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**RE:** How To Host The Kentucky 120 United Event In Your Community

*“To the churches in [Kentucky]: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.” Galatians 1:2b-5*

Through Kentucky 120 United we all have a tremendous opportunity to bring in 2016, by focusing our hearts and minds towards our Creator through the reading of His Holy Word. As you know, members of your community will start reading from Genesis 1:1 and continue non-stop until the last verse is read in the Book of Revelation.

In order to bring public awareness to this endeavor, we encourage you to seek out a public forum to conduct this event. By reading the Holy Bible in public, your community can be encouraged, instructed, and most importantly, directed back to their Heavenly Father.

Of course, gaining access to such a venue will not happen overnight. You will need to do some planning and taking positive steps of preparation so that as the night announces the New Year, you are able to start the reading without any difficulties or questions. The remainder of this letter will provide some practical guidance towards that end.

***Where Do I Begin?*** – You will need a public forum to conduct this event. We suggest locations such as the County Courthouse, town square, or Judicial Center. The greater the amount of traffic, the better.

The most likely authority who can grant you access to such a location is either the County Judge Executive or the Mayor. We have included a sample letter, which can be your initial communication to the Judge Executive’s or Mayor’s office. Notice that the sample letter is intentionally drafted to fit on one (1) page. Obviously, the sample letter provides you some general guidance. You can personalize or change the letter to best fit your community’s unique situation.

Once you have mailed the letter, you will want to follow-up by calling the Judge Executive’s or Mayor’s office about five (5) days later. You will likely need to explain the purpose of your call and why you need to meet with the Judge Executive or Mayor. Again, the sample letter can provide you some guidance for that discussion. You will either be given an appointment to meet with your community’s leader, or directed to someone who can better assist you with this project.

Be patient and kind during these initial contacts. You will likely get a lot of questions as they attempt to figure out who in their office is best equipped to serve you. If, however, you are led to people who repeatedly claim to have no such authority or can not assist you, you must be persistent in getting an audience with someone who does have that authority.

**Permit** - At some point, you will likely need to secure a permit to conduct the event on a certain date, from a certain beginning time to a certain ending time, at a certain location. Securing that permit will likely take some time to complete. Again, you will need to follow through on all the governmental authority's reasonable and legal requirements. Once the application has been properly submitted, continue to inquire as to when you might expect approval of the permit. After you have the permit in hand, you will need to consider several logistical matters.

**Light And Weather** – Reading the Bible through in its entirety will take approximately ninety (90) straight hours. During that time – especially in the first few days of January – you will have many hours of darkness and the weather may be uncooperative. You will need to prepare for these issues early on.

In making these preparations you should not count on gaining access to the inside of any governmental building such as the County Courthouse or Judicial Center. You will most likely have to conduct the event out in the open. So, you will want to have a pop-up canopy (that is properly secured so it is not blown away by winds) and some umbrellas. If the weather is going to be cold, you may want to consider some source of heat. During the evening hours, you will also need a source of light to read by.

Bear in mind, that you may need to consider these issues even during the permit application process. Thus, we would recommend a minimal amount of structure and/or equipment to make this event happen. Going too far may bring unwanted attention, and ultimately distract participants and community members from the primary purpose of the event – reading the Holy Bible through in its entirety. Of course, this will not become an issue until you have set-up and drawn attention to the event. Hence, the warning now.

**Public Address System** – Using a public address (PA) system potentially brings in a host of problems. It instantly allows for one to complain that you and your group are too loud, and of course, your response that you are being more than reasonable with the volume. Ultimately, such a confrontation becomes a discussion about the amount of volume being employed rather than God's Word. For this reason, if you can utilize a PA system in your community, then do so in a polite and reasonable manner. If, however, issues are raised concerning the use of your PA system, it is our recommendation that you refrain from using such a system.

**Who Should Be Present?** – You will want your assigned reader to be completely focused on reading their assigned section of the Holy Bible. For that to occur, others should be present to assist in the project.

For instance, one could envision people approaching and simply asking, 'what are you doing?' There should be someone present who is able to politely, thoughtfully and prayerfully respond to that inquiry. In so doing, bear in mind that some of these enquiries could be opportunities to invite

someone to become a Believer while on the opposite side of the spectrum it could be someone who fully intends on starting a fight. Seeking the Holy Spirit's guidance during such encounters will ultimately lead you to the conversation that needs to be undertaken.

Finally, the person next in line to read should arrive early enough so that they can be in prayer and observant as to how they will conduct their reading. As soon as they are up, they should be prepared to begin without delay.

***What If I Encounter Problems?*** – You should expect problems. In fact, lots of problems. Why? Because the Devil will not be pleased with this project, and he will do everything in his finite power to 'steal, kill or destroy' this event. We, however, serve the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, and He will see us through until the last verse is read in all 120 Kentucky counties.

Even so, you may ultimately encounter government officials who may have issues or questions about Kentucky 120 United's project. As we have dealt with similar issues, it has been our experience that most of these issues or questions simply need the answers sufficiently communicated to satisfy the government official's enquiry. There could, however, be some opposition to the project itself.

Should you encounter a problem or someone posing legal questions to you or your local group, please do not hesitate to contact my law firm. As an Allied Attorney with Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF), my firm and I have assisted many pastors, churches, church schools, missionaries and para-church organizations. As in-state counsel for organizations like Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA) and Christian Home Educators of Kentucky (CHEK), my firm and I have litigated a number of religious liberty cases around the Commonwealth. With this experience – and with God's guidance – we feel certain that we can ultimately resolve any issue that you may encounter.

***Conclusion*** – My soul is full of anticipation as January 1st approaches. We all need to be in continual prayer as this important event draws nearer. We also need to do our part – early on – so that when that day arrives we are prepared to start, and more importantly, continue until the mission has been completely fulfilled. Putting down this letter, and starting right now is the first step in that direction.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding these matters, please do not hesitate to contact us at either **(606) 677-2741 [office]** or **(606) 872-3102 [cellular]**. May God grant you and Kentucky 120 United favor as we prepare for this important event.

In Christ's service,



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