

# Ethiopian Zion Coptic Church

August 10, 2008

Attached is the response from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to the Petition I filed on May 15, 2008. Also attached is my notice to the DEA to cease and desist the enforcement of fraudulent federal marijuana regulations.

In light of the ruling in *Gonzales v. Oregon*, 546 U.S. 243 (2006), the states, and not the federal government, determine accepted medical use under the federal Controlled Substances Act (CSA). The DEA should have removed marijuana from schedule I of the CSA in 1996 when California enacted the first state medical marijuana law. DEA's failure to obey federal law is causing irreparable harm as the DEA continues to use its enforcement powers to prevent medical use of marijuana in states such as California and New Mexico.

A federal injunction is the remedy. It costs \$350 to file one in federal court. It costs \$450 to appeal. It costs \$500 to file in the U.S. Supreme Court. The U.S. Supreme Court also has unusual printing requirements that are fairly expensive for printing by a professional printer, somewhere between \$1,500 and \$2,000.

I have filed the petition. The DEA is on notice that they are in violation of federal law. The DEA is not doing anything about it. Prosecutions are still taking place and the DEA continues to claim marijuana is in Schedule I. We don't have to wait for them to rule on it. They should have ruled on it the day they received it and they should have done something about this twelve years ago.

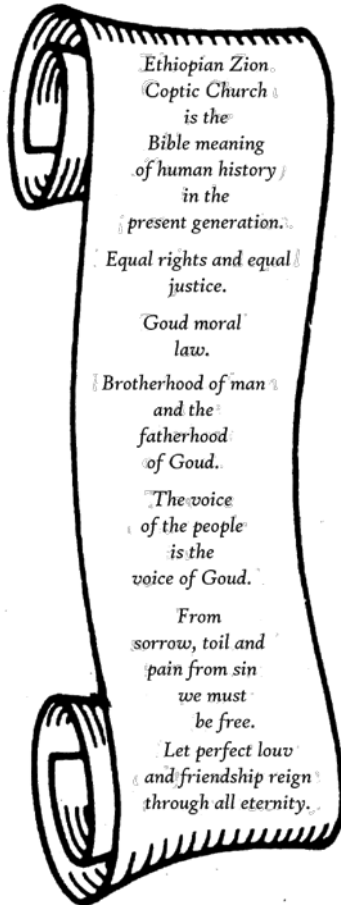
How are we going to raise \$3,300 to pay for this? Will you help?

Sincerely,



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