Adventists Settle Patient Dumping Lawsuit for $700K

Glendale Adventist to pay $700K to settle patient dumping lawsuit

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The Glendale Adventist Medical Center has agreed to pay a total of $700,000 to settle a lawsuit brought by Los Angeles City Attorney Mike Feuer accusing it of illegally dumping mentally ill and disabled homeless patients on L.A.’s Skid Row over the last four years, Feuer announced Wednesday.

The hospital agreed to pay $500,000 in penalties, $100,000 to L.A. Family Housing, a group that works to house the homeless, and $100,000 to cover the city's legal fees, Feuer said.

Glendale Adventist did not concede any wrongdoing, Feuer noted.

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Local Community Votes to Keep Sunday Sacred

Sunday voting not approved
Rockdale News
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It took some lengthy discussion from both sides of the argument, but in the end, the Rockdale County Board of Elections and Registration did not approve Sunday voting of the early election process during its meeting Thursday afternoon.

Board member Karen James made the motion to approve Sunday voting as a part of in-person early voting, which runs Oct. 14-31. As part of the motion, the in-person voting polls would be open Oct. 26, the last Sunday of the month, between the hours of noon and 5 p.m.

Her motion died due to lack of a second.

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Church urges no Sunday trading
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Allowing stores to open on a Sunday could ruin family traditions. So says the Minister of Elmslie Memorial Church, who’s urging businesses not to open seven days a week.

The Reverend Dr. Dave Hazel believes that Sundays should not be the day to shop.

“The likelihood of that kind of social interaction, of family getting together, having lunch together, of the community, having the time and the space, of individuals having a time to rest, and relax, that becomes less available the more filled up that a Sunday becomes,” he said.

“So keep the thing the way things are now, is what we are saying.”

A 2 month consultation period on the issue came to an end this week and the results are expected in the near future.

What should be our Attitude to the Sunday Law Question: Lessons from 1888

Towards the end of the 19th Century there was a religious movement that felt compelled to launch a campaign to formally recognize Christianity in the U.S. Constitution.

Their desire was to bring the United States out of spiritual decline caused by the Civil War. They wanted to unite the country and strengthen the morality by establishing several “moral” Christian laws.

Protestant churches, reform groups, and temperance movements mobilized together into a political/religious coalition. They found a champion to lead their cause—U.S. Republican Senator from New Hampshire Henry W. Blair, Senator Blair, a staunch prohibitionist and ardent Christian, proposed a National Sunday Rest Bill to Congress, Senate Bill 2983, on May 21, 1888.

The bill was designed “to secure to the People the enjoyment of the first day of the week, commonly known as the Lord’s Day, as a Day of Rest, and to promote its observance as a day of religious worship” (American State Papers Bearing on Sunday Legislation, pp. 360-363).

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50 Signs of the End Times

“All these are the beginnings of sorrows.” Matthew 24:8. The Greek word for sorrows in this text refers to the beginning of “birth pains.” Jesus compared the signs of His coming to the travails of a woman in labor. In the early stage of pregnancy there is discomfort. But when it’s getting close to delivery time the pain and discomfort become much more frequent and intense. This is exactly what is happening in our world today. The greatest event and our “blessed hope” are about to take place—Christ is about to return. Praise God! These are the signs of an unrepentant people and to the waiting church to prepare to meet our Creator.

