

September 16, 2016

Rev. Larry Trotter, Senior Minister  
Concord United Methodist Church  
11020 Roane Drive  
Knoxville, TN 37934

**By Certified Mail**

**Subject:** Complaint, per Book of Discipline ¶228.b(5) and ¶2702.3(j), against Joseph Carson.

Dear Rev. Trotter,

My husband claims, openly, that you are in violation of your membership vows and ordination vows, by the Book of Discipline. While a resolution of his claims of government law-breaking are beyond the ability of you, CUMC, or UMC to provide, he believes a “just resolution” by which CUMC makes a call for action relating to his claims of government agency law-breaking by Congress and Secretary of Energy is required of you and that you are violating your membership and ordination vows by your bystanding.

He has detailed the relevant portions of the Book of Discipline that he claims you are violating to you and others. If untrue (or not at least reasonably evidenced) then his claims are wrongly undermining your ministry within your appointment as Senior Minister of CUMC and are, therefore, a chargeable offense by the Book of Discipline.

It is my hope that a process will be invoked by which Joe would have to make his case - that his claims are accurate and justified, if not mandated, by the Book of Discipline - and you would have the opportunity to demonstrate why Joe is wrong in his claims about the Book of Discipline and wrong to openly claim you are violating your membership and ordination vows. A just resolution could well result and, if not, relevant precedent about the application of the Book of Discipline to situations as this could be applied or established.

This situation is causing much mental, emotional, and spiritual suffering to my husband, me, you, and the church leadership team. I am filing this complaint in accordance with the Book of Discipline and I trust it will be followed, in letter and spirit, in trying to obtain a just resolution to this matter.

Respectfully,

Karen Carson

Copy: Adam McKee, District Superintendent, by certified mail

Joseph Carson, by hand