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Clerk of the Court
United States Supreme Court
1st Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20543

RE: Submission of *Emergency Application for Injunction Pending Appellate Review* in *Harvest Family Church v. Federal Emergency Management Agency*.

To the Clerk:

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 22, Harvest Family Church, Hi-Way Tabernacle, and Rockport First Assembly of God (the “Churches”) respectfully submit their *Emergency Application for Injunction Pending Appellate Review* to Justice Samuel Alito. Enclosed for filing please find one original and two copies of the Churches’ *Emergency Application* and appendix.

The Churches were severely damaged by Hurricane Harvey. The application seeks a temporary injunction against a FEMA policy that expressly discriminates on the basis of religion in the distribution of disaster relief aid. FEMA has conceded that the policy violates the Free Exercise Clause of the First Amendment, and has refused to suspend enforcement of the policy. FEMA’s application of the policy to the Churches is causing ongoing irreparable harm to their First Amendment rights, preventing them from equal access to disaster relief support, permanently jeopardizing their ability to obtain disaster relief grants, and delaying their ability to resume use of their facilities.

In accordance with U.S. Supreme Court Rule 29.5, I hereby certify that all parties required to be served, will be served on this 15th day of December, 2017, with one copy of the enclosed *Emergency Application*, appendix thereto, and this letter by electronic mail and by placing said copies for delivery with a third-party commercial carrier, prepaid, addressed as listed below:

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