The Executive Committee of the General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission (PJC), meeting on April 17, 1993, reviewed the papers in Remedial Case 205-14, the Session of Witherspoon Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana v. The Presbytery of Whitewater Valley. This commission gave opportunity for both parties to appear and be heard on the issue of jurisdiction to hear this appeal. Neither elected to do so.

The PJC voted to dismiss the appeal for the following reason: the appeal is not in order.

Complainant/appellant states as reasons for the appeal actions that are rightly within the authority of the synod PJC. Documentation indicates that the synod PJC determined that the complaint did not state a claim upon which relief could be granted, heard a further petition for consideration on this issue, and again reached the same conclusion. The PJC decides the qualifying criteria of D-6.1200 and the “agreement” of the parties is not a requirement.

The full commission voted to commend the moderator of the synod PJC for efforts to encourage a compromise solution to the long-standing difficulties between the parties. The documentation indicates this was an encouragement and not a requirement or an abridgment of the parties rights.