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RE: Citation to Appear before the Session

Dear Carlota,

The Session continues to grieve the current state of affairs in your relationship to us and to New Covenant as a whole, including your absence from our midst in recent weeks. In the midst of everything else, we also grieve in a particular way that the proper, God-given processes for handling conflicts or sins have been short-circuited in recent months, making resolution of the matters before us that much more difficult. Having sought to address these matters with you in writing, by talking with you directly, and even through the offer of third-party mediation, we regret to say that we are now duty-bound by Scripture and by our subordinate standards to exercise the God-given task of oversight within the church (1 Pet 5:2) by proceeding forward to formal judicial process. It is an understatement to say that we are very disappointed by the fact that this is necessary, but we look to the Lord to mercifully use the methods that he has instituted (Matt 18:17) for a gracious outcome.

With that in mind, you are hereby cited to appear before the Session of New Covenant Community Church, Joliet, IL on July 10 at 7:30pm at the church building in order to hear and receive certain charges and specifications which have been preferred against you by the Session as a judicatory of Christ's church. We urge you, in accordance with the teaching of Scripture and the content of the membership vows you have taken before the Lord and the body at New Covenant, to appear at that time in order to engage the proper, God-ordained process for addressing alleged sins. And we would remind you that the purposes of judicial discipline are always to honor Christ and to bring restoration, seeking to address allegations of sin clearly, fairly, and in a way that leads to proper, God-honoring resolution between you and others in the church unto the glory of our dear Savior's name, who died for us so that we might indeed live together with and for him. We give you this citation, then, out of a love for Christ, for you, and for the New Covenant body of believers, hoping through this process to be properly reconciled with you.

By order of the Session of New Covenant Community Church, Joliet, IL, of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

Signed on behalf of the Session:

Nate Hollister, Clerk