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Karen Carson
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RE: Complaint for Book of Discipline, Paragraph 228.5(b)(5) and 2702.3(j) against Joseph Carson

Dear Ms. Carson:

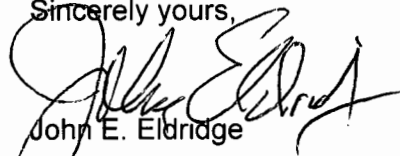
I am writing on capacity as the attorney for the Holston Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. The Reverend Larry Trotter received a letter from you requesting that Reverend Trotter bring a charge against Joseph Carson, your husband, for wrongly undermining the ministry of the Reverend Larry Trotter.

The decision of whether the Reverend Trotter should bring charges against Mr. Carson is the decision of the Reverend Trotter. He has considered your request, and also has given consideration to the concerns he has had with Mr. Carson previously, but has expressed to me, that in the spirit of grace and Christian compassion he has elected not to bring charges against Mr. Carson.

In making that decision, the Reverend Trotter has consulted with his District Superintendent, the Reverend Adam McKee, and his Bishop, the Reverend Mary Virginia Taylor. Each of these persons agrees with him that no charge should be brought against Mr. Carson.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,



John E. Eldridge

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cc: Mary Virginia Taylor, Bishop
Adam McKee, DS