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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTEDPermanent Judicial Commission of the  
Presbytery of Baltimore  
c/o Charles P. Forbes, Stated Clerk  
5400 Loch Raven Road  
Baltimore, MD 21239-2998

RE: Disciplinary Accusation against The Rev. Donald Stroud

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

Please accept this letter as my petition, pursuant to Book of Order section D-10.0303, that the Presbytery of Baltimore Permanent Judicial Commission review the decision of the Investigating Committee not to file charges in the above-referenced matter.

I allege that the investigating committee has not fulfilled the duties specified in section D-10.0202 of the Book of Order, in the following particulars:

1. The investigating committee abused its discretion by failing to make a thorough inquiry into the facts and circumstances of the alleged offense, as required by D-10.0202 (b) by failing to seek and obtain testimony from all available witnesses, e.g., myself as the accuser. At no time was I offered the opportunity to present testimony to the Investigating Committee. On February 27, 2002, the Stated Clerk wrote me a letter (attached) which offered the opportunity to present written evidence. I replied to this letter via certified mail on March 13, 2002, requesting the opportunity to present live testimony. Both the letter and a copy of the return receipt are attached. On April 2, 2002, I received a letter back from Mr. Forbes, indicating that he had received my letter and was transmitting it to the Investigating Committee. Subsequently, I spoke with Mr. Forbes on one occasion, and he told me the matter was with the Investigating Committee. I received a certified letter from Mr. Forbes dated June 28, 2002 (attached) setting forth the Investigating Committee's decision. In the interim I had no other contact from anyone on behalf of the Presbytery of Baltimore with respect to my request to present testimony. Other than as set forth in this paragraph, I had no other response whatsoever (mail, fax or phone) to my letter of March 13<sup>th</sup> requesting the opportunity to testify.