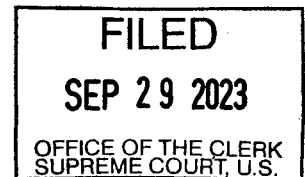


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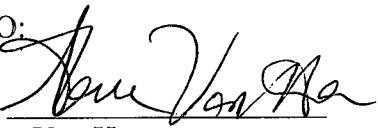
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**AFFIDAVIT OR DECLARATION  
IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS***

I, Steve Van Horne, am the petitioner in the above-entitled case. In support of my motion to proceed *in forma pauperis*, I state that because of my poverty I am unable to pay the costs of this case or to give security therefor; and I believe I am entitled to redress.

1. For both you and your spouse estimate the average amount of money received from each of the following sources during the past 12 months. Adjust any amount that was received weekly, biweekly, quarterly, semiannually, or annually to show the monthly rate. Use gross amounts, that is, amounts before any deductions for taxes or otherwise.

Income source	Average monthly amount during the past 12 months		Amount expected	
	You	Spouse	You	Spouse
Employment	\$ 400.00	\$ 1200.00	\$0.00	\$ 1200.00
Self-employment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Income from real property (such as rental income)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest and dividends	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gifts	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Alimony	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Child Support	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Unemployment payments	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Public-assistance (such as welfare)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other (specify):	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total monthly income:	\$400.00	\$1200.00	\$0.00	\$1200.00

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2. List your employment history for the past two years, most recent first. (Gross monthly pay is before taxes or other deductions.)

Employer	Address	Dates of Employment	Gross monthly pay
Children of Kingdom	2700 FM 603, Eula, TX 79510	2019 - Present	\$0.00
AHFL Private School	3242 Beltway S, Abilene TX	2002 - Present	\$0.00
			\$

3. List your spouse's employment history for the past two years, most recent employer first. (Gross monthly pay is before taxes or other deductions.)

Employer	Address	Dates of Employment	Gross monthly pay
AHFL Private School	3242 Beltway S, Abilene TX	2002 - Present	\$1200.00
			\$
			\$
			\$1200.00

4. How much cash do you and your spouse have? \$100.00  
Below, state any money you or your spouse have in bank accounts or in any other financial institution.

Financial institution	Type of account	Amount you have	Amount your spouse has
None		\$0.00	\$0.00
None		\$0.00	\$0.00
None		\$0.00	\$0.00

5. List the assets, and their values, which you own or your spouse owns. Do not list clothing and ordinary household furnishings.

D Home  
Value 0.00

D Other real estate  
Value 0.00

D Motor Vehicle #1  
Year, make & model None  
Value 0.00

D Motor Vehicle #2  
Year, make & model  
Value 0.00

D Other assets  
Description None  
Value 0.00

6. State every person, business, or organization owing you or your spouse money, and the amount owed.

Person owing you or your spouse money	Amount owed to you	Amount owed to your spouse
None	\$0.00	\$0.00
None	\$0.00	\$0.00
None	\$0.00	\$0.00

7. State the persons who rely on you or your spouse for support.

Name	Relationship	Age
Mykal Van Horne	Son	20
Arriylle Van Horne	Daughter	19

8. Estimate the average monthly expenses of you and your family. Show separately the amounts paid by your spouse. Adjust any payments that are made weekly, biweekly, quarterly, or annually to show the monthly rate.

	You	Your spouse
Rent or Home-mortgage payment (include lot rented for mobile home)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Are real estate taxes included?	D Yes X No	
Is property insurance included?	D Yes X No	
Utilities (electricity, heating fuel, water, sewer, and telephone)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Food	\$0.00	\$900.00
Clothing	\$0.00	\$50.00
Laundry and dry-cleaning	\$0.00	\$25.00
Medical and dental expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00

	You	Your spouse
Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments)	\$0.00	\$175.00
Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc.	\$0.00	\$0.00
Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
Homeowner's or renter's	\$0.00	\$0.00
Life	\$0.00	\$0.00
Health	\$0.00	\$0.00
Motor Vehicle	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other: _____	\$0.00	\$0.00
Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
(specify): _____	\$0.00	\$ 0.00
Installment payments		
Motor Vehicle	\$0.00	\$ 0.00
Credit card(s)	\$0.00	\$ 0.00
Department store(s)	\$0.00	\$ 0.00
Other: _____	\$0.00	\$ 0.00
Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others	\$0.00	\$ 0.00
Regular expenses for operation of business, profession, or farm (attach detailed statement)	\$0.00	\$ 0.00
Other (specify): _____	\$0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>Total monthly expenses:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

9. Do you expect any major changes to your monthly income or expenses or in your assets or liabilities during the next 12 months?

D Yes    X No

If yes, describe on an attached sheet. Yes and No: This question could be taken 2 ways – If major changes mean changes to average monthly income over 12 months yes there will be major changes.

