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FILE: [redacted] Office: CALIFORNIA SERVICE CENTER Date: OCT 01 2004

IN RE: Petitioner: [redacted]
Beneficiary:

PETITION: Immigrant Petition for Special Immigrant Religious Worker Pursuant to Section 203(b)(4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1153(b)(4), as described at Section 101(a)(27)(C) of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(27)(C)

ON BEHALF OF PETITIONER:

SELF-REPRESENTED

INSTRUCTIONS:

This is the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. All documents have been returned to the office that originally decided your case. Any further inquiry must be made to that office.

Robert P. Wiemann, Director
Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The employment-based immigrant visa petition was denied by the Director, California Service Center, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office on appeal. The appeal will be dismissed.

The petitioner seeks classification as a special immigrant religious worker pursuant to section 203(b)(4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1153(b)(4), to perform services as senior pastor of Iglesia de Dios de la Mision. The director determined that the petitioner had not submitted sufficient information regarding the church's tax-exempt status.

Documents in the petitioner's alien file indicate that he was the beneficiary of an earlier special immigrant religious worker petition, receipt number WAC 96 041 52138. That petition was approved on March 6, 1996. Subsequently, on December 8, 1997, the petitioner filed a Form I-485 Application to Adjust Status, receipt number WAC 98 049 52922, which was approved on September 19, 2003. Thus, by the time the instant (second) petition was denied in November 2003, the beneficiary was already a lawful permanent resident. Because the alien has adjusted to lawful permanent resident status, further pursuit of the matter at hand is moot.

ORDER: The appeal is dismissed, based on the alien's lawful permanent resident status.