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To Whom It May Concern:

I Jamel Jones, Daughter of Charles & Earnestine Byas;

Grand Daughter of Earl & Lelia Mason-Byas; and Great Grand Daughter of Charles H. Mason (Bishop C.H. Mason).

I am writing this letter on behalf of my Cousin Benjamin Phillips aka Benjamin Jimerson-Phillips, whom I know to be the Son of James O. Patterson Sr. (Bishop J.O. Patterson Sr.).

I felt the need to write this letter after seeing the pain and humiliation his Sister Annette, and he have endured and continue to endure as result of the denial of their identity by members of our Family, simply to continue to cover up for the memory of his Father Bishop J.O. Patterson Sr.

I have person knowledge that the other members of the Patterson and Wigley Families have full knowledge of Benjamin being the Son of Bishop Patterson Sr., But again because they do not want to publicly admit that Bishop Patterson Sr., had additional Children they deny Benjamin. Additionally, many of them are angry that Benjamin wrote a book about his identity and see denial of his identity as a way to punish him.

It grieves my heart to see that we as people of The Most High God, and members of The Church of God In Christ would deny and allow continued suffering of any other Christian, especially the children of the Church's first elected Presiding Bishop (J.O. Patterson), and The Great Grand Children (in law) of The Church's Founder (C.H. Mason).

We are losing our way when the untrue and inaccurate memory of a man who has long since passed away, means more than the justice for the widows and the fatherless which God commands us to give. I can no longer stand by and remain silent to this injustice, nor will I deny the true identity on my Cousin Benjamin Phillips and his Sister Annette Jimerson.

I beg of The National Church to do the right thing by them, so that the history of our great Church can be corrected. And Benjamin and Annette can proudly enjoy the legacy of their Father. And they can proudly begin to make positive contributions to our Church.

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Sincerely,

Jamel Jones

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