

## Mountain View Administrative Commission Formed

**MOTION:** That the Presbytery authorize the appointment by the Moderatorial Team of an Administrative Commission consisting of seven ruling and teaching elders, in accordance with Form of Government G-3.0109b, for the purpose of entering a season of discernment with Mountain View Presbyterian Church and, depending on the outcome of the discernment, coordinating the dismissal of Mountain View Presbyterian Church, Scottsdale, Arizona, from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

In completing its work the Commission shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Form of Government of the PC(USA) with respect to the work of administrative commissions.

The Administrative Commission shall first enter into a season of discernment with Mountain View Presbyterian Church concerning its congregational membership in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

The Presbytery affirms its commitments during this season of discernment as follows:

- a commitment to full disclosure of its actions;
- a commitment to a season of prayer;
- a commitment to discover a way for Mountain View Presbyterian Church to remain in the PC(USA) or, if not possible, to part company as reconciled brothers and sisters in Christ;
- a commitment to offer respect to all persons involved, demonstrating the love and justice of Jesus Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit; and
- a commitment to ensure that all voices be heard and nurtured.

The Administrative Commission shall fulfill the discernment responsibility to make a sincere effort to inquire of all Mountain View Presbyterian members as to their knowledge of the reason for this desired departure, their understanding of the implication of departure from the PC(USA) and their individual desire to do so. The Commission shall engage in dialogue with the Session concerning the substantive reason for this departure and to interpret the PC(USA)'s life, ministry and beliefs to the congregation.

The Presbytery empowers the Commission with the authority to call a gathering of the congregational members as it deems necessary. When as many of the members have been consulted as possible, using its sincere efforts, the Commission will then bring a report with a recommendation to a meeting of the Presbytery whether to discharge the Commission or to proceed with the dismissal process.

If the Commission is given direction to proceed with the Mountain View dismissal process, the Commission shall have the following authority:

- a. in consultation with the Session, to establish an effective date for the dismissal to another Reformed body, or a dissolution;
- b. in consultation with the Session, to specifically identify those members so wishing

to join another Reformed body, and to place all other members on the roll of the Presbytery for a period of one year while the opportunity is given for these persons to identify a preference for future church membership;

- c. in consultation with the Session and congregation, to determine the preferred dismissal or dissolution option;
- d. in consultation with the Presbytery Leadership Team, to identify the ongoing mission interests of Grand Canyon Presbytery in the community immediately surrounding Mountain View Presbyterian;
- e. in consultation with the Session, to seek a mutually agreeable proposal for the disposition of all property, contents, and historical documents, with the aim of furthering the mission of Christ through good stewardship of resources. The Commission may explore a variety of options to accomplish these tasks, including leasing or transferring the property, or a combination of a ground lease and a transfer of the building. The Commission, in light of the Presbytery's ongoing mission interests, may propose other considerations, including provisions for Mountain View Presbyterian Church to continue to support the ministry of the Presbytery through designated mission giving or per capita contributions for a specified period;
- f. to ensure that the property at Mountain View Presbyterian Church remains fully insured and all indebtedness matters are being addressed in a timely manner;
- g. to develop a plan for the proper distribution to the Presbytery of all of the congregation records, Session records, and other pertinent records;
- h. to have the authority to assume original jurisdiction if the Session is unable to oversee the ongoing life of Mountain View Presbyterian Church before the effective date of the dismissal or dissolution;
- i. to bring to the Presbytery, for its approval, a proposal regarding the disposition of all real property and financial terms, and the proposal for dismissal or dissolution; and
- j. to see that all professional fees and costs incurred by the work of the Commission are reimbursed from the resources of Mountain View Presbyterian Church.

That the Presbytery instruct the Stated Clerk to communicate these actions to the Mountain View Presbyterian Church Session in writing.