1. Man-made Disasters. Pollution and nuclear radiation are contaminating the world’s oceans.
2. Natural disasters. There are unprecedented droughts throughout the world, unparalleled volcanic activities, tsunamis, hurricanes, earthquakes, and fires.
3. Unhealthy and diseased livestock. Bird flu, mad cow disease, H1N1 Swine flu virus, hormone injected livestock living in unhealthy cramped living conditions and that’s what people are eating.
4. Contamination of land. Farmlands are polluted, mostly from decades of accumulation of toxins from factories, mining, and pesticides.
5. Antibiotic resistant diseases. New, very contagious and highly fatal bacteria can wipe out massive numbers of humans, animals and plant life.
6. Chemical poisoning of the waterways. Creeks, rivers, streams and lakes are accumulating toxins from agricultural run-offs.
7. Fresh water scarcity. One only has to look to the American Southwest to see just how important fresh water is and what any drought can do.
8. Toxic processed foods being the normal staple people eat. Junk food and genetically modified foods are extremely malnutrition.
9. Rise of Spiritualism. There is an explosion of spiritualism. More people believe in spirits than they do in God.
10. Sick and overweight. Lack of good diet and exercise has created an explosion of obesity and health problems.
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Ministry Needs—Our ministry is always in great need of your prayers and your financial support. The radio programs that we are conducting at large in English, Spanish, and French, the work of the billboards in different parts of the country, the full-page newspaper ads, the literature work, the prison ministry, the Oklahoma Projects, the foreign missions, the Eternal Gospel Herald, and all other missionary activities—all these require a lot of funds. It is by the grace of God and the help of all of you that we are still moving forward with the proclamation of Three Angels’ Messages. May God help us all to remain faithful until the end. God bless you.

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Preaching the Gospel in Haiti

There is no better work than to see souls saved in God’s kingdom. We need to praise God for giving us the opportunity to minister to the lost souls that are all around us. We have a tremendous responsibility given us by God through His prophetic word to warn the lost; and by doing so, we would save our own souls (Eze. 3:17-19).

Last year we placed several billboards throughout the West Palm Beach area. Many people responded to the billboard’s message and requested the free information that we offer. It is always a blessing to see that the word of God is having an effect on peoples’ hearts. However, one special call that we received was from a young Haitian Seventh-day Adventist conference evangelist. He called us wanting to know who was responsible for placing a wonderful message in such a bold and straightforward manner. He started asking around wanting to know more about us and who we were.

That was last year. Today, for the glory of God, he is working with us to proclaim Earth’s Final Warning of Revelation 14 to the French/Creole speaking communities. Iosnet Gervais is laboring shoulder to shoulder with us to take the Three Angels’ Messages to South Florida, Haiti, and throughout the world.

The Voice of the Eternal Gospel Radio Program is broadcasts from a radio station in West Palm Beach, FL proclaiming to the French/Creole communities the truth for this time. The Three Angels’ Messages are being broadcast across the airwaves to reach souls for Christ. Across different countries, USA, Haiti, and others, God’s message of love, hope, and truth is reaching the homes, villages, and hearts of people.

Our programs are live and we take live phone calls from the public. We receive a lot of calls and we are sending a lot of free literature to the people. Souls are hungry for truth and we are told that we must reach the people where they are:

“These grand truths must be given to the world. We must reach the people where they are, and by example and precept lead them to see the beauties of the better way.” Review and Herald, Nov. 12, 1901.

There is a great need. We know that the gospel is free for all listeners, but it takes resources to reach the people through the airwaves. Yet for God’s glory the truth for this time is being broadcast at home and abroad in English, Spanish and now in French/Creole. As a result of these efforts, people are receiving literature and for God’s glory, for about two months now, there is a new congregation of visitors who are meeting every Sunday night in our place of worship to study deeper into the Word of God.

It is only through your prayers and contributions that we can continue to do this work. We would like to expand God’s work so that more souls can be reached, preached to, and brought to the place of worship to study deeper into the Word of God.

Letters
Dear Eternal Gospel Ministry, Can you please send me that booklet about the Virgin Mary being dead or alive? And if you have the book The Great Controversy between Christ and Satan, I would like to receive a copy of that too. Thanks for enlightening me with the truth. I used to be a Roman Catholic. Yours in Christ, Alfred Aguilar, Texas.

Dear Eternal Gospel Ministry, I thank the good Lord for your ministry and for the work which you do. We all need to know about the prophecies that tell us what is about to come, as well as what’s going on now! I pray for you always, Your Sister in Christ, Lezell McGhee, Michigan.

Dear Pastor Perez and Brethren of the Eternal Gospel, Thank you for sharing the Everlasting Gospel, the Three Angels’ Messages, and God’s holy, blessed, seal and Sabbath which is the 7th day! May God continue to bless your ministry. Maranatha! Your sister in Christ, Mary Jane Grafton, Illinois.
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of some of these expensive drugs can have adverse effects both physically and monetarily.