However, if major changes mean changes to month to month income going forward, no I do not expect major changes

10. Have you paid – or will you be paying – an attorney any money for services in connection with this case, including the completion of this form?    D Yes    X No

If yes, how much?    N/A

If yes, state the attorney's name, address, and telephone number:

11. Have you paid—or will you be paying—anyone other than an attorney (such as a paralegal or a typist) any money for services in connection with this case, including the completion of this form?

D Yes    X No

If yes, how much?    N/A

If yes, state the person's name, address, and telephone number:

12. Provide any other information that will help explain why you cannot pay the costs of this case.

I currently have no income for the last 11 months, due to the fact that I am a minister and I have taken a vow of poverty under the ministry I serve since January 1, 2023. My family and I receive free room, board, and up to \$300.00 credit on monthly for utilities. Any utility cost above \$300 is considered personal expense which we must pay. I receive travel expense to wherever I go for ministerial duties. We pay for all personal expenses we incur.

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

Executed on:    November 13    ,    2023

/s/ Steve Van Horne  
(Signature)

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**NOTE EXPLAINING CERTAIN ANSWERS IN AFFIDAVIT  
OR DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS***

Due to the fact that the district court asked the Petitioner for clarity in regard to some of Petitioner's answers on his indigency application and those questions are also on the US Supreme Court's "Affidavit or Declaration In Support of Motion For Leave To Proceed *In Forma Pauperis*", Petitioner thought it best to accompany this Petition with those explanations:

Question #1 of the Supreme Court's document asked to estimate the average (monthly) amount of money received from employment during the past 12 months. As stated to the district court the Petitioner had previously received a stipend for his ministerial duties. However, he entered into a vow of poverty that has been in effect since January 2023 and has not received any income since that time. However, his averaged (monthly) income from November 2022 to October 2023 (the past 12 months) is his answer to question #1 for employment. Zero is the answer for the second part of question #1 for employment under "*Amount expected*"

Question #9 asked: "Do you expect any major changes to your monthly income or expenses or in your assets or liabilities during the next 12 months?"

The Petitioner saw this question two separate ways and therefore stated the following to the district court:

The Petitioner does not currently have an income due to his vow. If the question "*Do you expect any major changes to your monthly income... during the next 12 months?*" means: does Petitioner expect changes to him having no income going forward, the answer is: **NO.**

However, he listed an average monthly income over the last 12 months in question #1. Therefore, If the question "*Do you expect any major changes to your monthly income... during the next 12 months?*" Means: does Petitioner expect changes to his income as listed in question # 1, the answer is: **YES** (he will have no income, therefore the average income, each month, will change).

Questions 1 and 2 both relate to employment information.

However, Petitioner does not have an employment relationship with the clergy. Petitioner is a minister who offers his service as a free will offering to his Heavenly Father as a member of the ministry. The organizing government is set up similar to Acts 4:34-35.

Both "*employment*" positions referred to in question 2 are affiliated positions in the same ministry, with the same overall leadership, which Petitioner is a member of and currently receive no income from.



Under that religious societal body there are other bodies of which Children of the Kingdom is one and AHFL is another. Children of the Kingdom, is a youth ministry which also trains and ordains new minister for the ministry of the Society. AHFL is a private school for the children of the Private Religious Society. As the overseer of the spiritual units of the society I oversee and administrate duties for these units of the society.

So, the relationship between Petitioner, Children of the Kingdom, and AHFL would not quite fall under employment. I was forced to make reference to employment because there was no other way to make reference to the true relationship on the application at the district level or now.

Having said that, the relationship is about rendering service to the Creator in my duties of overseeing, and administrating of these two units.

Our Society has long been incrementally moving to a barter system with less and less secular activity. As our barter system was incrementally being set up, it simply came to the point that the religious units of the society would begin to practice bartering more and more and practice using Federal Reserve Notes less and less. Hence, my vow of poverty came into play, as a minister setting an example by faith for others to hopefully follow, and to continue overseeing and administrating these two units within the Society.

Nevertheless, since I can't be reasonably expected to pay for much without an income, the Society arranges and pays directly for my family's room, board, and up to \$300.00 credit on monthly for utilities. Anything above that is considered personal expense, that we would then need to pay the personal bill of reimburse the clergy.

Question 7: State the persons who rely on you or your spouse for support

Two of my children have decided to walk in the way of this ministry. One is a youth minister in our Religious Society. As a youth minister he has various duties which are all freewill.

The other has also decided to walk in the way of this ministry. They are ministers in training in one of our Children of the Kingdom programs. They do not get reimbursed monetarily for this service to their Heavenly Father. There is no employment in any other field and their expenses are included in our expenses as it is our religious duty to guide those who desire to walk in this way.

We are not anti-civil society government. We simply want to follow what we believe we are commanded to do. This is our belief and it is conscience driven.

Sincerely

/s/ Steve Van Horne