

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
EASTERN DIVISION**

**In re:**

**MIDWEST CHRISTIAN VILLAGES, INC.  
*et al.*,**

**Debtors.**

**Chapter 11**

**Case No. 24-42473-659  
Jointly Administered**

Related Docket No. 7

**INTERIM ORDER (I) AUTHORIZING, BUT NOT DIRECTING,  
THE DEBTORS TO PAY PREPETITION CLAIMS OF CERTAIN  
VENDORS AND (II) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF**

Upon the Motion<sup>1</sup> of the above-captioned debtors and debtors-in-possession (the “Debtors”), pursuant to sections pursuant to §§ 105(a), 363(b), 503(b)(9), 1107 and 1108 of title 11 of the United States Code and Bankruptcy Rules 6003 and 6004, for entry of interim and final orders (i) authorizing, but not directing, the Debtors to pay Critical Vendors for pre-petition amounts due for goods and services provided by such Critical Vendors and (ii) authorizing and directing financial institutions to honor related checks and transfers; and this Court having jurisdiction to consider the Motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334; and venue of this chapter 11 case and the Motion in this district being proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and this matter being a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b); and the Debtors having represented that they have given proper and adequate notice and that no other or further notice is required; and a hearing having been held to consider the relief requested in the Critical Vendor Motion; and upon the record of the hearing and all of the proceedings had before the Court; and the Court having found and determined that the relief sought in the Critical Vendor Motion is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, their creditors,

---

<sup>1</sup> Capitalized terms not defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.



and all other parties in interest and that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Critical Vendor Motion establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Critical Vendor Motion is **GRANTED on an interim basis**, pending the conclusion of the final hearing on the Motion, as set forth below.

2. The Debtors are authorized, but not directed, to pay the Critical Vendors up to a total of \$2,796,271.00 under the terms further described in the Motion.

3. All applicable banks and other financial institutions are hereby authorized to receive, process, honor and pay any and all checks, drafts, wires, check transfer requests, automated clearing house transfers and other payment orders drawn or issued by the Debtors under this Order, whether presented or issued prior to or after the Petition Date, to the extent the Debtors have good funds standing in its credit with such bank or financial institution. Such banks and financial institutions are authorized to rely on representations of the Debtors as to which checks and payment orders are authorized to be paid pursuant to this Order without any duty of further inquiry and without liability for following the Debtors' instructions.

4. Any payment made pursuant to this Order is not, and shall not be, deemed an admission to the validity of the underlying obligation or waiver of any rights the Debtors may have to subsequently dispute such obligation.


5. Any payment made or to be made pursuant to this Order, and all authorization contained herein, shall be in compliance with and subject to the DIP Budget, the Interim DIP Order and any subsequent final order, and the terms of any debtor in possession financing and/or cash collateral agreement, document, or order.

6. Notwithstanding entry of this Order, nothing herein shall create, nor is intended to create, any rights in favor of, or enhance the status of any claim held by, any party.

7. The requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 6004(a) are waived for the purpose of this Motion, and notwithstanding any applicability of Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h), this Order shall be immediately effective upon its entry.

8. A final hearing to consider the relief requested in the Motion shall be held on **August 14, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Central time in Courtroom 7 North** of the Thomas F. Eagleton United States Courthouse, 111 S. Tenth St., St. Louis, MO 63102. Any objections or responses to the Motion shall be filed on or prior to **August 7, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. Central time** and shall be served on: (i) proposed counsel to the Debtors, Dentons US LLP and Summers Compton Wells LLC, at the address below; (ii) the Office of the United States Trustee, 111 S. Tenth St., Suite 6.353, St. Louis, MO 63102; and (iii) any attorney or firm that has entered an appearance on behalf of an official committee at the time the objection or response is filed.

9. Not later than two (2) business days after the date of this Order, the Debtors shall serve a copy of the Order and shall file a certificate of service no later than twenty-four (24) hours after service.

  
KATHY A. SURRATT-STATES  
U.S. Bankruptcy Judge

DATED: July 19, 2024  
St. Louis, Missouri  
jjh

**Proposed Order submitted by:**

Stephen O'Brien, MO Bar # 43977

**DENTONS US LLP**

211 N Broadway Ste 3000

St. Louis, MO 63102

Telephone: (314) 241-1800

stephen.obrien@dentons.com

Robert E. Richards (*pro hac vice* pending)

Samantha Ruben (*pro hac vice* pending)

Elysa Chew (*pro hac vice* pending)

**DENTONS US LLP**

233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 5900

Chicago, Illinois 60606-6404

Telephone: (312) 876-8000

robert.richards@dentons.com

samantha.ruben@dentons.com

elysa.chew@dentons.com

– and –

David A. Sosne, MO Br # 28365

**SUMMERS COMPTON WELLS LLC**

903 South Lindbergh Blvd., Suite 200

St. Louis, Missouri 63131

Telephone: (314) 991-4999

dsosne@scw.law

*Proposed Co-Counsel to the Debtors and Debtors-in-Possession*