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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,)

Defendants.)

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 RESPONSE TO
PLAINTIFFS' STATEMENT OF
EXPENSES AND FEES RE: ECF
NO. 411**

Defendants Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York, Inc. (hereinafter “WTNY”) and Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Pennsylvania (“WTPA”) submit their Joint Response to Plaintiffs’ Statement of Expenses and Fees Re: ECF No. 411 dated July 10, 2024 (hereinafter “Plaintiffs’ Statement”). *See* Doc. 431. The same day as Plaintiffs’ Statement was filed, the Court noted it had been notified of the settlement of the case. *See* Doc. 432, p. 1. In that Order, the Court explained “it appear[ed] that no issue remains for the Court’s determination” and ordered “all deadlines are VACATED and any pending motions are DENIED as moot.” *Id.*

Pursuant to the settlement, and the Court’s Order in relation to the same, WTNY and WTPA’s position is that Plaintiffs’ Statement is moot. However, based on communications with Plaintiffs’ counsel, Plaintiffs disagree with WTNY and WTPA’s position, necessitating the filing of this Response. WTNY and WTPA are willing to participate in a conference call with the Court or United States Magistrate Judge Timothy J. Cavan, who presided over the settlement negotiations, to discuss the impact of the settlement on Plaintiffs’ Statement.

DATED this 24th day of July, 2024.

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