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To: Graham B. Wright @ usdoj.gov

Subject: Arson fire that destroyed our 1845 church and the history of hate directed against me and against our church

Dear Mr. Graham:

There is no doubt in my mind that the burning of one of the most important historic buildings in Texas was an intentional act of arson that took place the night of December 21-22, 2021. I was told about the fire around 3:15 a.m. on 22 December, 2021. By the time I arrived at around 3:30 a.m. there was virtually nothing left.

In my experience it would have been impossible for 3 LED lights to have totally and completely burned the building without the help of perhaps 5 gallons of gasoline.

Arsonists did extensive damage to our half a million dollar plus rent house last year at 1700 Avenue S in Huntsville about a year ago and only about a third of the house burned extensively. The arsonists, known by the Chief of Police have not been charged that I am aware of.

The Chief hates me because he is a religious extremist and refused to arrest a gang that pulled our church anti-death penalty sign down and stomped on it. There was no investigation that we are aware of although our security camera documented the vandalism.

Later, a man with a large Christian Cross around his neck stole the sign and our security guard took down the license plate and the police caught the man and took him back to the scene of the theft. I asked the three HPD officers to take the thief to jail, fine him \$5 and let him go.

The refused, saying that because he was wearing a Christian cross he had committed no crime and refused to even write him a ticket for a \$5 fine.

I asked to visit with the thief so that he could tell me why he stole our church's sign. We went into our Library of Texana and he explained that Jesus is in favor of the death penalty and even executing innocent people, "because they get to be with Jesus sooner and that all one has to do to get to Heaven is to proclaim: "Jesus is my Savior. Please forgive me." That is all well and good but he was also taught by his Church that "Once saved, always saved, and ALL FUTURE SINS ARE PRE-FORGIVEN IN ADVANCE."

I visited with the same Chief of Police, who allowed the druggie gang to invade our house, destroy the inside, and then set fire to it. Although called several times by the neighbors he refused to do anything about the druggie gang. The druggies had also set up a camp in the woods behind the house.

Even after the fire HPD allowed the druggies to enter the house repeatedly and take whatever they wanted although it was posted as being "off limits".

He confirmed that he had been taught the same thing in his church and that "Once saved, always saved and all future sins are pre-forgiven in advance", and refused to fine the thief even \$5 for committing the crime against our church. He also confirmed that Jesus is in favor of the death penalty, which I have been against since childhood after Don Reid told me that about 1 in 6 people executed in Huntsville were innocent in his opinion.

He had witnessed 189 executions and wrote the book: "Have a Seat Please"

Today is the one year anniversary of the death of our daughter, Karen Lee Russell Robinson, who we believe was murdered by her estranged husband. The police gave him sole access to the home we had placed her in for her protection from this abusive man and gave him anything that could have been used to prove that he murdered her, such as her computer, cell phone, files and no doubt her Last Will and Testament, or had her killed, obviously for a large sum of money as he was granted her entire estate plus allegedly collected \$600,000 in life insurance proceeds.

He was given the "death car" and all of the evidence seems to have disappeared.

Our Dallas daughter is trying to set up a meeting with the District Attorney so that she and our California daughter can try to find out why the DA has not conducted an investigation into her death.

The autopsy report was hidden from us for many months and when we finally obtained a copy it erroneously said "Suicide", rather than "Undetermined" as in the case of the obvious arson fire.

I am not a Christian in the "fundamentalist" sense and the Chief actually told me that I was going to burn in the fires of Hell because only people who have accepted Jesus as their Savior will go to Heaven.

However, if I had vandalized and then stolen a sign belonging to any other church I would no doubt be charged with a "hate crime" and would still be in jail.

So having grown up in the East Texas extreme fundamentalist environment I dedicated myself to establishing a church that I believe exemplifies my spiritual and religious philosophy of who Jesus actually was and what his actual mission was on earth.

On 31 January 2003, the IRS formally recognized The Universal Ethician Church as a 501 (c) 3 CHURCH and my church and I have been the target of hate ever since, especially by the Waterwood HOA, "Waterwood Improvement Association".

I believe that all "creation" is holy and that trees are especially imbued with the Spirit of God. Therefore according to my neighbors, I am some kind of Pagan or devil worshipper. It was early Christians that destroyed the Sacred Groves where pre-Christians had worshipped for centuries.

I also believe that trees, especially ancient ones are sacred, which offends the HOA to the point that they have a history of destroying our Sanctified trees. The most hateful thing the HOA did was destroy our Sacred Tree Arbor that we had spent \$6.7 million in order to protect along with attached tracts.

The mutilation of this sacred arbor, was not on HOA property nor on County property. All of the beautiful trees were growing on one of our wildlife sanctuaries and botanical preserves and the HOA had zero legal right to destroy the beauty of the arbor.

