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Administrative Commission for St. Johns Presbyterian Church

Presbytery of St. Augustine

Update for 2019 Fall Stated Presbytery Meeting

In May of 2016, after a lengthy discernment process with congregational involvement, the session of St. Johns Presbyterian church voted to seek Gracious Dismissal from the PC(USA) and notified the presbytery of the decision. The presbytery formed a Crisis Response Team (CRT) which began conversations with St. Johns in January of 2017. In December of 2017, the CRT reported to the presbytery that reconciliation was not feasible and recommended the appointment of an administrative commission (AC) to negotiate the dismissal of St. Johns to another Reformed Presbyterian denomination.

The Administrative Commission was appointed May of 2018 and convened for the first time July 24, 2018. Ben Samuels was elected as moderator, Jerie Lukefahr as clerk. The Commission has continued to meet and communicate with the St. Johns Gracious Dismissal Group (GDG) to ascertain any possible reconciliation and discern next steps forward in the process.

The AC determined that the work done by the CRT was thorough, giving St. Johns congregation ample time to express their concerns. Subsequent discussions with St. Johns GDG have confirmed their desire to be dismissed.

An appraisal of St. Johns' property is being scheduled by the A.C.

A meeting was held on Thursday, September 19, 2019 at Riverside Presbyterian Church to review a presentation by St. Johns outlining their proposal to advance the process of dismissal.

The next meeting of the AC and GDG will be at noon, October 3, 2019 at Riverside Presbyterian Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerie Lukefahr

Members: John Diller (TE), Laurie Furr-Vancini (TE,)Mac Heavener (RE) (resigned due to relocation), Jerie Lukefahr (RE), John Ragsdale (TE), Ben Samuels (RE)- moderator