12. Over vaccinations. Healthy lifestyles and natural alternatives are being trumped by the drug industry.

13. National Corruption of our civic and banking institutions. The ones responsible for the 2008 financial crisis are still operating with impunity.

14. Expansions of human settlements. The large cities are getting bigger and more concentrated. The conditions within them are intense.

15. Little or no protection for life and property. Crime, shootings, deaths, and violent crime are on the rise every year.

16. A culture of violence. War, mass shootings, genocide, beheadings, police violence, violent crimes, and domestic violence are non-stop.

17. Cancer. In 10 years cancer will become the number one killer.

18. Homosexuality. This has become the number one policy for lawmakers.

19. Disobedient children. Young people are exposed to drugs, sex, violence at younger and younger ages. Sexting has become the norm for today.

20. Failure for men to find lasting solutions for all the social problems. “There is no peace for the wicked” (Isa 48:22).

21. People depending on safety nets to bail them out of all circumstances. Some are even relying on insurance policies and government to save them in times of trouble.

22. Government with little or no accountability. Some in government are above the law and operate under a different set of rules.

23. Exploding debt. Government and consumer spending is out of control.

24. More percentage of world’s money in less percentage of the people’s hands. Wealth is controlled by a very small number of people.

25. Mainstream media and government deception. Misinformation at times is communicated so as to keep the people distracted from the truth.

26. Lack of privacy and government intrusion into our lives. The National Security Agency is keeping records of everything you do. There is no more privacy.

27. Age of suspicion. We are living in a police state where everyone is suspected or guilty until proven innocent.

28. Cashless society to control buying and selling. Cashless societies mean that every single transaction is monitored and recorded.

29. Total control of government infrastructures. People are no longer self-sufficient, but slaves of technology.

30. Self indulgence. Lack of concern for anyone but oneself.

31. False Worship. The Bible predicts a universal apostasy [falling away from the truth] in these last days. The churches have replaced truth with fables.

32. Political correctness and conformity. Free speech and truth is suppressed under the guise of political correctness.

33. Indifference and Numbness of other people’s suffering. There are people suffering in third world countries, while the rest of the world is indifferent.

34. Erosion of the family unit. The family is under assault by a modern culture that wants to eliminate this institution.

35. Escalation of violence. We are becoming more serial killers. More and more people have it in their hearts to kill.

36. No human consciousness. People have lost the discernment that defines truth and right.

37. Widespread unhappiness, depression, despair, fear, anger, and hopelessness. These conditions are being caused by several factors. Only Christ can give us true lasting peace and hope.

38. Increased insanity. If you are watching the news you will see that lunacy has become commonplace everywhere.

39. Deteriorating laws on justice, equality and freedom. All over the world the peoples’ civil and religious rights are under attack.

40. International law getting easier and easier. With technological advancement comes the ability to manufacture very deadly weapons of mass destruction.

41. The willingness of countries to quickly engage in wars and conflict. Nowadays, there doesn’t have to be any defined reasons to go to war.

42. Mass so called leaders now feel that nuclear bombs may be the ONLY option. Countries are looking for a fight like North Korea and China against Japan and South Korea. Iran is intent on acquiring these weapons.

43. Russia is flaunting its nuclear arsenal to the rest of the world.

44. Intensification of religious hatred. Almost every major conflict during the last 50 years has been due to religious hatred.

45. Sunday laws. The nations are increasingly looking to their leaders to help them find lasting solutions for all the social problems.

46. Ecumenism. This has become the number one policy for lawmakers.

47. Failure for men to find lasting solutions for all the social problems. “There is no peace for the wicked” (Isa 48:22).

