

**Buonaiuto v. Session, First Church, Greenlawn, NY,  
Remedial Case No. 200-8,**

**FRANK AND SHEILA BUONAIUTO**  
Complainants

vs.

**THE SESSION OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF  
GREENLAWN, NEW YORK**  
Respondent/Appellee

**COMMISSION ORDER**

The Buonaiutos, in their complaint to the Presbytery of Long Island, allege that they have not received a response from the session of the First Presbyterian church to their request for the return of moneys contributed by the Buonaiutos to the church during the years 1981, 1982, 1983, and 1984. We have carefully examined the record and the briefs filed by the parties in this case.

On May 3, 1986, this Commission determined that an individual may not dictate the manner by which a session discharges its responsibilities to higher governing bodies. *Frank Buonaiuto v. The Session of the First Presbyterian Church*, Remedial Case No. 198-5. The present appeal involves the named parties and arises from the identical facts which prompted the earlier appeal. The complainants-appellants chose not to present all of their grievances at one time. Instead, the present complaint was brought, on the same facts, only after the complainant at No. 198-5 had been finally dismissed.

The arguments advanced by the Buonaiutos on this appeal have already been considered and rejected by this Commission. We have found no specification of error charged to the Synod of the Northeast which on any analysis could be sustained.

Accordingly the appeal from the decision of the Synod of the Northeast is hereby dismissed.

Done and dated by the General Assembly's Permanent Judicial Commission in Atlanta, Georgia, on the 5th day of May, 1988.

Elder Marcos Feliciano was absent and did not participate in the decision.