



NORTHSIDE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Coleman Woody, *Senior Pastor*

March 18, 2026

To: The St. Andrew's Chapel Governing Board
From: The Northside Presbyterian Church (PCA) Session
RE: Your March 12, 2026, Letter Concerning RE David Zima

Gentlemen,

For the third and hopefully last time, we must clarify that RE David Zima is a communicant member in good standing of Northside Presbyterian Church (NPC) and a ruling elder in the Presbyterian Church of America (PCA). We remind you that you abandoned all of your indictments made "in the name of the Presbyterian Church in America" immediately upon leaving the PCA on December 14, 2025. This immediately reverted everyone under investigation or indictment at St. Andrews' Chapel (SAC) to good standing.

Zima resigned from membership in St. Andrews Chapel (SAC) in good standing on December 14, 2025, both in the eyes of the Church and the civil magistrate. NPC has sole original jurisdiction over RE Zima, both in accordance with the PCA Book of Church Order (BCO) and the civil magistrate. SAC has had no jurisdiction whatsoever over RE Zima since December 14, 2025. Therefore, any and all pronouncements alleged against RE Zima by you are null and void, and of no spiritual or ecclesiastical effect or consequence outside the walls of SAC.

We stand grieved at your sinful conduct against RE Zima and NPC, which we find single-mindedly vindictive at this point. You violate the 9th Commandment by bearing false witness to your congregation in stating that you are "...acting as a court of original jurisdiction..." for RE Zima. You have **no** jurisdiction over RE Zima. In fact, you cannot be a court of "original jurisdiction" since you are independent and have no superior courts of jurisdiction to which anyone may appeal. The term simply has no meaning for an independent church.

You claim to adhere to the Westminster Confession of Faith (WCF). Apparently you've missed some paragraphs.

*WCF 31.1: "...there ought to be such assemblies as are commonly called **synods or councils**: and it belongeth to the overseers and other rulers of the **particular churches**, by virtue of their office, and the power which Christ hath given them for edification and **not for destruction**, to appoint such assemblies..." (emphasis added)*

In pursuing independency, you have rejected the submission to, and authority of, the graded courts, like synods, delineated in the WCF. Instead you have weaponized the power of an autonomous church government for destruction.

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*WCF 31.2: "It belongeth to **synods and councils**, ministerially to determine controversies of faith, and cases of conscience; to set down rules and directions for the better ordering of the public worship of God, and government of his church; to receive complaints in cases of maladministration, and authoritatively to determine the same: which decrees and determinations, if consonant to the Word of God, are to be received with reverence and submission; not only for their agreement with the Word, but also for the power whereby they are made, as being an ordinance of God appointed thereunto in his Word."*

SAC has utterly rejected this entire paragraph, setting themselves up as the only arbiter of all things; submitting to none and recognizing the authority of none but yourselves. You eschew the wisdom inherent in higher courts of elders. We remind you of God's admonition to the shepherds of Israel in Ezekiel 34:1-10.

*WCF 23.3: "...as nursing fathers, it is the duty of civil magistrates to protect the church of our common Lord... And, as Jesus Christ hath appointed a regular government and discipline in his church, no law of any commonwealth should interfere with, let, or hinder, the due exercise thereof, among **the voluntary members** of any denomination of Christians, **according to their own profession and belief**. It is the duty of civil magistrates to protect the person and good name of all their people, in such an effectual manner as that no person be suffered, either upon pretense of religion or of infidelity, to offer any indignity, violence, abuse, or injury to any other person whatsoever..." (emphasis added)*

Membership in a particular church or in a church within a particular denomination is **voluntary**, according to the individual's own profession and belief. When a particular church makes a decision to dramatically alter the foundational structure of its ecclesiology, as SAC has done, it may not force its new belief on its voluntary members. To do so would violate those individuals' consciences, and is more in keeping with the actions of a cult than of the Church of Christ. RE Zima's profession and beliefs have not changed. He was and remains a Presbyterian. While SAC has rejected all earthly accountability, including the submission, authority, and oversight that inhere in Presbyterianism, RE Zima has not. Instead, SAC has repeatedly, forcefully, and publicly insisted that he violate his conscience and Presbyterian beliefs to conform to your aberrant ecclesiology.

The Session of Northside Presbyterian Church (PCA), RE David Zima, and RE Zima's legal representatives have repeatedly requested that St. Andrews' Chapel CEASE AND DESIST pursuing, persecuting, and harassing David. We have previously attempted to do so with an attitude of Christian brotherliness and gentleness. However, SAC has flagrantly ignored these entreaties, abusively and malignantly impugning RE Zima's good name. As SAC has failed to act in a manner befitting a body which claims to adhere to the WCF and their rejection of any higher earthly authority to which we may appeal, we have no option but to encourage RE Zima to appeal to the civil magistrate in accordance with BCO 11-1, acting in its role of a nursing father (WCF 23.3). We do this with heavy hearts, but your actions leave no earthly alternative to secure the protection of Christ's Bride and His sheep entrusted to Northside's humble instantiation of His flock.

Grace and peace,
The Session of Northside Presbyterian Church (PCA)