THIS CONSTITUTED CRIMINAL TRESSPASS AND FELONY VANDALISM but the criminals that surround me are never prosecuted, so the only way to overcome the fact that I and my wife have zero legal protection would be for the FBI or ATF to independently investigate and hopefully charge the perpetrators with the crimes that they have repeatedly committed against me, my wife, our church and our consecrated sacred natural areas.

The hatred is not only of our church but the fact that we refused to sell our 12 miles of waterfront and 3,000 acres that surround Waterwood to a group of investors out of Dubai that along with Joe Nocito and two women from Highland Park in Dallas had decided that our properties would be the third Disney City.

Unbeknownst to me they had allegedly spent \$7 million hiring the people that had designed Disneyworld, Epcot and MGM in Orlando. The first development phase was to have been \$1.6 billion in taxable development and in the minds of the HOA the residents of Waterwood would become millionaires overnight.

The attorney for the billionaires and the "girlfriends" of the Sheiks flew to Pisa from Dubai and negotiated with us for three days when I discovered what they actually had in mind. When I told the negotiators that I didn't want to hear firecrackers every night, the "girlfriends" said, We have to have firecrackers every night. That's what we do in Disneyland."

That was in June of 2004 and I have had to live in hell ever since, being constantly harassed, sued, shot at, held hostage, physically assaulted, and having to spend some hundreds of thousands of dollars for the legal defense of our church and other consecrated sacred natural areas.

Yesterday, the HOA had another attorney threaten me with a law suit by saying that my most recent attempt to get the HOA to CEASE and DESIST from further crimes against was libelous and based on lies.

I have documentation to prove that everything I wrote was true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief but I have had to task our church attorney to combat the HOA one more time, with limited funds due to the fact that the man that we believe murdered our daughter had defrauded my wife and me out of at least a million dollars in what we now believe that a Ponzi scheme, using our investment we believe to pay off other investors who he appears to have cheated.

To give you and idea of the hate we have had to deal with for many years, go to www.georgerussell.net and scroll down to CV14.902 TERRORISTIC THREAT to see how hate filled the HOA is.

Our church owns 4 "Green Cemeteries" including what we believe to be the world's first and only Green Veterans Cemetery where veterans, their families and pets can have free burial plots.

This cemetery is so hated by the HOA that they threatened me with 124 years in jail and a \$103,500 fine for placing purple paint stripes in accordance with State Law and upon the advice of Texas Parks and Wildlife.

The HOA has taken away ALL OF MY FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS and refused to allow us to place a sign offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of arsonists, as we have been the victim of several arson fires on our properties that surround the HOA properties.

The HOA had recently had their attorney attempt to extort significant sums of money from us, then he did extort \$250 that for some reason our attorney paid, which confirms the EXTORTION.

The man that supervised and orchestrated the FELONY damages to our Sacred Tree Arbor, was also in charge of two extortion attempts that cost us a significant amount of money to pay a lawyer to defend.

The second extortion attempt was for \$750. We had to be at a hearing with the HOA attorney, my attorney and Rick Harwell, the man who is in charge

of HOA "maintenance" and who has been destroying anything and everything that we hold sacred to our church.

We had purchased both four lane sections of Waterwood Parkway to protect the over 130 species of native wildflowers, rare Longleaf Pines and especially the orchids and gay feathers that beautified the parkway.

Under emotional and financial duress and with a promise from the HOA to protect our wildflowers and not cut them until they had gone to seed the HOA coerced us into selling the Consecrated God's Garden Parkway to the HOA at an estimated \$4 MILLION dollars less than its actual value. The HOA then claimed to have total control of around 140 acres of our wildlife sanctuaries and botanical preserves and threaten us with jail should we ever try to manage or maintain our properties.

God's Garden Parkway is still consecrated but they forced me to take down the beautiful sign, which was stored in the church that was burned to the ground so it too is gone now.

The HOA, furthermore refused to allow us to place a beautiful wrought iron sign with Jesus' words on it at the entrance to our Chapel. I can see them hating me but refusing to allow a sign quoting Jesus is overboard, but in addition, the man who we believe has orchestrated virtually all of the lawsuits and the spread of hate against us and our church slandered and libeled me by spreading the word that I am anti-Semitic.

By spreading that kind of false hate I do not feel safe and fanning the flames of hatred against me, our church and our church green cemeteries has given me PTSD as I feel as if I am living in a war zone and I also have serious anxiety attacks, which have never seriously bothered me before.

Our Chapel sign for example, has a Star of David, a Christian Cross and a Muslim Crescent Moon as we believe in "Convivencia" and World Peace.

