The Honorable Patrick Oishi 1 Motion for Summary Judgment 2 Hearing: April 15, 2015, 10:00 a.m. 3 4 5 6 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON 7 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF KING 8 9 THE PRESBYTERY OF SEATTLE, a Washington nonprofit corporation; THE No. 16-2-03515-9 SEA 10 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SEATTLE, a Washington nonprofit **DECLARATION OF HEIDI** 11 corporation; ROBERT WALLACE, **HUSTED ARMSTRONG IN** President of The First Presbyterian Church SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' 12 of Seattle, a Washington nonprofit MOTION FOR PARTIAL 13 corporation; and WILLIAM **SUMMARY JUDGMENT** LONGBRAKE, on behalf of himself and 14 other similarly situated members of First Presbyterian Church of Seattle, 15 Plaintiffs, 16 17 v. 18 JEFF SCHULZ and ELLEN SCHULZ, as individuals and as the marital community 19 comprised thereof; LIZ CEDERGREEN; 20 DAVID MARTIN; LINDSEY McDOWELL; GEORGE NORRIS; 21 NATHAN ORONA; and KATHRYN OSTROM, as former trustees of First 22 Presbyterian Church of Seattle, a Washington nonprofit corporation, 23 Defendants. 24 25

DECLARATION OF HEIDI HUSTED ARMSTRONG IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT - 1 2

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I, Heidi Husted Armstrong, pursuant to RCW 9A.72.085, declare as follow:

- 1. I am an ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament and a teaching elder in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). I received my Master of Divinity degree from Fuller Theological Seminary in 1983 and a Doctor of Ministry in preaching from San Francisco Seminary in 2000. I have substantial experience serving in the role of an interim pastor. I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth in this declaration and am competent to testify about those matters.
- 2. On November 17, 2015, I was appointed by the Presbytery of Seattle as one of eight members on the Administrative Commission for First Presbyterian Church of Seattle. I have participated actively in the work of the Administrative Commission.
- 3. On February 16, 2016, the Administrative Commission adopted a series of resolutions, the fourth of which stated the following:

Whereas, the Administrative Commission for First Presbyterian Church of Seattle has assumed original jurisdiction with full power of the session of First Presbyterian Church of Seattle; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Administrative Commission, acting as the session of First Presbyterian Church of Seattle, in accordance with resolutions previously adopted and pursuant to G-2.0504.b of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), hereby appoints the Rev. Dr. Heidi Husted Armstrong as temporary pastor to serve the First Presbyterian Church of Seattle.

4. The Administrative Commission's decision to appoint me as temporary pastor was based upon its finding that the former co-pastors of First Presbyterian Church of Seattle ("FPCS") had renounced the jurisdiction of the church in December 2015, leaving the congregation without a pastor. The Administrative Commission also determined that the conduct of the former co-pastors and the former ruling elders had caused a schism within the congregation and that the true church consisted of those who

opposed the actions of the former co-pastors and the former ruling elders. The Administrative Commission recognized its obligation, acting as the session of FPCS, to (a) provide that the Word of God may be truly preached and heard, (b) provide that the Sacraments may be rightly administered and received, and (c) nurture the covenant community of disciples of Christ. These responsibilities and powers of the session are set forth in G-3.0201 of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

- 5. Each Sunday since my appointment, I have led a worship service for the true church at FPCS. I have also reached out to FPCS congregants to offer pastoral care.
- 6. The former co-pastors and former ruling elders have refused to recognize the jurisdiction of Seattle Presbytery or the findings and decisions of the Administrative Commission. They have blocked access to the church facilities, requiring me to conduct worship services at other locations.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

EXECUTED this 9 day of March 2016 at 1/2 tail, Washington

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