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Dear Obi Chilala, Brother Presley Bwalya, Sister Brenda Perizzo, Brother Kenny Ngandu, & Brother Charles Machala

With heavy hearts, the Executive Council must inform you that your Salem GADSDA membership cards are revoked based on egregious, continuing violations of the following bylaws and Leviticus. You are hereby required to return the membership card as stated in the membership application and bylaws to Salem GADSDA Headquarters. Please mail your membership cards to 115 Davidian Way, Tamassee, SC 29686. If you need assistance with postage, please contact Sister Judy via email or on WhatsApp.

The following reasons are provided for your contemplation. As we have been friends & brethren for years, we want you to know that we appreciate your efforts in working as a team for a period of time. It becomes evident that our working relationship must come to an end as egregious violations of our Consitution & bylaws have been perpetuated by you. We urge you to repent and correct your course to save your own souls & the many others who may be lost as a result of your course.

- 1. Zambian Brother Presley Bwalya, Ministerial Director (MD) and Brother Obi Chilala, Vice President (VP), Sister Brenda (non-vote member), Brother Kenny Ngandu, Brother Charles Machala (Chairman) & the tithes
 - a. Knowingly accepted tithes from Sister Brenda Perrizo. (Salem By-Laws Article II, Section 6, Nos. 8, 14)
 - b. When offered an opportunity to correct her, they refused and demanded a council meeting hearing with her (contrary to the bylaw). ((Lev. p. 7, 10 Article II, Section 6, No. 14, 15)
 - c. Sister Brenda was made an admin on all Zambian chats while Sister Hall was removed.
 - d. Sister Brenda Perrizo has not sent any tithes to the treasurer, Sister Judy Tupolo in 2024, even after receiving a letter informing her of the proper procedure through the Leviticus, bylaws, & the Rod. Sister Brenda is an American citizen who resides in America therefore she falls under the following bylaws. (Lev. p. 7, 10; Salem By-Laws Article II, Section 6, Nos. 8, 13, 14, 15)
 - e. Failure to immediately invalidate Sister Brenda's membership card (Article II, Section 6, Nos. 8, 13, 14 &15)

- f. Brother Kenny advocated the sending of tithes directly to Zambia instead of properly flowing through Headquarters & said that the work being done at Headquarters doesn't compare to the work in Zambia, in violation of the application signed by not only you but Brother Obi, Brother Presley, & Sister Benda in Section. 22, *Headquarters of God's Location*, Nos. 1-4, & Section 23, *The Association's Name*, No.
- g. Brother Kenny maintained his position even though directed by Sister Hall to the proper references in the Rod to guide his actions. He later messaged Sister Hall offering unmerited rebukes as the ancient king Saul's relative did on the day David fled from Absalom.
- h. As Zambian-South Africa division chairman, **Brother Charles Machala upheld the violation of the Leviticus** and rebuked Sister Judy & Sister Hall more than once, erroneously following the direction received from his superiors in violation of Article II, Section 6, Nos. 8, 9.

Evidence: <u>recorded admission from Sister Brenda and VP in a council meeting</u>. & a refusal to admit and repent of their actions. Brother Kenny's messages to Sister Hall in WhatsApp. Brother Machala's messages to Sister Hall & Sister Judy in WhatsApp.

Applicable Bylaws

The Leviticus 7, par. 1 ARTICLE IV-OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 5. The treasurer shall receive all funds of the Association and disburse them in accordance with the examples recorded in the following scriptures: Exodus, chapter thirty-six, verse three; Ezra, chapter eight, verses twenty-one, twenty-four to thirty; Acts, chapter four, verses thirty-five to thirty-seven; and chapter six, verse three. **{LDSDA: 7.2}**

The Leviticus p. 10, par. 1-3 (EN) ARTICLE II-LABORERS' COMPENSATION

Section 1. The compensation and expenses of all laborers in the employ of the Association shall be determined and adjusted by the Executive Council.

Section 2. (a) The essential working funds of the Association shall consist of tithes and offerings.

