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Re: *Bethel Ministries, Inc. v. Salmon et al*
Civil Action No. 1:19-cv-01853-SAG

Dear Counsel:

Per our conference call on September 8, 2021, I am requesting that counsel submit to me an **ex parte** letter so that I can better understand your respective positions regarding settlement of this matter. Your letters are due by no later than **Friday, October 15, 2021**, and shall be submitted **only** via email to my Chambers: MDD_GLSChambers@mdd.uscourts.gov.

Your letters should be short (not to exceed **5** single-spaced pages). The letters shall candidly set forth the following:

- (1) your view of the strengths and weaknesses in each side's case, both factual and legal;
- (2) brief summary of your motion for summary judgment, including the likelihood of prevailing on the motion; and
- (3) your goal(s) for settlement/proposal on how to resolve this case. Your description must address the two issues that we discussed today, as well as any other issues or barriers that you believe exist to settlement.

