimmy D. Rice, III
Chief Ministerial Officer

The foregoing was subscribed and sworn to me, a Notary Public, of the State of Illinois, County of Sangamon this 12th day of July 2006.


Notary Public

