

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

U.S. PASTOR COUNCIL et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
COMMISSION et al.,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 18-0824

**JOINT MOTION TO EXTEND TIME TO FILE A STIPULATION OF FACTS OR
JOINT STATUS REPORT**

The Court has ordered the parties to file either: (1) a joint stipulation of facts regarding standing and class certification along with a proposed summary-judgment schedule; or (2) a joint status report with a proposed schedule based on the need for discovery by April 6, 2021. ECF No. 66. The Court has granted two extension requests in light of the time it has taken U.S. Pastor Council to consult with its members.

The parties have made substantial progress in negotiating a stipulation: Plaintiffs have drafted a stipulation, and Defendants have provided feedback and have asked for evidence to support some of the details in the stipulation. With that draft and feedback, the parties have a more complete understanding of their disagreements and what is needed to bridge those disagreements. In light of that more complete understanding, the parties believe that an additional month is necessary to gather and review evidence and finalize any stipulation. The parties continue to be optimistic that these efforts will obviate the need for discovery and, as a result, provide for a faster resolution to this case.

Accordingly, the parties respectfully request that the stipulation/JSR deadline be extended

until May 6, 2021.

Dated: April 2, 2021

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[PROPOSED] ORDER

For the reasons stated in the parties' Joint Motion to Extend Time, the Court grants that motion. The parties must submit either: (1) a joint stipulation of facts regarding standing and class certification along with a proposed summary-judgment schedule; or (2) a joint status report with a proposed schedule based on the need for discovery by May 6, 2021.

Dated: _____

REED O'CONNOR
United States District Judge