

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Bankson, <i>Concur</i>	Dowling, <i>Concur</i>	Meyerhoff, <i>Concur</i>
Barker, <i>Concur</i>	Duncan, <i>Recused</i>	Neikirk, <i>Concur</i>
Bise, <i>Concur</i>	Evans, <i>Concur</i>	Nusbaum, <i>Concur</i>
Cannata, <i>Concur</i>	Fowler, <i>Concur</i>	Pickering, <i>Concur</i>
Carrell, <i>Concur</i>	Greco, <i>Concur</i>	Robertson, <i>Concur</i>
Chapell, <i>Absent</i>	Jones, <i>Concur</i>	Terrell, <i>Concur</i>
Coffin, <i>Concur</i>	Kooistra, <i>Concur</i>	White, <i>Concur</i>
Donahoe, <i>Recused</i>	McGowan, <i>Absent</i>	Wilson, <i>Concur</i>

RE Donahoe disqualified himself in accordance with *OMSJC* 2.10(d)(3)(iii) as he is a member of a church in the respondent presbytery. RE Duncan recused himself pursuant to *OMSJC* 2.10(d) because he has attended the church from which the case arises and is a friend of one of the presbytery representatives.

**CASE 2016-12**

***RE SAM K. HARWELL, et al.***

***VS.***

***NASHVILLE PRESBYTERY***

**DECISION ON COMPLAINT**

**March 3, 2017**

The Case is judicially out of order and is not able to be put in order, because the Complaint was not properly previously filed with Nashville Presbytery (*BCO* 43-2). The initial “complaint” filed with Nashville Presbytery was not a complaint “against some act or decision of a court of the Church” (*BCO* 43-1), but rather either suggested charges against a Teaching Elder or a call for an investigation of a Teaching Elder (*BCO* 31-2). Complainant did not file a complaint with Nashville Presbytery concerning its actions on August 9, 2016, but instead filed this Complaint directly with the Standing Judicial Commission. As more than sixty days have passed since August 9, 2016, no further action may be taken.

The Complaint is dismissed.

The Proposed Decision was drafted by the Panel, and approved, as amended, by the SJC on the following roll call vote (22 Concur, 2 Absent):

APPENDIX T

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TE McGowan was absent and disqualified because he is a member of a court which is party to the case. *OMSJC* 2.10(d)(3)(iii).

**CASE 2016-14**

***TE TOLIVAR WILLS***

**VS.**

***METRO ATLANTA PRESBYTERY***

**DECISION ON COMPLAINT**

**March 3, 2017**

**I. SUMMARY OF THE FACTS**

- 01/14 Grace North Atlanta Church (“GNA”) became a particular church of Metro Atlanta Presbytery (“MAP”).
- 07/14 The Session requested assistance from Presbytery’s Shepherding Committee, due to some internal conflicts between pastor, staff and Session.
- 09/16/14 Presbytery responded to a Reference from the Session by adopting the following:

To form a Commission to come alongside of the Session, to meet with elders, members and the pastor of a MAP Church [TE John Hardie and Grace North Atlanta] in a holy attempt to investigate discern and help all work through disorder that has come to the surface. (*BCO* 15-2)