

STATEMENT ON RECENT IRS INQUIRY REGARDING GOD'S STOREHOUSE CHURCH

We would like to address a recent IRS inquiry into the activities of God's Storehouse Church and its pastor, prompted by demands from the Freedom From Religion Foundation (FFRF); we aim to clarify the situation and express our concerns regarding the process.

Our cooperation with the IRS has been ongoing throughout their inquiry. We voluntarily provided 19 detailed documents within the scope of their investigation over the course of a year. Despite our full cooperation, the IRS has yet to meet with our board and continues to question our legitimacy as a church and our pastor's actions.

Our initial hope for a constructive resolution to the inquiry has dwindled, as it's clear that the IRS is not interested in collaboration; instead, they seem intent on discrediting our church. This situation has not only resulted in significant legal fees but has also raised questions about our credibility and reputation in the community.

The potential for avoiding this situation is clear – if the IRS had been open to an on-site visit, it would have allowed a more transparent and accurate assessment of our church's activities. This situation raises concerns not only about the IRS's intentions but also whether they are influenced by external groups.

We advocate for reform within the IRS to prevent similar situations for other churches in the future. We believe that adherence to the Church Procedural Act is essential to safeguard the rights of all churches.

Additionally, questions arise regarding whether pastors and church leaders running for public office should expect their churches to be audited. It's concerning that the IRS appears to be acting on the demands of an atheistic group, bypassing our church's rights and intentions to collaborate in resolving any concerns.

Our stance remains steadfast against any form of discrimination or harassment. We hope this situation can lead to positive changes in the way the IRS conducts inquiries involving churches.

To learn more or get involved please visit <http://www.soundthealarm.church>

Sincerely,

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BOARD MEMBER TESTIMONY

I, Rita Hodges, along with my family, started attending Pastors Rick and Pennie Kloos' Church in the fall of 1999. I have served on the Church's worship team, been a deacon, a Counsel/Board member and Treasurer. I've also been involved in children's church and food ministry. My family has been regularly attending this Church for 24 years. I am in agreement with the statement on the IRS inquiry regarding Gods Storehouse.

Sincerely,

Rita Hodges



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During the year 2007, I began attending the church of Pastors Rick and Pennie Kloos on a part-time basis, when in the city of Topeka. As of 2011, their church became my full-time permanent house of worship with regular services along with periodical weekly Bible studies. A few years later, I was honored to sit on the church's Board of Directors and have continued serving in that position along with being a member of Pastors, Rick, and Pennie Kloos's church, Gods Storehouse church, Topeka. I, Deanna Ferrick, am in agreement with the statement on recent IRS inquiry regarding Gods Storehouse.

Sincerely,

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In 2009, I began attending the church Pastors Rick and Pennie Kloos led. I was cautious at first, and did my own evaluation to see if Rick and Pennie were genuine. Right away I was impressed with the benevolence Rick and Pennie demonstrated. When my wife became ill with cancer, Rick and Pennie came to the hospital and offered financial assistance, without any prompting. This was only the beginning of the generosity I saw firsthand. Through the years, I've witnessed the ministry of God's Storehouse, led by Rick and Pennie. God's Storehouse has served Topeka's low income and needy for over 15 years.




For nearly two years I've been a board member. I know the financial records, and the people centered operations well. This IRS investigation is completely uncalled for, and worse, a total waste of tax payer money. Clearly, as this investigation continues, the IRS's intent is to malign, discredit, and deceive.

I, Jay Kingsbury, stand against this IRS inquiry, and fully support Pastors Rick and Pennie Kloos.

Sincerely,

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