

Trustees and that the conveyance was without authority of the congregation and is void and of no effect.

SEVENTH: That the aforesaid Evelyn D. Becker and Elizabeth A. Beylor after obtaining the aforesaid property did remove themselves from the aforesaid parsonage taking with them and claiming as their own all of the personal property and furniture placed there by the congregation of Bethel Tabernacle for the use of its Pastor and did establish a residence at Mt. Pleasant, Frederick County, Maryland and did lease the aforesaid parsonage at a rental of \$25.00 which amount they have used for their own purposes and have not turned over any of it to the aforesaid Bethel Tabernacle.

EIGHTH: That the Defendants, Evelyn D. Becker and Elizabeth A. Beylor, William Elmer Sittig and William A. Layman purporting to act on behalf of the congregation of Bethel Tabernacle but in fact having no authority have entered into a contract to sell that piece or parcel of real estate still owned by Bethel Tabernacle to another Religious Organization, known as the Seventh Day Adventist and your Orators fear that unless your Honorable Court takes jurisdiction in this case that the rights of Bethel Tabernacle in the premises may be barred.

NINTH: That your Orators have attempted to hold meetings of the congregation of Bethel Tabernacle in the aforesaid church property but that the Defendants have greatly hindered the conduct of such services and the said Evelyn D. Becker has not acted in her capacity as Pastor in any way for the period of over a month from the date of the filing of this bill. That the purported Trustees have removed locks from the door of the aforesaid church and have placed thereon locks, they themselves keeping the keys in order that your Orators and other members of the congregation may not enter said church. That they have also at the time of congregational meetings arranged by your Orators cut off the lights so that said meetings are interferred with.

TENTH: That the acts of the Defendants have caused grievous injury to said Bethel Tabernacle and they are hampering your Orators in the performance of their proper duties by their violation of the rights of your Orators in that they are prevented from using the said church property according to the constitution and discipline of the General Counsel Assemblies of God, Springfield, Missouri, and such acts of the Defendants in conveying away certain property belonging to Bethel Tabernacle and in attempting to convey to another denomination and the sale of the property of Bethel Tabernacle is utterly without justification at all.

ELEVENTH: Your Orators allege that the transactions are a part of the fraudulent scheme of the Defendants, Evelyn D. Becker and Elizabeth A. Beylor to deprive Bethel Tabernacle of its property and to obtain for their own use free and clear of any liens the parsonage property in that if the church property is sold to the Seventh Day Adventist, the entire amount of the liens can be paid with the purchase price and the aforesaid Evelyn D. Becker and Elizabeth A. Beylor will then own the parsonage property free and clear of liens.

TWELFTH: Your Orators further allege that one of the Presbyters of Potomac District Counsel the Assembly of God together with certain members of the congregation of Bethel Tabernacle have protested to the Defendants at various times beginning with the attempted removal of J. Vernon Boone, Silas T. Rickards and Marshall Bell as Trustees and have earnestly denounced the illegal and unauthorized acts on the part of the Defendants and have urged upon them that the same is contrary to the rules and discipline of General Counsel Assembly of God, Springfield, Missouri, but the said protests have had no effect and it has now become inevitable that your Orators should seek the aid of this Court to prevent further interference by the Defendants with the performance by your Orators of the duties imposed upon them as Trustees vested with the control of the property of Bethel