ARTICLE II Section 6--Invalidated Fellowship Cards

15. *Any Davidian in America who holds a valid "vote" or "no-vote" fellowship card is required to send in his monthly tithes and offerings by the second week of the following month*, If he does not comply with this requirement, nor sends a letter of explanation to Headquarters, the *Vice-President must immediately write to him about it*. But if no tithes or a letter of explanation is received by the end of the second week of the next month, the

Executive Council must immediately invalidate his fellowship card. The Treasurer must keep a record of all members who paid tithe each month and report to the Vice-President anyone who has not paid their tithes.

- 8. Any valid card-holding "vote" or "no-vote" member who fails to comply with all that the message teaches and requires, or who refuses to comply with all the Session's by-laws, must have his fellowship card invalidated by the Executive Council if: (1) the Resident Council has on file written proof of his violations, (2) they have on file a copy of a letter written to him to show him where he has erred and to plead with him to repent, (3) they have on file a copy of a letter sent to him stating the reasons why his card was invalidated, and that he is to return it immediately to Headquarters, (4) they must notify all the Davidians in the next NEWSLETTER of his card being invalidated, (5) they must send copies of all these letters to any valid "vote" card-holding member who asks for them, (6) and they must show all these letters to any valid card-holding "vote" member or any delegate at any regular or special Session, if he asks to see them.
- 13. If any valid card-holding "vote" or "no-vote" member of the Salem Association should stop paying his tithe, claiming that he has no confidence in those who control it at Headquarters, then he must be considered an "unfaithful" Davidian, and the Executive Council must immediately invalidate his fellowship card, because of the following inspired reference:

"Some have been dissatisfied and have said: 'I will no longer pay my tithe, for I have no confidence in the way things are managed at the heart of the work. Will you rob God because you think the management of the work is not right? Make your complaint, plainly and openly, in the right spirit, to the proper ones. Send in your petitions for things to be adjusted and set in order; but do not withdraw from the work of God, and prove unfaithful, because others are not doing right."--9 Test. 248.

14. If any valid card-holding "vote" or "no-vote" member of the Salem Association should wrongfully use his tithe for other purposes, claiming that it is good cause, is making a mistake," and the Executive Council must invalidate his fellowship card immediately, because of the following inspired reference:

"A very plain, definite message has been given to me for our people. I am bidden to tell them that they are making a mistake in applying the tithe to various objects which though good in themselves, are not the object to which the Lord has said that tithe should be applied. Those who make this use of the tithe are departing from the Lord's arrangement. God will judge for these things."--9 Testimonies, page 248

Api	plicatio	n, Sectio	n 22.	Nos.	1-4:
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1.	Do you believe that God's Association and its Headquarters must be set up only in the	
	United States of America (8 Tr. 24; 1 T. G. 43:12)?	*

2.	Do you believe that the first Headquarters of God's Association was at Los Angeles,
	California, the second one was at Mt. Carmel Center in Waco, Texas, and the third one is
	now located at Salem, S. Carolina, Rt. 1, Box
	384?*

- 3. Do you believe that the second Headquarters at Mt. Carmel Center in Waco, Texas was dissolved in the 1960-1961 after the "knockout blow" (W. H. R. p. 33), and that later the third Headquarters of God's Association was established ar Salem, S. Carolina in 1970, which is the only true one among all other Davidian associations?------*
- Do you believe that God's Headquarters today cannot be set up anywhere else in the
 United States except in the east, and that it especially cannot be set up in California,
 Texas, Missouri, Florida, and New
 York?-----

Application, Section 23, No. 7:

7. Do you believe that the "keys of the Kingdom today have passed from the hands of the
General Conference to the hands of the General Association of Davidian Seventh-day
Adventists" (2 T.G. 29:10) at Salem S.
Carolina?

