

February 14, 2023

A Complaint (II.4.3-6, E-15,16) to Mr. Adam Kuehner, Clerk of the Great Lakes Gulf Presbytery of the RPCNA, to be distributed to the GLG Presbytery for their consideration and response to the actions of the Immanuel Reformed Presbyterian Church Session, namely Mr. Samuel Carr, Mr. Joshua Karshen, and Mr. Matthew Wilburn.

Submitted by Mr. Shawn Anderson, a presbyter in the Great Lakes Gulf Presbytery of the RPCNA. Notice of Complaint was emailed to the IRPC session and clerk of the GLG Presbytery on January 3, 2023 (within the 30-day deadline).

The actions taken by the session of Immanuel RPC affect the peace, purity, progress, and unity of the church, wherein the court admitted to and served Mr. Jared Olivetti the sacrament of the Lord's Supper on December 4, 2022, and January 1, 2023, per Rev. Dan Perrin's public admission.

This action demonstrably

1. Violated the Synod's upholding of Mr. Olivetti's censure of suspension of church membership privileges, including participation in the Lord's Supper.

Mr. Olivetti was censured by a Judicial Commission of the Synod of the RPCNA on March 10, 2022. While five complaints were issued to Synod in response to this censure, the Synod overwhelmingly did not sustain any of these complaints June 21-24, 2022. This local court has disregarded the lawful decision of its broadest court.

2. Violated the RPCNA's Constitution's scriptural form of Doctrine, Worship, Discipline, and Government.

There are several places in both the "fundamental law" (*the Westminster Confession, Catechisms, and RP Testimony*) and the "law and order of the church" (*the Directories for Church Government and Worship, the Book of Discipline and the actions of the Synod*) that have been violated. I won't labor the point by repeating what has already been sufficiently detailed in Mr. Borg's complaint.

3. Harmed Mr. Olivetti's spiritual well-being, which is already compromised given his censure status, presently unlifted by the Synod or its Commission overseeing Mr. Olivetti's care.

These elders have denied Mr. Olivetti the dynamic, God-ordained means of individual sanctifying grace through this process of church discipline. Contrary to the ruling of Synod, it appears the

session does not believe that Mr. Olivetti does not need to be further reclaimed. Their actions undermine their pretense of love, wisdom, and obedience to God.

- 4. Harmed the Immanuel RP Church's spiritual well-being, which was already compromised in the undue delay of celebrating the Lord's Supper for approximately six months.***

This delay "appeared" to be imposed so Mr. Olivetti could participate in the Supper. The details of this delay were brought before the court when I asked Mr. Samuel Carr (while he spoke on the floor at October's Presbytery meeting) if IRPC had celebrated the Lord's Supper as a congregation since the 2022 Synod. When he answered, "yes," I was left with the impression that I was misinformed, so the question was dropped, to my shame.

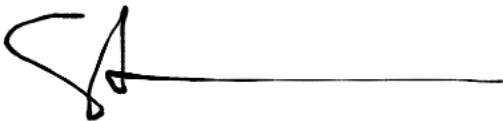
Further, in disobeying the church's censures, they deprived Christ's Church of the benefits of the scriptural process of discipline, which is given in part to "deter others from similar offenses" and "maintain the purity and peace of His Church."

- 5. Neglected to adequately maintain Christ's authority and honor by not upholding the lawfully binding censure of the courts of this church.***
- 6. Neglected to adequately maintain the truth of the Gospel by not upholding the lawfully binding censure of the courts of this church.***

Church discipline was instituted by our Lord, Christ Jesus in part to protect scriptural faith and life of His Church in accord with the truth of His Word and Spirit.

Please receive this Complaint in a spirit of Christian concern and desire to see this remedied in a way pleasing and glorifying to our God and for the well-being of His Bride.

Respectfully Submitted,



Pastor Shawn Anderson