

THE PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION of THE EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SESSION OF BEVERLY HEIGHTS CHURCH, et al. v. PRESBYTERY OF THE ALLEGHENIES

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

[April 24, 2024]

This commission has reviewed the complaint filed by the session of Beverly Heights Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Teaching Elder Nate Devlin (jointly, the "<u>Complainant</u>") against the Presbytery of the Alleghenies (the "<u>Respondent</u>"). We find pursuant to section D.14-8.A of the *Book of Order* that the complaint states grounds on which relief may be granted. The Respondent shall (1) appoint one or more representatives to defend the complaint, and (2) direct its appointed representative(s) to file with this commission an answer to the complaint no later than May 25, 2024. The answer shall respond to each allegation in the complaint and shall set forth with specificity all defenses on which the Respondent relies. In addition, the Respondent shall provide to this commission the record of the case as required in section D.14-8.C of the *Book of Order*. Without leave of this commission, the Respondent shall take no further action pursuant to its December 28, 2023 charges of contempt against the Complainant.