



# THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

HOLSTON AREA

MARY VIRGINIA TAYLOR  
RESIDENT BISHOP

October 10, 2018

Mr. Joseph Carson  
10953 Twin Harbour Drive  
Knoxville, TN 37934

RE: Complaint against the Reverend Larry S. Trotter

Dear Mr. Carson:

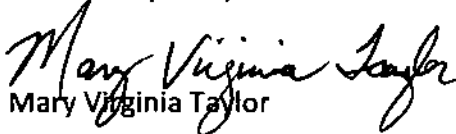
*May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

Pursuant to paragraph 362.1e of The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church, I am writing to confirm receipt of the letter dated September 11, 2018, in which you allege that the Reverend Larry S. Trotter has committed misconduct as outlined in paragraph 2702.1 because he "hopes to foment your murder, has cyber bullied you, and defamed you as a 'threat of violence'".

I have read and considered the complaint in light of Paragraph 2702.1 of The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church.

On October 4, 2018, I read the letter dated Sept. 11, 2018, to the Appointment Cabinet and discussed the allegations you have claimed. With the consent of the cabinet, I am dismissing this complaint against the Reverend Larry S. Trotter in which you allege his misconduct. You have presented no factual allegations to support your conclusory statement that Reverend Trotter hopes to foment your murder, has cyber-bullied you, or has defamed you as a threat of violence.

Grace and peace,

  
Mary Virginia Taylor

cc: The Reverend Larry S. Trotter, Pastor, Concord United Methodist Church  
The Reverend Brenda Carroll, Tennessee Valley District  
Mr. Timothy A. Priest, Esq.  
Mr. John E. Eldridge, Esq.