

January 4, 2018

The Reverend Michael Davis  
First Presbyterian Church  
172 West Main Street  
Hendersonville, Tennessee 37075

Dear Rev. Davis,

I am writing in follow-up to my September 5<sup>th</sup> letter concerning Reverend Pat Handlson.

I have now seen Rev. Handlson a total of 30 times since beginning our work on January 9, 2017. I have little to add to my previous reports with regard to diagnosis and plan of care. We have continued to work on the issues we had identified and Rev. Handlson has continued to be faithful in his commitment to the work. Please refer to my previous reports for the background and content of those issues.

In reflection over my work with Rev. Handlson during the past year I would summarize by saying that, in my opinion, this year and the events leading up to it have been transformative for him. Many people faced with the sort of situation he created for himself flee from accountability and consequence as much as possible. Instead, Rev. Handlson has faced his consequences and taken responsibility for his actions. He has utilized the censure of the Presbytery and the discipline of the COM to face the important personal issues that contributed to his decisions and inappropriate actions. And as a result of his willingness to do this rather than flee, Rev. Handlson is today a wiser, more humble and more compassionate person than he was prior to this episode.

I continue to believe that Rev. Handlson is neither predatory nor compulsive in the living out of his sexuality and that his inappropriate actions were situational rather than characterological. And I believe the work he has done during the past year has made it possible for him identify and avoid recreating any similar situations in the future. As a result, I would certainly recommend that his censure be ended and that he be restored to connection with the Presbytery.

If you have additional questions regarding my work with Rev Handlson, please do not hesitate to ask.

Respectfully,

Rev. Tom Knowles-Bagwell, D.Min., L.C.P.T., C.S.A.T.