

**Update from the Administrative Commission
For Highlands Presbyterian Church
September, 2018**

The Administrative Commission for Highlands Presbyterian Church began its work in April, 2016. The original members of the commission were Stephen Crowley, Ruth Elswood, Charles Freeman, Larry Green, and Karen Hardesty. Since the election of the commission, Karen Hardesty has resigned.

During our work we recommended, and the Presbytery approved, dissolving Highlands Presbyterian Church. The final worship service for the congregation was in May, 2016. Since that time, the Administrative Commission has continued their work of managing the property, attending to needed repairs, developing an inventory of items, obtaining an appraisal of the property, interviewing potential real estate agents for a possible sale of the property, and serving as the Session with regard to managing tenants.

Highlands continues to rent space to Enduring Faith Ministries, a primarily African-American non-denominational congregation which has been at Highlands for over 10 years. In August, 2017, the Administrative Commission, acting as Session, entered into a one year lease agreement with Days for Girls to utilize the office space for their non-profit ministry. Days for Girls is supported by the Presbyterian Women and sews feminine hygiene products to distribute to females around the world. Their work has assisted in improving educational opportunities for females, developing business opportunities for women, and assisted in addressing human and sex trafficking of women across the globe. Recently, Days for Girls has developed a relationship with Grace Marketplace, the local homeless shelter and agency in Alachua County, and is distributing their feminine hygiene products to the homeless population. The Administrative Commission continues to seek other appropriate uses of the Highlands property as the Council discerns the future of the property.

Submitted by Larry Green
Moderator of the Administrative Commission