

## GLG 23-7B

To the Great Lakes/Gulf Presbytery of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America,

I am writing to request that the complaint filed against the Immanuel Reformed Presbyterian Church session on February 15, 2023 (GLG 23-7) be withdrawn. From the very beginning it has been my desire to see this complaint resolved prior to the Spring meeting of presbytery, and I made that desire known to the IRPC session in all of my communication with them. On February 24, 2023 I had a phone call conversation with RE Matt Wilburn to discuss the substance of my complaint. In that conversation I was ensured that the IRPC session had raised the concerns listed in GLG 23-7 with Mr. Dan Perrin and addressed them, during which he clarified that the statement was poorly worded, that he did not hold in any regard the inclusion of Muslims in the Christian religion, and that he would address these concerns publicly. On February 19, 2023 Mr. Perrin publicly addressed the statements made in his sermon illustration before the congregation of IRPC. During this time clarifications were made as well as an apology for the misunderstanding the poorly worded statements caused. Since this addressing of the issue by the IRPC session with Mr. Perrin, combined with the public addressing of the issue by Mr. Perrin himself, satisfactorily resolves the substance of the complaint filed against them, I believe it is the Christ honoring thing to do to request GLG 23-7 be withdrawn. I am thankful that the IRPC elders took the concerns that were raised seriously and handled the matter, and I give thanks to the Lord that the substance of the complaint was able to be resolved in a timely matter internally and does not necessitate further action from the court.

TE Joshua Smith

Date: February 28, 2023