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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA **BILLINGS DIVISION**

TRACY CAEKAERT and CAMILLIA MAPLEY,

Plaintiffs,

-VS-

WATCHTOWER BIBLE AND TRACT SOCIETY OF NEW YORK. INC., and WATCH TOWER BIBLE AND TRACT SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA,

Cause No. CV 20-52-BLG-SPW

DEFENDANTS WATCHTOWER BIBLE AND TRACT SOCIETY OF NEW YORK, INC. AND WATCH TOWER BIBLE AND TRACT **SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA'S** JOINT STATEMENT OF UNDISPUTED FACTS IN SUPPORT OF SUMMARY **JUDGMENT**

Defendants.

Pursuant to Local Rule 56.1(a), Defendants Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York, Inc. ("WTNY") and Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of Pennsylvania ("WTPA") (collectively "Defendants") provide the following Statement of Undisputed Facts in support of their Joint Motion for Summary Judgment as to Plaintiffs' first cause of action for general negligence:

STATEMENT OF UNDISPUTED FACTS

- 1. Plaintiffs Tracy Caekaert and Camilla Mapley identify Bruce Mapley, Sr., and Gunnar Hain as their alleged sexual abusers. *See* Tracy Caekaert's Ans. to WTNY's Int. No. 1;¹ Camillia Mapley's Ans. to WTNY's Int. No. 1.²
- 2. Plaintiff Tracy Caekaert was born on May 21, 1966. Depo. Tracy Caekaert 11:25-12:3 (Feb. 9, 2023). ³
- 3. Plaintiff Camillia Mapley was born on June 2, 1968. Depo. Camillia Mapley 12:25-13:1 (Nov. 29, 2022). 4
- 4. Plaintiffs Tracy Caekaert and Camilla Mapley, along with their parents Bruce Mapley, Sr., and Shirley Gibson joined the Hardin Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses ("Hardin Congregation") in around 1973. *See* First Amended Complaint

¹ Cited portions of Plaintiff Tracy Caekaert's Answers to Defendant Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York, Inc.'s First Interrogatories will be filed as Exhibit A under seal.

² Cited portions of Plaintiff Camillia Mapley's Answers to Defendant Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York, Inc.'s First Interrogatories will be filed as Exhibit B under seal.

³ Cited portions of Tracy Caekaert's deposition transcript will be filed as Exhibit C under seal.

⁴ Cited portions of Camilla Mapley's deposition transcript will be filed as Exhibit D under seal.

and Demand for Jury Trial ("FAC") (Doc. 22) at ¶ 33; Ex. C, Depo. Caekaert at 36:2-5; Ex. D, Depo. Mapley at 35:17-25.

- 5. Plaintiffs allege that, at the time they joined the Hardin Congregation, their father Bruce Mapley, Sr., had been abusing them approximately twice per week for several years. *See* Doc. 22, FAC at ¶ 34; Ex. C, Depo. Caekaert at 83:9-22. The alleged abuse occurred at the Mapleys' private residence or in other private homes. *Id. See also* Ex. A, Tracy Caekaert's Ans. to WTNY's Int. No. 2 (identifying abuse timeframe as 1971-1983); Ex. B, Camillia Mapley's Ans. to WTNY's Int. No. 2 (identifying abuse timeframe as 1971-1983); Ex. C, Depo. Caekaert at 84:23-85:8; Ex. D, Depo. Mapley at 56:9-16.
- 6. Plaintiffs allege Gunnar Hain abused Plaintiffs in his private residence in about 1976 or 1977. *See* Doc. 22, FAC at ¶ 36. *See also* Tracy Caekaert's Ans. to WTNY's Int. No. 2 (identifying abuse timeframe as 1975-1977); Camillia Mapley's Ans. to WTNY's Int. No. 2 (identifying abuse timeframe as 1975-1977). Tracy Caekaert and Camilla Mapley were allegedly abused by Gunnar Hain a single time. *See* Ex. C, Depo. Caekaert at 112:18-20; Ex. D, Depo. Mapley at 112:23-25.
- 7. Gunnar Hain's relationship with the Mapley family arose from a friendship between him and Bruce Mapley, Sr. *See* Ex. C, Depo. Caekaert at 68:20-22.

8. Gunnar Hain, Bruce Mapley, Sr., Tracy Caekaert, and Camilla Mapley

are the only known eyewitnesses to the alleged abuse. See Ex. C, Depo. Caekaert at

88:21-25. Accord Ex. D, Depo. Mapley at 87:16-88:7 (additionally identifies

Gunnar's daughter Rhonda Hain Klessens Bell as an eyewitness).

9. None of the alleged abuse by Bruce Mapley, Sr., or Gunnar Hain

occurred on property owned or controlled by the Hardin Congregation, WTNY, or

WTPA. See Ex. A, Tracy Caekaert's Ans. to WTNY's Int. No. 4; Ex. B, Camillia

Mapley's Ans. to WTNY's Int. No. 4; Tracy Caekaert's Resp. to WTPA's RFA No.

1;⁵ Camillia Mapley's Resp. to WTPA's RFA No. 1.⁶

10. Plaintiffs were not abused during the course of activities sanctioned by

the Hardin Congregation, WTNY, or WTPA. Ex. D, Depo. Mapley at 114:15-116:2.

DATED this 12th day of April, 2024.

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⁵ Cited portions of Plaintiff Tracy Caekaert's Responses to Defendant Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Pennsylvania's First Discovery Requests will be filed as Exhibit E under seal.

⁶ Cited portions of Plaintiff Camilla Mapley's Responses to Defendant Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Pennsylvania's First Discovery Requests will be filed as Exhibit F under seal.

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Exhibit A

Therefore, the responses designated as Exhibit A to Defendants' Joint Statement of Undisputed Facts will be filed immediately following the entry of this document into the record. This filing under seal is preauthorized pursuant to L.R. 5.2(b)(3) and ECF Docs. 110-1 and 111.

Exhibit B

Therefore, the responses designated as Exhibit B to Defendants' Joint Statement of Undisputed Facts will be filed immediately following the entry of this document into the record. This filing under seal is preauthorized pursuant to L.R. 5.2(b)(3) and ECF Docs. 110-1 and 111.

Exhibit C

During this deposition, Plaintiffs requested the transcript be treated as "Confidential" pursuant to the Stipulated Confidentiality Agreement and Protective Order adopted by the Court on January 27, 2022. *See* ECF Docs. 110-1 and 111.

Therefore, the transcript designated as Exhibit C to Defendants' Joint Statement of Undisputed Facts will be filed immediately following the entry of this document into the record. This filing under seal is preauthorized pursuant to L.R. 5.2(b)(3) and ECF Docs. 110-1 and 111.

Exhibit D

During this deposition, Plaintiffs requested the transcript be treated as "Confidential" pursuant to the Stipulated Confidentiality Agreement and Protective Order adopted by the Court on January 27, 2022. *See* ECF Docs. 110-1 and 111.

Therefore, the transcript designated as Exhibit D to Defendants' Joint Statement of Undisputed Facts will be filed immediately following the entry of this document into the record. This filing under seal is preauthorized pursuant to L.R. 5.2(b)(3) and ECF Docs. 110-1 and 111.

Exhibit E

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Exhibit F

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