

June 25, 2016

Reverend Larry Trotter
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Subject: Enough with the “electronic lynching” - do your duty to God, the United Methodist Church and this congregation by filing a misconduct complaint against me, per the Book of Discipline

Dear Reverend Trotter,

Based on statements to the congregation in your email communication “in the loop” of June 24, 2016,¹ it is clear you believe I am engaged in the “chargeable offenses” of:

¶ **2702. 3.** A professing member of a local church may be charged with the following offenses, and, if so, may choose a trial:

- (c) disobedience to the order and discipline of The United Methodist Church;
- (j) relationships and/or behaviors that undermine the ministry of persons serving within an appointment.

In the name of God, your vows as a member of the United Methodist Church and as ordained Elder of the United Methodist Church, I again request you to file a misconduct complaint against me, per the Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church. If you will not, I again request one or more members of the Leadership Council do so.

How else can my claims of your willful, evil - in violation of everything you and the United Methodist Church claim to stand for - bystanding to “redemption of the world” threatening law-breaking by President Obama, Special Counsel Carolyn Lerner, Merit Systems Protection Board Chairman Susan Grundmann and Department of Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz I allege obtain an objective resolution?

Why might you prefer to lynch me electronically, instead of doing your duty by filing a complaint against me?

Well, if you file a complaint, it will set in motion a process by which someone will have to consider my claims and use the Book of Discipline and UMC Judicial Council decisions as the criteria by which they will be adjudicated. More than that, it would require lay members of the United Methodist Church to be involved in the process of adjudicating the issue - and that appears to be something you and other involved ordained members of CUMC and the Holston

¹ As one one-sided, biased, prejudicial and, I believe, incorrect your claims are. Why did you not say “unless I or other leaders in CUMC file a misconduct complaint against this member, he has threatened...?” A pdf of the “in the loop” is attached.

Conference seem to be willing to violate your vows and the Book of Discipline to prevent.

You now publicly claim that I was offered all the processes the UMC allows. I say that is false, in spirit, if not also letter, of the Book of Discipline.

Specifically, I claim that contrary to the Book of Discipline's repeatedly stressed fundamental requirement in such situations - seek a "just resolution" - there was no attempt, despite my repeated requests, to achieve a "just resolution." So, instead of any effort for "just resolution," I now get an electronic lynching at your hands. Shame on you. Shame on Bishop Taylor. Shame on her cabinet. Shame on the Leadership Council of CUMC.

I would not be surprised that when an investigation of this matter occurs, if it finds that Bishop Taylor communicated - in some shape or form, whether explicitly or by non-verbal facial expressions and tone of voice - to her cabinet that if they knew what was good for their professional interests and economic security they would vote against allowing any effort at a "just resolution" of my claims - that if they did not vote to dismiss it, out of hand, she could remove them from the cabinet and from the Superintendency in the Holston Conference.

If so, that is likely why you now "double down" by lynching me electronically, instead of doing your duty by filing a misconduct complaint against me.

I say your behavior is shameful, contrary to everything you claim to stand for, and only enables the "redemption of the world" threatening law-breaking I am risking - and paying - so much to expose and end.

If a misconduct complaint against me is not promptly forthcoming, I will take the matter, via every legal means I can, to the membership of CUMC. On the other hand, if such a complaint is made, I will keep my peace during the process and accept its final outcome - I will even pay all the associated costs if that is judged appropriate. I swear that with God as my Creator, Redeemer and Judge.

Respectfully,

_____/s/_____

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