I have produced to educational films on the Holocaust: "The Holocaust: A History" and "Ann Frank and the Holocaust". I have a photo of Hitler in the "Rogues Gallery" in our MUSEUM OF GENOCIDE and our CHIDLREN'S MUSEUM OF WORLD PEACE AND WORLD CULTURES promotes Convivencia.

The really bizarre thing as the apparent spreader of hate against us and the architect of the frivolous lawsuits against us and our church is none other than Jack Zimmerman, whose weekend home is next door to our parsonage since 1998. We have been nothing but kind to him but his hatred is unending. He asked if he could trim some limbs on our Prayer Garden so his wife could have a better view of the lake and he then commenced to attempt to adverse possess at least 50 feet of our Prayer Garden's waterfront.

Getting back to the HOA's crimes against God's Holy Creation, there were hundreds of thousands of blooming wildflowers on God's Garden Parkway last Easter Sunday when we buried our murdered daughter. The very next day, Rick Harwell directed that the wildflowers be mowed down almost to bare dirt in total and complete violation of hard fought legal agreements.

NOW BACK TO THE OBVIOUS ARSON FIRE

We defeated Harwell and the HOA in their attempt to extort another \$750 from us and he was really made and insulting in spite of my half century of expertise in forestry matters. He said that he didn't need any expertise because he had "common sense", (when he targets and destroys 100 year old oak trees in perfect health).

The hearing in which Harwell was sure that he and the HOA would be able to extort an additional \$750 from our charity took place on December 20, 2021. It was the VERY NEXT NIGHT that our church was burned to the ground making Harwell the chief suspect in my opinion based on his past history of committing HATE CRIMES against our church including mutilating numerous trees and historic native grape vines on our Chapel property.

Previously, a man, known by law enforcement, trespassed on our foundation property, took aim at our foundation's beach house, where the tenant is tasked with helping us control trespass and poaching on our Holy Trinity Wilderness Cathedral property across the bay from where she lives.

Fortunately she and her friends were out fishing the night that a bullet shattered her sliding glass door, passed through the house and into the refrigerator and also damaging the kitchen cabinets. We have attempted to determine if the shooter was Rick Harwell as we had been told but the Sheriff refused to give us the name of the shooter. When I sent the Sheriff a PIR asking for the documentation associated with the crimes that we had reported he said there had been none in or around Waterwood. So I went back to the AG and the AG sent the Sheriff a demand letter asking for the name of the shooter and the Sheriff told the AG that he didn't have any files. So I called the AG's PIR office and was told that they had never had a Sheriff lie to them so all I know about the probable shooter is that he was part of a group shooting hogs on the golf course.

In any event, Rick Harwell has a history of committing HATE CRIMES against our Sacred trees, wildflowers and other elements of Creation that are Sacred to us.

Unfortunately, every time we installed another security camera to watch our three church buildings they were stolen and a man who said he was exmilitary told one of the walkers at the Chapel site that he takes down any security camera that he finds on our properties. The walker didn't get his name and I don't think he was Rick Harwell but he may have been involved in the arson fire. Obviously I can't prove who actually set the fire that burned down this irreplaceable historic church and museum, but the timing is extremely suspicious and the suspect has a history of committing hate crimes against our church that I believe are felonies in that the damages are extremely devastating.

When I discovered that the arbor was mutilated to the point with the cutting of 500 or so branches I became suicidal for the first time in my life as the arbor represented the sacrifices my wife and I had made over the decades to be able to leave a lasting legacy in the name of God's Holy Creation.

THE INVESTIGATION THAT WASN'T

There seemed to be no formal scientific investigation into the origins of the fire that burned the church to the ground.

The first investigator was the San Jacinto County Fire Marshall. He arrived on December 23, 2021. I signed a document giving him permission to investigate the origins of the fire but I do not believe that he did anything but look at the debris. There was no sniffer dog or any instrument that might

have detected the substance used to douse what appears to have been the entre structure with flammable liquid.

The State Fire Marshalls didn't arrive on the scene until December 28, 2021, a time that would have allowed any remaining volatiles to dissipate. They did not bring a sniffer dog or any instrument that I know of to detect possible agents used to start the fire and burn the church down.

A burnt piece of wire was found and the Fire Marshall began to question the electrical system which he alluded might have started the fire. I called my licensed electricians that had just checked out the system a short time before the fire and had added one additional LED light making a total of three LED's which I believe satisfied the Fire Marshalls that the fire was not electrical in origin.

They then flew a drone above the building and as far as I know did nothing more.

Due to the multiple and continuing HATE CRIMES against me and our church, we really need the help of either the ATF or the FBI to put a halt to the continuing crimes against our persons and our church and against the free exercise of my religion and my religious beliefs and the free exercise of people who attend our Sunset Services.

