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Dear Mr. Falconer:

Re: Appeal of Reverend Gretta Vosper from General Secretary Ruling

The Judicial Committee Executive met to consider whether to hear Reverend Vosper's appeal or to refuse to hear it. The Judicial Committee Executive decided that the appeal did not meet the grounds for an Appeal. The reasons for the decision are enclosed as required by *The Manual (2013)*.

Yours sincerely,

plv Margaret McKechney
Chair (Acting)
Judicial Committee

Cc: Elizabeth McIntyre, Cavalluzzo
Nora Sanders, General Secretary, General Council



**JUDICIAL COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE
DECISION WHETHER TO HEAR APPEAL
Section J.13.9.1 The Manual 2013**

Appellant: Reverend Gretta Vosper
Respondent: General Secretary, General Council
Appeal: Decision whether or not to hear appeal from Ruling of General Secretary 15-001-R
Decision: Not to hear Appeal
Date of Decision: March 17, 2016

A preliminary objection was raised by the respondent that the appellant was not "directly affected" by the Ruling and had no standing to bring the appeal. The Executive concluded that the appellant is directly affected by the Ruling and has standing to bring the appeal.

After fully and thoroughly considering all submissions by the appellant and respondent, the Executive of the Judicial Committee decided that the Appeal did not meet the grounds for an Appeal set out in *The Manual (2013)* Section J.13.6 for the following reasons:

i **the court that made the decision failed to consider the matter as completely as practicable [section J.13.6 (a)]**

This ground for appeal is not met. The Executive of the Judicial Committee finds that the matter was considered fully and as completely as practicable.

ii **that the decision was not in accordance with the rules of natural justice[section J.13.6.(b)]**

This ground for appeal is not met. The Executive of the Judicial Committee finds that the procedure outlined in the Ruling is in compliance with the rules of natural justice.

iii. **that the decision was not reasonable based on the evidence [section J.13.6.(c)]**

This ground for appeal is not met. The Executive of the Judicial Committee finds that the procedure set out in the Ruling is reasonable.

iv. **that the decision was not in accordance with the polity of the United Church [section J.13.6.(d)]**

This ground for appeal is not met. The Executive of the Judicial Committee finds that the procedure set out in the Ruling is in accordance with the polity of the United Church.

v. **there is evidence available that could not have been produced earlier and that may be relevant. [section J.13.6 (e)]**

This ground for appeal is not met.