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GLG 23-15

April 4, 2023

Dear Session of Southfield Reformed Presbyterian Church,

I appeal my complaint against the Session of Southfield RPCNA to the Synod of the RPCNA because the grounds of the complaint have not been addressed nor the problems corrected. I am also complaining against the Presbytery's decision regarding the complaint against the session because the Presbytery did not address the grounds and is not following Christ's rule.

I humbly pray for and invite the session to resolve these problems so that it is not necessary to use complaints to uphold the rule and honor of Christ as King and head of the church.

In accord with the Directory for Church Government Chapter 8, Section 11, I humbly submit to the Presbytery this complaint against the Session on appeal to the Synod and this complaint against the Presbytery addressed to the Synod, and I request the Presbytery transfer this appeal and complaint to the Synod of the RPCNA.

With brotherly love,

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Dear Great Lakes Gulf Presbytery of the RPCNA,

I hereby appeal my complaint against the Session of Southfield RPCNA to the Synod of the RPCNA and humbly submit the enclosed complaint against the Presbytery with grounds to the Moderator and Clerk of Presbytery (The Book of Discipline II.4.3).

In accord with the Directory for Church Government Chapter 8, Section 11, I humbly submit to the Presbytery this complaint against the Session on appeal to the Synod and this complaint against the Presbytery addressed to the Synod, and I request the Presbytery transfer this appeal and complaint to the Synod of the RPCNA.

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Complaint

To John McFarland, Clerk of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America:

And now, this fourth day of April A.D. 2023, comes Gary V. Allison and complains against the action of the Great Lakes Gulf Presbytery of The Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America on March 3, 2023, in not sustaining the complaint of Gary V. Allison against the action of the Session of Southfield Reformed Presbyterian Church on December 8, 2022.

In bringing this complaint I affirm that I believe that the Session has erred and that this error is serious; that I have tried to understand the Session's point of view; that I have seriously examined, in prayer before the Lord, my willingness to be in subjection to my brothers in Christ; and that I have made a serious effort to correct the error short of entering a complaint.

In support of this complaint I set forth the following grounds:

1. Presbytery grievously erred by not investigating the specific violations of Scripture and The Book of Discipline by the session that are set forth in the grounds of the complaint against the session. Leviticus 19:15–18; Deuteronomy 1:16–18; Psalm 45:6–7; Hebrews 1:8–9. This dereliction of duty is lording it over the sheep of the flock of Jesus Christ, which the Lord specifically forbids in I Peter 5:2–3, "Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being examples to the flock."
2. Presbytery erred by excluding pertinent testimony concerning the truth and validity of the grounds of the complaint, which is attempting to ignore the Spirit of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, who dwells in each believer according to the grace of God poured out upon his church.
3. Presbytery did not tell the complainant nor any of the witnesses that the complaint had been referred to a committee for consideration and did not notify any of them when the Presbytery would hear the complaint until after the Presbytery had already begun considering it. The witnesses were not allowed to be present during the consideration of the complaint. A minister of a sister denomination who came to help me resolve the matter was not allowed to be present. Presbytery never discussed any of the grounds of the complaint, nor refuted any of the grounds. Presbytery did not even seem to know the serious grounds of the complaint, which set forth serious violations of Scripture and The Book of Discipline.
4. Presbytery allowed a member of the session complained against to read a written statement to the Presbytery regarding the complaint in which he asserted that the complainant generally agrees with the statement that he was reading. In actual fact the complainant had no prior knowledge of the statement, had not even been told that the session had prepared such a statement, and emphatically does not generally agree with the statement, but rather finds it to bear false witness against a brother, give false evidence, to prejudice the truth and the good name of a brother, especially in public judicature. This is a serious violation of the ninth commandment and Westminster Larger Catechism #144–145. The complainant was not given opportunity to preserve and promote truth in the face of this blatant prejudicing the truth and the good name of a brother, especially in public judicature.

5. Presbytery erred by not addressing any of the specific, grievous errors of the session set forth in the written grounds of the complaint and failed to provide any written response of its action or any grounds for its action in denying the complaint, let alone Biblical, confessional, and constitutional grounds.

6. Presbytery erred by not following the requirements of Scripture, the Westminster Standards, or The Book of Discipline in considering the complaint against the session.

I humbly ask the Synod to annul or reverse the action of the Session of Southfield Reformed Presbyterian Church on December 8, 2022, to issue an accusation of sin and schedule a trial without following the requirements set forth in the Bible, our confessional standards, and The Book of Discipline.


_____, Complainant
Gary V. Allison

Date: April 4, 2023

Appeal of Complaint

To John McFarland, Clerk of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America:

And now, this fourth day of April A.D. 2023, comes Gary V. Allison and appeals from the decision of the Great Lakes Gulf Presbytery on the enclosed complaint of Gary V. Allison against the action of the Session of Southfield Reformed Presbyterian Church on December 8, 2022, in order to bring that complaint to the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America for adjudication.

