This remedial case of original jurisdiction has come before this Commission on a preliminary order issued by the Moderator and Clerk of the Commission recommending dismissal of the complaint. The Complainant, the Session of Govans Presbyterian Church, Baltimore, Maryland (Session), complained against the General Assembly Council (Council), requesting that the Council be directed to cease circulation of a particular document produced by the National Ministries Division.

The full Commission has considered the matter on the record and finds that the publication of “PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY, Frequently Asked Constitutional Questions and Answers” by the National Ministries Division of the Council does not constitute either an irregularity or a delinquency within the meaning of D-2.0202. In so holding, the Commission has not addressed the content of this publication.

Accordingly, Session’s complaint is dismissed for failure to state a claim upon which relief may be granted and because the Commission lacks the jurisdiction to grant the relief requested. See D-6.0307 and D-6.0309.
Ruby Rodriguez and Patricia Norris, members of the Commission, were not present for the meeting of the Commission and, accordingly, took no part in the deliberations or decision of the case. Christine Levister, Ferdinand Pharr, and William Skinner, former members of the Commission (having resigned), were not present for the meeting of the Commission.

Dated this 13th day of February, 1999.