

February 11, 2018

Rev. Dr. Susan Henry-Crowe, General Secretary
General Board of Church and Society
100 Maryland Ave N.E.
Washington, DC 20002

Subject: GBCS, under your leadership, apparently lacks moral courage necessary for the “redemption of (our imperiled) world.”¹

Dear General Secretary Henry-Crowe,

My experience is that this statement from the Preamble to the Constitution of the UMC should be qualified with something as “unless it might require the moral courage to non-violently confront institutional evil that ways that could be inconvenient to the professional standing and economic interests of the Christian religious professionals in UMC.”

I’m now publicly calling you out about your apparent lack of the requisite moral courage to comply with the stated purposes of the Board of Church and Society, found in the 2016 UMC Book of Discipline at ¶¶ 1002-1004. If you had the requisite moral courage, my situation at Concord United Methodist Church have been resolved, per the Book of Discipline, years ago.

Because you lack the requisite moral courage, I understand it is now a legal fact that my church’s senior minister engaged in a baseless character assassination campaign against me, alleging I was a threat of going on a murderous rampage in the church, in the apparent hope that a mentally unbalanced member of the church might murder me. Why? Apparently in retaliation for my being inconvenient to his professional standing and economic security claiming he was in violation of his UMC membership vows and duties by his bystanding to my well-evidenced claims of civilization-threatening federal agency law-breaking.

My public testimony is “Shame on you, Rev. Dr. Susan Henry-Crowe.” If you disagree, then please find the moral courage to file a complaint against me, per the Book of Discipline, for my publicly engaging “in behaviors that undermine the ministry (yours) of persons serving within an appointment,” a “chargeable offense” by the Book of Discipline at ¶ 2702.3j.²

¹ By the last sentence of the first paragraph of the Preamble of the Constitution of the UMC, it seeks to provide for the “redemption of the world.” Presumably that means a world that does not experience, in coming decades, a large-scale if not near-total civilizational collapse - what is there to “redeem” in a world that is a burnt-out cinder, where billions have died unnatural deaths because of its severely damaged life support systems, both natural and manmade?

² This letter and other relevant documentation is available at the website <http://revtrottersvows.com>.

Respectfully,

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My February 7, 2018 letter to Bishop Carter of Florida
My February 9, 2018 letter to two lay leaders in Concord United Methodist Church
My February 9, 2018 letter to Bishop Wallace-Padgett of Birmingham, AL

copy:

John Hill of your staff, who has been aware of my concerns for over 20 years
Rev. Steve Martin of National Council of Churches, who has been aware of my concerns for over
15 years