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Subject: Allegations of deep-seated corruption in the Holston Conference, with implications for the “redemption of the world” - the stated purpose of The United Methodist Church ¹

Dear Judicial Council President Tweh,

I publicly claim that Rev. Larry Trotter, the Senior Minister of my congregation, Concord United Methodist Church (CUMC) in Knoxville, Tennessee, in reprisal for my whistleblowing about his professional misconduct, hopes to foment my murder by baselessly claiming I am a “threat of violence” to the leadership and others in the congregation. Given the prevalence of guns and mentally unstable people in East Tennessee, when someone in a position of authority, who claims to represent God, baselessly defames someone as a threat of violence, in reprisal for their whistleblowing about his professional misconduct, he has to realize it could result in a mentally unbalanced person murdering the victim of his defamation. ²

It is not just Rev. Trotter who is corrupt in this matter, not in my public allegations. I allege that the Bishop of the Holston Conference, Bishop Mary Virginia Taylor, and her district superintendents are implicated in his corruption by their failure or refusal to comply the letter and spirit of the Book of Discipline in this matter - they will not allow any complaint I file against Rev. Trotter to be considered by anyone but them - nor do they dare file a complaint against me - or allow any complaint filed against me to be considered by the Book of Discipline. They are stonewalling, apparently to protect their jobs and pensions.

Apparently, God’s will on earth, their vows of membership in The United Methodist Church, and their duties by the Book of Discipline mean little when they perceive compliance with them is inconsistent with their apparent “gods” of professional standing and economic security.

¹ See last sentence of first paragraph of the Preamble to the Constitution of The United Methodist Church.

² See <http://revtrottersvows.com> for exhaustive detail. By my understanding of the Rules of Civil Procedure of the State of Tennessee, Rev. Trotter has admitted he hopes to foment my murder by his baseless claims that I am a threat of violence.

Existing Judicial Council precedent is apparently at the root of this matter - apparently there is no Judicial Council decision that addresses whether any Christian religious professional in The United Methodist Church has a duty, by the Book of Discipline, to do other than bystand to institutional evil when manifested in established legal records of corporation or government agency law-breaking that harms or kills people in their locale, or to well-evidenced claims of such law-breaking.

Apparently, because of this lack of Judicial Council precedent, Reverend Trotter and other involved or knowledgeable Christian religious professionals employed by The United Methodist Church justify their bystanding to such institutional evil - as well as their reprisal against me (or, by extension, any member of the United Methodist Church) for taking exception to such bystanding..

It does not bode well for the “redemption of the world” in 2018, in our imperiled global civilization that such bystanding - which is, in my opinion, clearly prohibited in the Book of Discipline, has not been found blameworthy by the Judicial Council.^{3 4}

I respectfully request that someone, somewhere, in The United Methodist Church direct or openly call for a misconduct complaint to be filed against me for my efforts to do everything I legally (and non-violently) can to engage in “behaviors that undermine” the ministry of Rev. Larry Trotter, Bishop Mary Virginia Taylor, and others who bystand to the established legal record of law-breaking of government agency law-breaking against me that is relevant to the diseases, disabilities or premature deaths of over 100,000 people who have received over 12 billion dollars for being put in harms’ way in my government agency’s facilities and who bystand to my well-evidenced claims of continuing government agency law-breaking that puts civilization at unnecessarily increased risk of a nuclear terrorist attack or other civilization-

³ With the “Doomsday Clock” as close as it has ever been to midnight, see <https://thebulletin.org/2018-doomsday-clock-statement>. Where 5 individuals have half the world’s wealth, see - <https://www.commondreams.org/views/2017/06/12/now-just-five-men-own-almost-much-wealth-half-worlds-population>.

⁴ In my opinion - consistent with my understanding of the Book of Discipline at ¶165 - our unprecedented global civilization increasingly resembles a suicide machine. I realize no one person can persuade the 7.4 billion crew members of planet earth to individually and collectively make the “redemption of the world” - a flourishing, sustainable, global civilization - an objective worth sacrificing for, as necessary. But I can assume a “but not through me” posture, in my spheres of public influence, to the all-too-possible large-scale, if not near total, civilizational collapse in coming decades, accepting the “suffering persecution for justice’s sake” - such as being murdered as a result of Rev. Trotter’s defamation.

threatening catastrophe.⁵

I was raised Catholic and now perceive myself to be in a similar position to a parent of a child who was sexually abused by a priest and who finds the Church hierarchy considers the parent to be the “enemy of the Gospel” for seeking redress for such professional misconduct by established Church procedure. Rev. Trotter does not defame me as a threat of violence and does not hope to foment my murder in a vacuum, not in my opinion - it seems to me that the hierarchy of people whose pensions are connected to The United Methodist Church enable him, every step of the way.

Thank you for whatever consideration you and/or others on the Judicial Council give this matter.

Your co-worker is His creation,

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⁵See first 11 pages of 2015 Annual Report of the Energy Employee Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 (EOICPA) Ombudsman, <https://www.dol.gov/eeombd/2015annualreport/2015.pdf>