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I believe it is essential that I resign from this Board. While I feel we can work with disagreements, we cannot work with *ad hominem* statements about Board members put forth by some members. I have never lied to the Board, but that became Greg's ongoing mantra nonetheless. Further, to make pronouncements on anybody's motivation is judgment in the extreme. I have not made judgments on the motivations of any of you, and had I done so, I would have kept those thoughts to myself. My only exception would be to speak in support of someone's clearly expressed motivation. I do not believe that any of us is ever in a position to judge the motivations of another, but I was informed in this most recent meeting in no uncertain terms what my motivations were.

My motivations were solely the healthy growth and healing of this congregation, which will not happen in a few weeks or even just a year or two. My intentions were solely in accord with this motivation and my deep concern for what I perceived as happening.

There is much more to this decision, however, expressing those thoughts, considerations and concerns would be nonproductive in the environment of this Board and are best left unsaid.

At this time, I've not made a decision with respect to continued chairing of the Worship Committee or, indeed, continuing in a church where my imagined motivations are proclaimed by leadership.

Sincerely,

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