CAUSE NO. DC-26-14816

HORIZON TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Plaintiff, v. **HIGHLAND PARK METHODIST CHURCH, INC. D/B/A HIGHLAND PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH,** Defendant and Counter-Claimant.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT, 193RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT, DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS

ORDER ON DEFENDANT'S APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER AND PLAINTIFF'S PLEA TO THE JURISDICTION

On this day, the Court considered Defendant and Counter-Claimant's Application for Temporary Restraining Order and Temporary Injunction, Plaintiff's Plea to the Jurisdiction and Objection, and Defendant's Reply. The Court rules as follows:

1. Plaintiff's Plea to the Jurisdiction is **DENIED**.
2. Defendant's Application for Temporary Restraining Order is **GRANTED IN PART**.
3. Plaintiff, and its officers, agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and all persons in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of this Order, are **RESTRAINED** from:

   a. using the names "Highland Park United Methodist Church," "Highland Park United Methodists," "Highland Park UMC," "HPUMC," "HPUMC Oasis," or any other designation confusingly similar to the HP Marks.

   b. soliciting or accepting charitable contributions using the HP Marks or any other confusingly similar designation;

   c. representing, expressly or by implication, that Plaintiff's new congregation is Defendant or is affiliated with Defendant;

   d. operating the website at hpunitedmethodist.org, or any other website, in a manner that displays any of the HP Marks or any other designation confusingly similar to them; and

   e. destroying, deleting, or altering documents, electronically stored information, or communications relating to the selection and use of the HP Marks, the website, contributions received, or confusion.

4. This Order does not restrain Plaintiff or any person from gathering for worship, or from operating a congregation under any non-infringing name.
5. This Order shall be effective upon Defendant's posting of a bond in the amount of $5000.00 with the Dallas County District Clerk.
6. This Order expires on December 2, 2026, at 4:00 pm., unless extended by the Court or by agreement.
7. Defendant's Application for Temporary Injunction is set for hearing on December 2, **2026**, at 10:30 a.m., in the 193rd Judicial District Court, Dallas County, Texas, via Zoom.

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SIGNED on this ____ day of _____, 2026.



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