

# John W. Wheeler

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October 24, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is John Wade Wheeler and I was the son in law of the late Bishop J.O. Patterson Sr., married to his daughter Janet L. Patterson, until her untimely passing. I am giving this letter to verify my personal knowledge that Benjamin Phillips is the out of wedlock son of Bishop Patterson Sr., and that the Patterson Family and I have known of his identity for many, many years. I can also verify that Janet Patterson knew about Benjamin being her brother. I believe it is clearly time that Benjamin and his sister be recognized by The Church of God In Christ as two of Bishop Patterson's Children. In particular since his identity was hid by Bishop Patterson while he was acting as Executive Officer of the Church and since Benjamin has conclusive proof that other Bishop's within the Church helped to cover this issue up for Bishop Patterson. Recognition of Benjamin is the right and the compassionate thing to do to bring healing and reconciliation to both the Church and this Family. But regardless to approval from The Patterson Family, Benjamin's recognition is the right and Godly thing to do. There comes a point that the Church of God In Christ must put into practice what it has preached for many years. We must show justice and compassion for the widow's son.

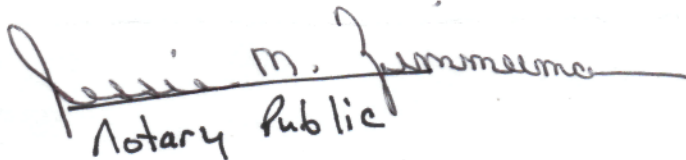
  
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NOTARY: County of Montgomery  
State of Alabama

Subscribed and sworn by John W. Wheeler

this 28th day of October 2011.



  
Notary Public

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JANUARY 12, 2015