In support of this appeal I set forth the following additional grounds:


1. Each ground of the complaint sets forth substantial violations of Scripture and The Book of Discipline and show that the session's action is contrary to the good order and rule of the King and Head of the church, Jesus Christ, in his church by his Word and Spirit. Presbytery never considered any of these violations, nor seemed to have any concern that the courts of the church follow the requirements of Scripture and The Book of Discipline. The Lord in Isaiah 5:18–25 pronounces woe upon His people who do this.

2. Presbytery referred the complaint to a committee that failed to speak even once to the complainant or to any of the witnesses who were present to give evidence for the grounds of the complaint and shine the light of God's word on this miscarriage of justice by the session. The committee recommended denying the complaint without investigating any of the grounds or showing how the session's action actually follows the requirements of Scripture and The Book of Discipline.

3. Presbytery did not tell the complainant nor any of the witnesses that the complaint had been referred to a committee for consideration and did not notify any of them when the Presbytery would hear the complaint until after the Presbytery had already begun considering it. The witnesses were not allowed to be present during the consideration of the complaint. A minister of a sister denomination who came to help resolve the matter was not allowed to be present. Presbytery never discussed any of the grounds of the complaint, nor refuted any of the grounds. Presbytery did not even seem to know the serious grounds of the complaint, which set forth serious violations of Scripture and The Book of Discipline.

4. Presbytery did not investigate any of the serious violations of Scripture and of The Book of Discipline, and allowed members of the session complained against to address the presbytery by reading a written response to the complaint, that the complainant had never seen, in which the session made false statements to a court of the church and claimed that the complainant generally agreed, when the complainant does not agree, had not even been shown the session's response, and still does not have a copy. This is a serious violation of the ninth commandment and Westminster Larger Catechism #144–145. The complainant was not given opportunity to preserve and promote truth in the face of this blatant prejudicing the truth and the good name of a brother, especially in public judicature.

I humbly ask the Synod to annul or reverse the action of the Session of Southfield Reformed Presbyterian Church on December 8, 2022, to issue an accusation of sin and schedule a trial without following the requirements set forth in the Bible, our confessional standards, and The Book of Discipline.

 , Appellant
Gary V. Allison

Date: April 4, 2023

To Adam M. Kuehner, Clerk of Great Lakes Gulf Presbytery of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America:

And now, this thirtieth day of December A.D. 2022, comes Gary V. Allison and complains against the action of the Session of Southfield Reformed Presbyterian Church on December 8, 2022, to issue an accusation of sin and schedule a trial for Saturday, January 21, 2023.

In bringing this complaint I affirm that I believe that the Session has erred and that this error is serious; that I have tried to understand the Session's point of view; that I have seriously examined, in prayer before the Lord, my willingness to be in subjection to my brothers in Christ; and that I have made a serious effort to correct the error short of entering a complaint.

In support of this complaint I set forth the following grounds:

1. The charge alleges five ways that I have sinned against God but does not state one specific instance and the "time, place and circumstances of its commission" as required in The Book of Discipline II.2.1. In addition, both Form 21 and Form 22 (H-20 and 21) require that a charge or accusation of sin give specific instance and the date on which a person has sinned against God.
2. The evidence for the alleged charge is a list of family members and one ruling elder who are not witnesses of the things alleged. One family member requested to testify is not a Christian and has lived elsewhere for many years with little contact. None of the witnesses listed has followed Matthew 18:15–17 and personally brought these allegations to me as our Lord requires and which is the "orderly manner for dealing with sin in His church" (The Book of Discipline, I.1.2 and I.2.1–4).
3. These allegations are based on false things my wife says in her sinful opposition to my patient and loving guidance and direction for daily living, including family worship, eating as a family, financial stewardship, education of our children, and entertainment, but the Session has not investigated the allegations as required in The Book of Discipline I.3.2. If the Session properly investigated these allegations, it would find that she has been disregarding and violating the moral law as it is taught in Scripture and by the church and as I have lovingly brought to her attention (The Book of Discipline I.1.6). Leviticus 19:15; Deuteronomy 1:16–17, 16:18–20; Psalm 45:6–7; Proverbs 24:23–26; John 7:24; I Timothy 3:15; Hebrews 1:8–9. Larger Catechism #144–145.
4. The Session has brought a charge based on false statements from my wife, "who manifests malice" toward me consistently, both privately and openly in the presence of our children, which The Book of Discipline II.1.2 forbids.
5. The Session has instituted formal process without evidence being presented that the means of reconciliation referred to in The Book of Discipline section 1, chapter 2 have been tried as required in The Book of Discipline II.1.1.
6. The Session has instituted formal judicial process without "evidence sufficient to warrant a trial" and without determining that "Christ's rule (Matt. 18:15–16) has been followed," both of which are required in The Book of Discipline II.2.2.

7. Requiring family members to testify against the head of the family concerning matters of which they have no knowledge, is not right and will harm the family instead of strengthening it, which can only be done by addressing the actual sins, which the Session has ignored.

I humbly ask the Presbytery to annul or reverse the action of the Session of Southfield Reformed Presbyterian Church on December 8, 2022, to issue an accusation of sin and schedule a trial without following the requirements of the Bible, our confessional standards, and The Book of Discipline.

 , Complainant
Gary V. Allison

Date: December 30, 2022