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PROPOSED DECISION IN JUDICIAL CASE

Case 2020-07 – Complaint of Rankin Wilbourne

Case 2020-08 – Complaint of TEs Gendall, Hightower & Lien

Case 2020-09 – Complaint of Session of Pacific Crossroads Church

v.

PACIFIC PRESBYTERY

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the *Operating Manual of the Standing Judicial Commission (OMSJC)* Section 17.5, I am enclosing the Proposed Decision in the above captioned case.

Please note that *OMSJC* 17.5, states the following:

“Proposed and recommended judgments of a Judicial Panel are not binding on the parties, but the Stated Clerk shall mail the parties a copy of the panel’s proposed decision and inform the parties of their right to request a rehearing before the full Standing Judicial Commission. If any party desires a rehearing by the full Commission, such request must be filed with the Stated Clerk within 14 days after receipt of said Panel’s proposed and recommended decision. Said party filing such a request for rehearing may attach a brief giving such party’s reasons and arguments for this request. Such brief must comply with the requirement of *OMSJC* Sections 8.3-8.4 of this *Manual* as it relates to supplemental briefs.”

II. STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE

Did Presbytery err on February 8, 2020 in how it handled a *BCO* 38-1 Case Without Process?

III. JUDGMENT

Yes. Therefore, the Complaint is sustained, and the censure of deposition is annulled.

Please note that you may request a rehearing before the full Commission (*OMSJC* 17.5) and may submit a five-page supplemental brief in support thereof (*OMSJC* 8.3-8.4) within fourteen (14) days of receipt of this notification. Such submissions should be filed with the Office of the Stated Clerk. Neither facsimiles nor Emails will be allowed for purposes of filing (*OMSJC* 18.10).

You should further be advised of the method for computing time as delineated in *OMSJC* 18.9 and 18.10.

If no rehearing is requested or granted, the proposed decision of the panel will be reviewed and decided by the full Commission at the next meeting of the full commission (*OMSJC* 17.8) whenever that may be scheduled.

The *Book of Church Order* and the *Operating Manual of the SJC* are available online at <http://www.pcaac.org/resources/bco/>.

Your Servant in Christ,



Bryan Chapell
Stated Clerk, *Pro Tempore*, PCA

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Enclosure: Proposed Decision
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