48. True lasting peace and hope. So many rely on insurance policies and government to save them in times of trouble.

49. Lack of preparation by the population. They have opened the door so that an image to the beast can be established.

50. Healthy lifestyles and natural alternatives are being trumped by the drug industry.

The truth is being proclaimed world-wide. The handwriting is on the wall. God is speaking to America and to the rest of the nations. What is it going to take before we realize that we are on the borders of eternal life? In view of all this, we as God’s people should be more than willing to get the message out to the whole world by every means available: radio, newspaper, TV, billboards, social media, and literature evangelism. We plead with you to help us in your prayers and financial support so that we can keep moving forward with the Lord’s endeavors. Your help is needed more than ever. God bless you. —The Editors

In the next issue of The Eternal Gospel Herald you will see how the devil came back in 1892 and was able to sneak in a Sunday law measure. However, God’s faithful standard bearers were again able to defeat these measures. We will also describe exactly how Adventist leadership failed to stand up for religious liberty in 1961; and how they are also failing today in our very day.
CBS News, October 6, 2014—In the United States, nearly 20 million cases of new STD infections are reported each year. About 50.5 million current infections are in men while 59.5 million are in women, for a total of 110 million Americans with STDs at any given time.

Charisma News, October 6, 2014—Street evangelist Mike Overd is being prosecuted in the United Kingdom for an alleged religious aggravation public order offense. The charges follow a complaint to police in Taunton, that Overd made a comparison between the perfect life of Jesus and the life of Islam's prophet, Muhammad. Police have informed the former paratrooper that the Crown Prosecution Service wishes to bring three charges against him under Section 5 of the Public Order Act.

ABC News, October 9, 2014—Ebola is spreading with such speed that it could become a global pandemic to rival AIDS if action isn't taken now, one of the U.S.'s top health officials has warned.

UPI News, October 9, 2014—Pope Francis invited Australian married couple Ron and Mavis Pirola to discuss the relationship between human sexuality and Catholicism, and explain the importance of sex within their 55-year marriage.

Daily Mail, October 10, 2014—In an attempt to get rid of 'gendered space,' a school district in Nebraska has asked instructors to stop using words like 'boys and girls.' Don't use phrases such as 'boys & girls,' "you guys," "ladies and gentlemen," and similarly gendered expressions to get kids' attention. Instead say things like "calling all readers," or "hey campers" or "could all of the athletes come here."

LA Times, October 6, 2014—“Sexting may be part of the new normal for teenagers who are on the verge of becoming sexually active and not strictly limited to at-risk adolescents,” wrote the researchers, who are from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.

While noting that "we strongly disagree" with the allegations in Feuer's suit, hospital spokesman Alicia Gonzalez said in a written statement that "we chose to resolve this matter to avoid the very high cost of refuting these allegations - so that our medical staff can focus on what it does best – provide high-quality patient care."

"We have adjusted our policies to further align with the city of Los Angeles' specific protocols for the discharge of homeless patients," wrote Gonzalez, adding that Glendale Adventist "has always been deeply committed to providing appropriate discharge options to all patients."

The case against Glendale Adventist started with a tip from an outreach worker on Skid Row, said Feuer.

Declaring that "patient dumping disgusts me," Feuer said "our office will investigate every case." He said other investigations into possible dumping are ongoing, although he would not say how many.

As part of that effort, Feuer's staff will "blanket" Skid Row, he said. Feuer announced a phone number people can call to report possible patient dumping: (213) 978-8340.

In addition, the city attorney's office is working with the Hospital Association of Southern California to prevent further dumping.

Feuer filed suit against Glendale Adventist one week ago in L.A. County Superior Court, his latest legal salvo fired in his ongoing battle against patient dumping. The city attorney vowed back in January to step up enforcement efforts after reports that the practice had resurfaced last year.

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Chairman William Todd elected not to vote for or against the proposal, saying, "My mind is not completely made up." Lack of knowledge and time to study the idea of Sunday voting contributed to his indecision.

Todd said that he just found out this was an issue with citizens a few days ago when a number of people started calling him asking about Sunday voting. He even asked the attendees at the meeting when did they become concerned with Sunday voting and why the issue was brought to the board's attention at its previous meeting in August.

"I wish this issue would've been brought up months ago, so we would've had time to study it and make a better decision," he said after the meeting. "This issue can be revisited at a later time."

Adding Sunday voting to the early voting process would cost close to $2,500, according to Supervisor of Elections Cynthia Welch. That money would be used to staff the early voting site with board of elections staff and six poll workers.

"We would not know how many people plan to come out early to vote, but we would want to be prepared for crowds," said Welch. Rockdale County has a total of 56,653 registered voters with 28,508 being active voters.

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