

Martin Luther King Day - January 21, 2019

**To:** Holston Conference Presiding Bishop Mary Virginia Taylor  
Her Cabinet, the District Superintendents of the Holston Conference  
Clergy and Lay Leadership of Concord United Methodist Church (CUMC)<sup>1</sup>

**From:** Joseph Carson, PE, /s/, deeply concerned member of Concord United Methodist Church;  
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**Subject:** Your bystanding to my concerns evidences apparent moral cowardice and corruption<sup>2</sup>

Simply put, I now consider your bystanding to my concerns to be evidence of moral cowardice and corruption. Why else do my concerns persist unresolved, years after I brought them forward?<sup>3</sup>

Apparently because of moral cowardice and corruption, Church leaders as you bystand to established legal records of corporation or government agency law-breaking, including reprisal, that harms or kills people and to well-evidenced claims of such law-breaking.

Furthermore, apparently because of your moral cowardice and corruption, you bystand to the professional misconduct of Rev. Larry Trotter, senior minister of Concord United Methodist Church in his baseless defamation of me as a “threat of violence.” Apparently, compliance with the ninth commandment means little in this matter, just as does compliance with the Book of Discipline in resolving claims as mine.

Attached is my January 9, 2019 letter to the membership of Concord United Methodist Church. I was verbally informed, with no citation to anything in Book of Discipline or the written rules for use of the church’s online membership directory, that my access had been cancelled. This is because I had informed Rev. Trotter and others of my intention to send such a letter to the membership if he would not initiate or allow a complaint to be filed against me, per the Book of Discipline.

The vision of the Affiliation of Christian Engineers is to be an international, interdenominational, virtual, low-cost, high-value added, auxiliary engineering professional society. It is intended to a vehicle for Christian engineers to be a collective and intentional “salt and light” influence in their significantly self-regulating profession of engineering - for the ultimate purpose of

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<sup>1</sup> See <https://holston.org/> and [www.concordumc.com](http://www.concordumc.com)

<sup>2</sup> My claims, if reasonably evidenced, are not “chargeable offenses” by the Book of Discipline, which is apparently why Church leaders as you bystand to them.

<sup>3</sup> See [www.revtrottersvows.com](http://www.revtrottersvows.com) and [www.merit-principles.org](http://www.merit-principles.org). None of this is new.

ascertaining and advancing God's will on earth, in and through the engineering profession and its Christian members.<sup>4</sup>

However, one near-certain result of such an organization would be the annual murder of some of its members while many more would lose their jobs, in reprisal for their doing other than bystand to law-breaking that harms or kills people that they witnessed in their employment, practice or profession. It is near-certain, in essential part, because of the bystanding that church leaders as you would exhibit.

This is why, in a civilization UTTERLY dependent on its engineered underpinnings, now and forevermore, as long as it sustains - God's will for the redemption of the world requires, in my opinion, that your bystanding - and the apparent underlying moral cowardice and corruption - be openly challenged.

Because of such cowardice and corruption by church leaders as you, I cannot openly advocate any Christian engineer do other than bystand to wrongdoing they witness in their employment, practice and profession, no matter how many lives are imperiled. Church leaders as you would apparently do nothing but bystand as they "suffered persecution for justice's sake" for being so foolhardy to put the health and safety of others before their professional standing and economic security.

I challenge you to show me wrong, by the Book of Discipline - the stakes for the redemption of the world are too high in our unprecedented global civilization with its unprecedented collective challenges to allow your bystanding - and the moral cowardice and corruption it apparently evidences - to go unchallenged.

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<sup>4</sup> See [www.christianengineer.org](http://www.christianengineer.org). The crowning achievement of my profession of engineering is a modern mega-city as New York. My profession of engineering has also created the means - nuclear weapons and their delivery systems - to reduce a modern mega-city to a smoking pile of radioactive rubble, from half a world away, within a half-hour. Despite this, Church leaders as you bystand to the lack of collective and intentional Christian influence in the engineering profession.