

April 26, 2023

Dear Mr. Allison,

We want to update you of the actions taken by the Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery's Ad Interim Commission in our meeting on April 24, 2023.

Regarding GLG 23-15 (Allison v. Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery)

We regret to inform you that this complaint/appeal is out of order based on:

1. Book of Discipline II.4.11 (E-17), "Written notice of an intent to appeal and a summary statement of the reasons must be filed with the clerk of the court appealed from within thirty (30) days after the accused is informed of the action..."
2. Book of Discipline II.4.3 (E-15), "A complaint is a written statement made to a higher court by one or more persons aggrieved by an action of a lower court...The complainant shall give notice to the lower court within 30 days."

Therefore, GLG 23-15 is out of order for the following reasons:

- (1) The thirty-day deadline for filing the appeal (both intent & summary) expired on 4/2/23, but you submitted this appeal on 4/9/23.
- (2) No prior notice of an intent to file an appeal or intent to file a complaint was communicated to the GLGP clerk.
- (3) The GLGP moderator (*Mr. Nathan Eshelman occupying the chair*) instructed you on the floor of the presbytery on 3/3/23 concerning the thirty-day window for taking such action.

A further point of information, appeals and complaints are two different types of actions which must be filed with the clerk *separately*, not combined within the same communication.

Regarding GLG 23-16 (Allison v. Southfield) & GLG 23-17 (Allison v. Southfield)

These have been forwarded to the GLG Presbytery and will be taken up at our next meeting during the week of the RPCNA Synod, June 20-23, 2023.

Further, we will also be forwarding to the Presbytery the Southfield RPC Session's response to these complaints.

Finally, Mr. Allison, we understand that you are under the impression that these complaints will arrest or postpone your trial with the Southfield Session. This is not our understanding. The Presbytery has already heard your complaint and returned it to you. The court has told the Session that they may proceed with the trial. It was also explained to you that you may appeal the trial results. The Book of Discipline II.10-15 lays out the appeal process, pages E-17-19.

Sincerely,

The Ad Interim Commission of the Great Lakes- Gulf Presbytery