

ANDERSON VERDICT RESPONSE COMMITTEE
Report to the Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery
Spring Meeting 2022

The Anderson Verdict Response Committee was created by the Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery at its fall 2021 meeting. As instructed, the moderator of the Presbytery appointed the undersigned to serve on this Committee and to report to the spring 2022 meeting of Presbytery.

The Committee has met twice by Zoom and communicated by e-mail.

The RPCNA Synod of 2021 considered at length a number of communications concerning the way in which the Presbytery dealt with one of its teaching elders, Dr. Michael LeFebvre, and made a number of decisions as a result. The Synod did not require that the Presbytery respond to any of these decisions in any way. However, the Committee makes **Recommendation 1** to the Presbytery, that the following letter be approved and sent to the Synod of 2022.

Dear Fathers and Brethren,

The Synod of 2021 considered a number of communications concerning the way in which the Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery dealt with Dr. Michael LeFebvre. After much study by a Judicial Committee and long deliberation, Synod made several decisions concerning this case. The Synod did not require a response from the Presbytery to any of those decisions, but the Presbytery deems it appropriate to do so.

The Presbytery sincerely thanks the Synod for its long and serious consideration of this case.

The Presbytery acknowledges that the Synod sustained a complaint of injustice and wrong on the part of this Court, in giving Dr. Lefebvre his credentials without specifying any receiving ecclesiastical body to which he would be accountable, thereby removing him from any ecclesiastical jurisdiction while serious charges were pending against him in an already scheduled trial, and thus relinquishing the authority given to us by God to ensure any necessary shepherding, oversight, or discipline of Dr. LeFebvre.

The Presbytery reports to Synod that we have understood the consequences of what we have done and the impossibility of undoing them, which have led to this injustice and wrong against Dr. LeFebvre, the RPCNA, and all of Christ's visible church.

The Presbytery also reports to Synod that, as directed by Synod, it appointed a two member committee to reach out to Dr. LeFebvre during this time of transition for him and that this committee has done so.

Thank you again for your help to us in a very difficult situation.

Respectfully submitted,
Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery

Recommendation 2 is that the Committee be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,
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James Odom (Sparta)
Harley (Jake) Schwartz (Grand Rapids)