Council Note: Sister Brenda claimed her actions were because she was "concerned" and this was "her Association", but what she did by offering the tithe to our Zambian leaders was in fact, tempting them to break the Leviticus. These men of God, long valiant in the cause of God, traded their integrity for money. The resulting confusion that followed is a testament to who inspired her with such an act, therefore we apply to her case the following quote:

"In the days of Moses, some rose up claiming that the Lord was speaking through them as well as through Moses (Num. 16:2, 3). Their agitation, however, instead of bringing order and harmony between Moses and them, brought confusion and dissension, with the tragic result that thousands lost their lives (Num. 16:32, 35, 49). Had the Lord spoken to those men, He would certainly have made known the fact to Moses. But the very absence of any such revelation, made clear to Moses that the Lord was not exalting Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, as they claimed He was, but that they, as jealous upstarts and impostors, were exalting themselves. Had Moses, as a servant of God, acceded to their demands, he most assuredly would have met with some such retribution as did the "man of God" who, persuaded by the "old prophet" to turn out of the way and eat bread with him, when the Lord had charged him not to do so, was slain by a lion. Solemn lesson! Give no heed to human voice contrary to God's. (See I Kings 13.) -- 8SYM112, 4.9

We dare not sanction rebellion to the highest law that governs us as Davidians,--the Leviticus, or judgment may fall upon us. <u>Sister Brenda's actions have caused a split in the organization</u>, caused the Headquarters of GADSDA's name & good works to be in disrepute to those who are novices or following men. All these acts categorize her as an "unworthy member" and "rebel"...

- 2. Refusal to vacate the vice-president position (Obi Chilala), or council member position (Presley Bwalya), refusal to vote Sister Hawkins & Sister Mille in, & refusal to hear from vote members, thereby disregarding the following bylaws:
 - a. VP Obi Chilala was given a year to arrive in the USA by the 2021 session. The U.S. council members asked him to resign because 1) the 1-year time period had long expired, and 2) he had perpetuated an egregious violation of the Leviticus as the most senior member of the organization. It became clear that Brother Obi's absence from Headquarters had greatly retarded the work in the U.S. Brother Presley was also asked to resign for taking the tithe without authorization from the treasurer.
 - b. The bylaw states that resident council members must outnumber the non-resident council members. The U.S. council members requested twice officially that Brother Presley step down according to our bylaw so we could achieve a quorum. This request was rejected twice formally in council meetings and many other times informally through council messaging chats in violation of (Article III Section 5, No. 1)
 - c. Holding the Executive Council in a stalemate so we couldn't conduct business or God's work effectively. Brother Presley added with his official statement, the comment that "we are in no rush to place American leaders in the council". (Article III, Section 4, No. 8)

*ARTICLE I Section 13-14. Election Of The Executive Council

- 3. If all seven council members cannot be elected at once to serve at Headquarters, then the Council must be divided (resident and non-resident). And if the session delegates divide the Council, then regardless of the number of members elected, the majority should always be resident (living at Headquarters or nearby within a local phone call) when possible, while the minority of non-resident members can live elsewhere...
- 6. If the Association does not have three resident council members and two non-resident council members who are qualified and eligible to serve on the Council, then the session delegates must elect two resident council members (Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer) to live at Headquarters or nearby within a local phone call, and the other non-resident council members to live elsewhere....

ARTICLE III Section 5-Creating Or Filling Vacancies

1. If at any time the **Resident Council at Headquarters should lose a member** (because of sickness, or retirement, or resignation, or being removed by a majority vote, or death, etc.), **then the last elected non-resident council member is automatically removed, and he must be immediately notified that his automatic removal is a temporary restriction, not because of wrongdoing, but until another resident council member can be elected, so that the Headquarters may continue to operate with a quorum of Resident Council members. And when another resident council member is elected, then that last elected non-resident council member is to be immediately notified that the temporary restriction is removed, and he is now reinstated as a non-resident council member.**

ARTICLE I Section 8--Business Meetings

The card-holding "vote" delegates of the Salem Association who vote at a regular or special Session to legislate by-laws and to elect the Executive Council leadership as well as all other leaders must be accepted as the "voice of God" by a majority vote (not by individuals), to all valid card-holding "vote" and "no-vote" members, and to all non-card-holding Davidians who pay tithes or offerings to the Salem Association. Reference: Leviticus, Article 6-Bylaws, Section 2

Valid card-holding "vote" members of the Salem Association who attend any regular or special Session as delegates may gather together before a business meeting begins or between a business meeting to discuss the items on the agenda, and thus be prepared to accept or reject the suggested items, or to propose any changes in them.