Waterwood residents are shunned to the point that they sell out and move if it is discovered that they ascribe to The Ethician Rule and enjoy God's Holy Creation. To be on the Waterwood HOA Board it is mandatory that you hate George Russell, his sacred trees and wildflowers and also hate the fact that we do not discriminate and have had several Black followers of our creed.

INTERSTATE COMMERCE

Our church is engaged in interstate commerce. We have members and visitors from various foreign countries and states.

We have bodies of deceased persons and/or their family members from outof state.

We accept offerings from anywhere in the world to support our church and our church cemeteries, wildlife sanctuaries and botanical preserves.

18 U.S. Code 245 FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITIES

Of course as a church we discriminate against no one but we are the object of discrimination.

The most applicable parts of the Code include (E) participating in or enjoying the benefits of any program or activity receiving Federal Financial Assistance.

Our church applied for FEMA assistance after Hurricane Harvey had seriously damaged our floating church building. We worked with FEMA positively for many months in weekly meetings, field trips etc.

Our church owns some 7 miles of waterfront property on the shores of Lake Livingston which were covered with debris associated with Hurricane Harvey. Under FEMA supervision we cleaned up about half of the waterfront and kept the meticulous records as required by FEMA.

Suddenly all 16 of our projects were denied funding for zero legitimate reason and mostly based on lies, fabrications and other misrepresentations.

For example FEMA said that our church and other properties are CLOSED to the public when in fact, for example, our Chapel of the Nativity doesn't even have a door on it and is open for prayer and meditation 24/7/365.

FEMA agents in order to prevent helping us repair our floating church, insulted us and tried to tell us how to conduct our services which is a serious First Amendment violation.

We uncovered the fact that FEMA had been churning millions of dollars internally rather than helping the victims of Hurricane Harvey and attempted to present the hundreds of pages of evidence of FEMA's abuses to the FEMA Inspector General without results and then to Congressman Brady without results and lastly to Senator Cruz without results.

(2) (B) participating in or enjoying any benefit, service, privilege, program, facility or activity provided or administered by and State or subdivision thereof.

In San Jacinto County, where our Chapel is located and where our 1845 Church was located until it was burned to the ground, we have attempted for well over a decade to have a 911 address issued to us to no avail after repeated attempts.

We have had the misfortune of having two dead people delivered to our office in Huntsville due to the fact that when people attempt to locate our Chapel they are misled. Once we were given an alleged 911 address which led people to a place about 10 miles away.

We have had virtually zero law enforcement protection from the Sheriff of San Jacinto County or his deputies. Just about a week ago we discovered that a tenant had stolen our stove, refrigerator and even the dishwasher along with other valuables from one of our houses. The deputy who arrived on the scene told us that stealing all of the appliances from a rental property was not a crime. He left no name or case number. Our property manager is going to try to get the DA to have the known perp arrested and hopefully get our \$3,000 or so worth of appliances back.

As stated earlier, our foundation's "guard house" was shot up and neither the two Game Wardens or the Sheriff will tell us who the known perp was.

Our Church has had several security cameras stolen. In one case the stolen cameras took a photo of the perps. I investigated using the photo and discovered their names, physical address, and even their telephone number and the Sheriff refused to even go to the perp's house and retrieve our stolen cameras.

The HOA was made a branch of County Government which we believe was illegal and gave the HOA the right to invade our properties and destroy our trees, wildflowers and harass us if we interfered with the commission of their crimes.

The HOA, acting as a branch of County Government, refuses to allow us to participate in any social or other activities and has totally destroyed our FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS and left our properties, outside the boundaries of the HOA, vulnerable to poachers, thieves, arsonists and vandals.

When I and another senior citizen called the law when we discovered criminal trespass and over \$20,000 worth of damages to rare old growth trees in one of our sanctuaries, the perp assaulted me, stole my cell phone with the evidence of the assault and assaulted the other senior citizen with a chain saw. When we filed charges against the perps when they were caught and I got my cell phone back, the Constable (who has stalked and falsely arrested me for criminal trespass on my own deeded property) ordered the Sheriff Deputy to turn the perps loose although I filed a criminal complaint.

I took the evidence to the DA who poo pooed it as if no assault on senior citizens had occurred.

The hate crimes against me, my crippled wife and me will continue unabated unless we get some outside help from either the ATF, FBI or some other OUTSIDE law enforcement agency.

Same problem in Walker County, where we are also hated due to promoting ethics in government.

Thanks in advance for any help you can render, especially to bring the church arsonist to justice.

Since the chief suspect has personally orchestrated serious HATE CRIMES against our church and Sacred Properties that are serious FELONIES, at least he can be arrested and hopefully convicted for those crimes and may know who might have burned down our 1845 Church.

George H. Russell, Bishop