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Dear PGCAG Ordained Ministers, Credential Holders, Affiliated/District Recognized Churches and members, Missionaries, and Ministry Partners,

This is just a quick personal memo on the recent Court of Appeals Ruling (CA-G.R. SP NO. 136998) which reversed and set aside the decision of RTC Valenzuela City, Branch 75 in Civil Cases No. 239-V-11 and 7-V-12.

Following is the excerpt of the decision:

WHEREFORE, premises considered, the petition is GRANTED The Decision dated July 16, 2014 of the Regional Trial Court of Valenzuela City, Branch 75 in Civil Cases No. 239-V-II and 7-V-12 is hereby REVERSED and SET ASIDE. In lieu thereof, another is entered ordering the following:

- 1. The lifting of the suspension Sobrepeña and his assumption as Acting General Superintendent/President as valid;*
- 2. The removal of Rev. Calusay and Rev. Suico as General Superintendent/President and General Secretary, respectively, as valid;*
- 3. The removal of Rev. Calusay and Rev. Suico as members of the Board of Trustees as null and void;*
- 4. The Triennial Meeting and election called by Rev. Sobrepeña as valid;*
- 5. The elected members of the Board of Trustees in the April 16-19, 2012 Triennial Membership Meeting are authorized to act for and on behalf of the Philippines General Council of the Assemblies of God (PGCAG) and to exercise all acts of ownership or administration with respect to the funds and properties of the PGCAG, including being a signatory to the bank accounts of PGCAG.*

After an initial shock, the Members of the PGCAG BOT and other District Superintendents decided to meet this coming Saturday in order to pray and also to agree on the proper response. Please give us time to meet for a valid and happy response!

Whatever will be agreed by our leaders in that meeting, will be announced officially. Meanwhile here are my PERSONAL requests and observations:

1. Pray for wisdom towards solutions that are not "problems in disguise". We want to solve the problem - not to perpetuate them. PRAYER IS NEEDED, not heckles and slaps on the head.
2. Do not panic and make demoralizing slant or comments in the social media. Sometimes, I do not know "if you are for us or against us". Sometimes what is needed by those who are reckless with their words, is to be reckless with their prayers. Intercession is better than ignorant interpretations and ranting.
3. Here are some facts:
 - a. The CA Ruling is NOT FINAL and EXECUTORY unlike the previous ruling of the RTC which gave us a WRIT OF EXECUTION.
 - b. The Law is fair in giving us a chance to respond within 15 days from receipt of the decision.
 - c. We are still given other legal options, like Motion for Reconsideration, and of course, the Supreme Court - if we find it necessary.
 - d. Hindi tayo ang pinababalik ng CA ruling kay Sobrepeña. Sa totoo, sila (Sobrepeña and company) ang inorderan na bumalik as officers (*The CA ruling does not tell us to return to Sobrepeña. Rather, Sobrepeña and company are being ordered to return as officers*) - if ever. So, if ever this Ruling becomes executory, it is NOT about PGCAG members (and affiliated Churches) to go out and join Sobrepeña by signing up renewals with him (as he wrote in his celebratory letter): They should be the one now to start reinstating with PGCAG.
 - e. The Ruling does not suspend or cancel the PGCAG By-Laws therefore the provisions of CBL are still to be implemented and followed by everyone.
 - f. Your worry about properties: The properties of PGCAG will be protected by whoever is in the BOT and Executive of PGCAG! That is their sworn duty. We should only worry if those in PGCAG office are not doing it.
 - g. If worse comes to worst (as my former friends would always ask): Do not worry. If I have enough patience to wait, I will have enough courage to accept defeat. PGCAG wins!
 - h. The CA Decision seems confusing. So it is natural that many are confused. Therefore, we need to wait until the smoke of confusion is blown away by the wind of truth!
 - i. We have no enemies forever. One day they can be your friends again.

We love you. Let's love PGCAG.

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*Rev. Reynaldo A. Calusay - President/General Superintendent; Rev. Walter T. Caput - Vice-President/Assistant General Superintendent
Rev. Alex B. Fuentes - Corporate/General Secretary; Rev. Rene G. Cagadas - Corporate/General Treasurer*