The Secretary-Treasurer's Note: The bylaw states that the vice president position is a resident position, but he claimed he could do the job from Zambia. Both Brother Presley & Brother Obi rejected the notion that Sister Hall & Sister Judy could be considered residents because they lived at Headquarters for part of the year. Although many requests to resolve this dispute were offered by the U.S. council members with the reassurance that the brethren could remain in leadership positions, the Zambian brethren reiterated that they could do the job from Zambia. During our three-year interaction with the Zambian brethren, Sister Hall's pleadings for them to help in the American field were ignored. The vice president barely showed up for council meetings and did not respond to emergencies by providing statements, and at times taking a week or more to respond.

They focused on their Zambian field work and ignored the work in the USA field. Although they were paid a large monthly sum in their currency from the US treasury, they failed miserably in

helping the US field to grow. We found an unmanageable gap in cultural differences in time management, women leadership, male dominance, frequent internet access problems, and problems in communication and cultural awareness. It has been three years since your vice president appointment and you're still not here. Although you were willing to come, your continued absence and inability to be in the USA disqualifies you from your position.

- 3. Releasing unauthorized official statements on behalf of the Salem GADSDA organization, illegally attempting to collect tithes from new supporters & plotting (lie of omission & having a plan to replace Sister Hall) against a fellow councilmember:
 - a. Brother Presley, you and some of your members were found to be calling our members asking for money when the treasurer had not authorized you to do so. (Article II, Section 6, Nos. 8, 14)
 - b. Brother Presley attempted to persuade council members and regular members against Sister Hall to try and get her out of the work in violation of what the Rod teaches (Article II Section 6, Nos. 9, 18)
 - c. Attempting to gain USA members to your leadership to gain control of the association. Brother Obi, Presley held meetings to persuade Sister Watkins and other American tithe payers in their favor. Brother Obi, Presley knew Sister Watkins had past issues with Brother & Sister Hall. Sister Watkins also threatened to pull her husband off the council if we didn't let Brenda be heard on the council. (Article II Section 6, Nos. 9, 18)
 - d. Brother Presley, you & Brother Obi also sent Alexia's employment contract and retirement (confidential information intended for council members) to Sister Brenda (& others) to persuade them towards your leadership. As a result, she stopped sending her tithes.
 - e. Deceiving the division leaders & releasing official statements condemning the Symbolic Code Vol. 24, No.1 & Sister Hall, fellow Executive Council as a usurper and rebel. Not admitting that Brother Obi asked for a session and not responding to requests for an answer and/or meeting about the session and other issues in order to delay the voting in of American council members. Adding sufficient USA council members is urgent in order to carry on the work at headquarters.

The Secretary-Treasurer's notes:

"Sis Brenda's accusations were answered by letters from Sis Hall and Sister Judy informing her of bylaws and the proper use of tithes. She had no response and still hasn't responded around two months after she received the letters. Shortly after Sister Watkin's threat of removing her husband from the council, Brother Watkins suddenly resigned. Brother Obi, you said there's no leadership in the Salem South Carolina Association. Yet, you both were aware that Sis Hall was the main worker here doing your work

and the hardest worker sustaining the association. You all cannot imagine and did not have to endure the hardships, sacrifices and the battles we endured to keep the association out of the hands of power-hungry usurpers. So now you're attempting to twist things around and call us the usurpers. I don't think so! Just look at the history and all that God accomplished through our loyal members and just two women and Brother Hall. By your actions to call members to send their tithes directly to Zambia and teaching your leaders to do so, you violated the Leviticus and with this act indicated you all not trusting or respecting the current USA Council leadership already in place or the order God ordained. You are in essence saying, "you don't believe in the current leadership at the Salem South Carolina association."

