

Pine Grove Camp
Centenary Conference
33 Pine Rd.
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Commissioner Scirocco
City Hall
5 Lake Avenue
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866



May 21, 2014

Dear Commissioner,

I am writing for your help in resolving a question of fairness concerning a water leak incident at Pine Grove Camp.

As you may know Pine Grove Camp exists for a one week camp meeting of our conference that occurs once a year in July. The camp is also used during track season as a ministry to the back stretch workers and their families through the Racetrack Chaplin's organization. There is some sporadic ministry related use throughout the summer but the main uses are these two.

There are no paid employees and our total yearly budget is less than \$30,000.

The entire camp is shut down in November and is opened up again in May. Shut down means that we totally close down all water use and put antifreeze in all pipes. Unfortunately this year when we opened the pit to turn the water back on it was full of water. Over the winter the meter had failed and leaked into the pit. The pit is about 7 feet deep and covered so we had no way of knowing what was going on. We had turned off the pipe leading to the camp in November but when the meter let go there was nothing to stop it from leaking and neither was there anything that stopped the meter from recording all the leakage.

We are currently faced with a \$5,000+ bill that we had no way of being responsible for. For us, it is a question of fairness. Can this be forgiven?

Thank you,

Sincerely,



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