COPYRIGHT CLAIMS BOARD

Docket number: 26-CCB-0664
November 6, 2026

Faith Temple Church	*v.*	Soul Restoration Ministries
CLAIMANT		**RESPONDENT**

ORDER DISMISSING CLAIM WITHOUT PREJUDICE

On October 22, 2026, the Copyright Claims Board (Board) issued an Order of Intent to Dismiss for Unsuitability (Order). The Order explained that the Board concluded that this claim is unsuitable for determination by the Board under 17 U.S.C. § 1506(f)(3) because the claimant did not complete a copyright registration application before filing the claim.

On November 3, 2026, the claimant filed a Request to Reconsider Unsuitability Determination (Request). In the Request, Claimant provided a receipt for a pending application for registration ("1-15292995881"). A Board search of Copyright Office records indicates that the application was filed on October 29, 2026. As mentioned in the Order, the Board can hear a copyright infringement claim only if, **before the claim was filed,** the legal or beneficial owner applied to register the copyright by delivering a completed application, deposit, and fee to the Copyright Office, and the Copyright Office has either (1) issued a registration certificate for the allegedly infringed work, or (2) not refused the application to register the work. 17 U.S.C. § 1505(a). Claimant's Request did not show that a copyright was registered or a complete application for registration was delivered to the Copyright Office, including the deposit, before this claim was filed on October 20, 2026.

Therefore, the Board confirms its finding that this claim is unsuitable for the Board to determine. The request for reconsideration is denied, and this claim is dismissed without prejudice for unsuitability. 17 U.S.C. § 1506(f)(3); 37 C.F.R. § 224.2(b)(1). Dismissal without prejudice means that the claim may be raised again if it is supported by a complete application to register the copyright for the allegedly infringed work. More information on registration is available in the Copyright Office's **Registration Portal** and its **Online Registration Help (eCO FAQs)** page.

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