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Kansas House Judiciary Committee

Re: March 18, 2013, Hearing on Church Property Disputes

Dear Committee Members:

As a proponent of the possible proposal to codify into statute that church property disputes be adjudicated under neutral principles of law, please find enclosed a copy of a recent amicus curiae brief which I am submitting as my testimony in your March 18, 2013, hearing on church property matters. I co-authored this brief, filed in a church property case that is pending decision by the Texas Supreme Court. I am the General Editor of *A GUIDE TO CHURCH PROPERTY LAW* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed. 2010, Reformation Press, 478 pp). I am an AV rated attorney and partner in the Baton Rouge firm of Taylor, Porter, Brooks & Phillips, founded in 1912. I have practiced law for thirty years. In the past ten years a substantial portion of my practice has involved church property litigation. I have represented churches in about 20 states, with active church clients currently in LA, GA, FL, TX, DE, VA, NC, and ID. I have authored briefs in church property cases that have been filed with the state supreme courts of LA, TX, SC, GA, and with the United States Supreme Court. More information about me is available at the firm's website, [www.taylorporter.com](http://www.taylorporter.com).

Very truly yours,

  
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