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Victorious Life Christian Church Statement on the 2020 Child Victim's Act Lawsuit

In August 2020 a Child Victims Act (CVA) lawsuit was filed against Victorious Life Christian Church (VLCC), its Presiding Elder, and a VLCC Sunday School teacher. Press reports accompanied the filing of the lawsuit and numerous social media posts followed. These reports and posts were made prior to the legal Discovery phase wherein investigation is made and information is shared between the parties of the lawsuit.

In February 2024 the CVA action against VLCC, its Presiding Elder, and the Sunday School teacher was formally discontinued and dismissed. There was no finding of fault, no finding of liability, no finding of negligence against VLCC nor against its presiding Elder or any of its Sunday School teachers.

The Stipulation of Discontinuance is e-filed document #72 on the New York State Supreme Court WebCivil Electronic Filing site, Case Index #905033-20. It may be accessed by typing <https://iapps.courts.state.ny.us/webcivil/FCASearch> in your browser. For Index Search enter Index Number 905033-20 and click Find Case(s). Select that record and scroll down to select Show eFiled Documents. Scroll down to Document #72 for the **Stipulation of Discontinuance**.

VLCC is available to discuss some important facts about this matter. Inquire with one of the VLCC elders after a service or community event at VLCC, or send an e-mail request to pastors@vlcctroy.org.

With Gratitude

Victorious Life Christian Church continues to confidently and effectively live out its calling in the City of Troy. We are thankful to God for His grace throughout our investigation and resolution of this Complaint. We are thankful for our insurer in this matter, Liberty Mutual, without whose financial assistance VLCC could not have made the investigation and defense that we did. We are also grateful for VLCC's legal team led by Carla Varriale-Barker of Segal McCambridge Singer & Mahoney and for our Presiding Elder's legal team led by Bernadette Catalana of Manning Gross & Massenburg. Finally, we are thankful for our many members and partners who stood with us during this time. Your prayers and support enabled, and continue to enable, VLCC's Gospel Mission to proceed unhindered.