

In the Matter of

**SESSION, STERLING VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Sterling, New York, and
SESSION, FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Fair Haven, New York**

On January 23, 1993, the Synod of the Northeast adopted two commissioner resolutions.

During the last week of February, 1993, by way of the synod newsletter, the "Nor'easter," this action of the synod came to the attention of the Sessions of the Sterling Valley Presbyterian Church of Sterling, New York, and the First Presbyterian Church of Fair Haven, New York.

Each of the forenamed Sessions filed two complaints, one against each of resolutions adopted by the synod, "the statute of limitations (D-6.0600a) notwithstanding." The complaints of the Sterling Session are dated May 10, 1993, and those of the Fair Haven Session are dated May 12, 1993.

The sessions claim to have standing by virtue of D-6.0500f, but they omit certain words in their quotation of the citation, viz: "by any governing body against any other governing body *of the same level*,...(omitted words in italics).

We find that the complainants do not have standing to file a complaint against an alleged irregularity in an action taken by the Synod of the Northeast.

James M. MacKellar and Harold Densmore, members of the commission, were not present and took no part in the proceedings.