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- 9. If the Resident Council has written proof that a Davidian leader or minister of the Salem Association is teaching contrary to the Rod message or session by-laws, and he refuses to receive correction from the Executive Council, then they must immediately remove him from his leadership position and invalidate his fellowship card.
 - 18. The Council also has power to invalidate such cards or even refuse to issue to Davidians who have proven themselves "unworthy" to hold fellowship cards with the Salem Association. A few examples, involving classic cases, but not in full detail: (1) A sister pretended to be The Vice-President, and then tried to illegally sell the Association's buildings properties; (2) A brother broke into the Salem Headquarters' building and stole tithe office records; (3) A sister took the Treasurer's checkbook and refused to return it because the Council would not vote her way; (4) A brother asked his wife, who worked in the office, to steal the Association's mailing list of names and addresses (5) a Sister was given \$150.00 worth of books and charts on credit, which she to pay for a month later, but after five years she still refuses to pay for them, It is plain to see that such brethren as mentioned above, and any others them, should not be given a fellowship card by the Executive Council, because they are "unworthy members," which, of course, is not judging them to be tares. Therefore the 1982 Session voted that the names of certain brethren

must be put on an "unworthy members" list, and that the Executive Council must not issue them fellowship cards, at any time, or under any circumstances; and that the Council must not accept their tithes and offerings, "because they are inclined to be ever on the wrong side" (3 Test. p. 272).

This list of names of "unworthy members" must be kept on file at the Salem headquarters, and it must be sent along with the application form for each Davidian to read who is seeking a fellowship card with the Salem Association.

It should be noted that U.S. council members wanted to retain the Zambian brethren as leaders in the Association in some capacity, in their division, and asked them several times to allow them to vote in U.S. council members and organize the U.S. division. They were offered to resign based on not being in the U.S. in order to not expose their tithe violations to the membership. We did not want to shame them if they were truly sorry and would conform to the order God ordained.

All they had to do was adhere to the Leviticus, admit the wrong, and then change their course. But their refusal to humble themselves was evident as they continued to attack the U.S. council members on their chats, avoid meetings, delay progress on the council, & elevate Sister Brenda to a leadership role. They continuously insulted and accused Sister Judy & Sister Hall of being incompetent leaders, and usurpers and opposed their attempts to move the USA work forward. This has been going on for months, from April to July.

In fact, the chance at reconciliation was extended all the way up until the time they rejected the Symbolic Code, a call for a session, and released "official statements" rebutting such. If they had gone to a session, there was still a chance to resolve things amicably.

We are reminded of the terrible results of covering sin & persisting in rebellion in *Patriarchs & Prophets*, p. 39:

"In great mercy, according to His divine character, God bore long with Lucifer. The spirit of discontent and disaffection had never before been known in heaven. It was a new element, strange, mysterious, unaccountable. Lucifer himself had not at first been acquainted with the real nature of his feelings; for a time he had feared to express the workings and imaginings of his mind; yet he did not dismiss them. He did not see whether he was drifting. But such efforts as infinite love and wisdom only could devise, were made to convince him of his error. His disaffection was proved to be without cause, and he was made to see what would be the result of persisting in revolt. Lucifer was convinced that he was in the wrong. He saw that "the Lord is righteous in all His ways, and holy in all His works" (Psalm 145:17); that the divine statutes are just, and that he ought to acknowledge them as such before all heaven. Had he done this, he might have saved himself and many angels. He had not at that time fully cast off his allegiance to God. Though he had left his position as covering cherub, yet if he had been willing to return to God, acknowledging the Creator's wisdom, and satisfied to fill the place appointed him in God's great plan, he would have been reinstated in his office. The time had come for a final decision; he must fully yield to the divine sovereignty or place himself in open rebellion. He nearly reached the decision to return, but pride forbade him. It was too great a sacrifice for one who had been so

highly honored to confess that he had been in error, that his imaginings were false, and to yield to the authority which he had been working to prove unjust."

We believe that although we gave our best efforts to get Brother Obi & Brother Presley here to the United States, things changed because of unfaithfulness and greed, and God overrode our plans. Two prophets explained to all Davidians the definition and application of the phrase, "contrary to all human planning". It means no matter what plans we make at Mt. Carmel, God can override them through His providence. If you believe there can only be **one true church**, then you can believe that there is **one true Headquarters** dispensing present truth. If you believe that this 3rd Headquarters (divinely established by God's providence) is in the eastgate and 144,000 will be one day there, then you can also admit that God has "taken the reins in His own hand"s at Headquarters, and his invisible chariot is there as an "invisible base of operations".

All this should lead you to the conclusion, that even though you try to understand and explain God's work according to your logic, you will be unable to unless as workers, you have the "divine touch". That means your eyes are opened by the Holy Spirit to understand the significance of these events, --God's providences.

 ★"Mt. Carmel finds it impossible to carry out man's plans and the Lord's at the same time. Hence, those who have made their own plans and who come to Mt. Carmel Center, become disheartened and disappointed as soon as they find the work being carried on contrary to their own plans.

"Consequently, the first question that arises in their mind is, What is the matter with Mt. Carmel?

"This may be the result of several conditions. First, because the *newcomers are accustomed to do things in an entirely different way than the Lord's way*; second, *because they cannot realize that the Lord is "taking the reins in His own hands*;" third, because they find *Mt. Carmel doing things "contrary to any human planning"* ("Testimonies to Ministers," p. 300); fourth, *because they*

<u>often think that Mt. Carmel expects too much of them when they join her working force.</u> But if Mt. Carmel Center is not to be different from any other institution in the world, then the world would have no need of it.

"Therefore, let all Present Truth believers reform by walking in the light of the Lord instead of in their own, for we are told by the Spirit of Prophecy that "reformation signifies a reorganization, a change in ideas and theories, habits and practices."*--"Review and Herald," Feb. 25, 1902. (Quoted from, "Christ Our Righteousness," p. 154.) --2SYM49, 3.4

All this confusion, which has been caused by stubborn rebellion to the Leviticus & bylaws, shows you are falling under this injunction in *THE SYMBOLIC CODE*, Vol. 2, Nos. 3-4 "..."Satan will have you busy, if he can, watching others that you may forget or have no time to watch yourselves. He, by pointing to the mistakes and errors of those who are not led by God's Spirit, would have you in constant fear that *even those whom God is leading Himself will make a mistake*. Thus endeavoring to keep you blind of the mistakes that you have either already made or are about to make, thereby not only leading you into eternal ruin but also hindering the work of God by taking up the time of His servants to iron out difficulties within their own ranks. Therefore, give him no occasion to hinder God's servants from laboring for those who need to know the truth."

Sister Brenda, although you were not deeply, directly involved in our work on the U.S. side, you became critical and fault-finding, often harassing us if we did not do what you wanted us to do, when you wanted us to do it. You displayed a domineering attitude with Sister Judy, Sister Hall & Brother Hall on multiple occasions, but somehow were endeared to the Zambian brethren. You displayed a love of being before the people as a leader although you were not yet put in leadership. We were grateful for the help you gave, nonetheless. We were intending to put you in division leadership as one of the top workers, as we had seen your skills, quality of work, and willingness to help. This conflict revealed the full depth of your treacherous and meddling behaviors before we were able to do so, something we see as the providence of God. We hope you can see what the terrible results of your actions have caused.

As your brethren, we urge you and all to whom this letter is written, to turn away from your course before it is too late. We must remember that God sees all, and can read the very intents of the heart. We believe this shaking came to the Association, and more emphatically, to the Zambia-South African division, to prove what "manner of men" we are.

Based on all these violations and more (really too many to list here in entirety), the memberships of Sister Brenda Perizzo, Brother Obi Chilala (former vice president) & Brother Presley Bwalya (former ministerial director) are hereby revoked indefinitely. They must repent and be on an extended period of probation if they are ever to be reinstated to any type of membership status.

Sister Judy Tupolo, Secretary-Treasurer

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Sister Alexia Hall, Assistant Vice-President

Alexia S. Hall