

## Appendix Q

# REVISED MIDDLEBURG COMMISSION REPORT 15 September 2021

On Sunday, 12 September 2021, members of the Administration met with nine (9) members of the Middleburg congregation in an informal meeting to discuss the current situation and status of the congregation. (Letters of invitation had been “snail mailed” to all members of the congregation notifying them of this event two weeks in advance.)

At this meeting, questions regarding the actions of the Session to close the church were addressed. There was also a general discussion of how the members of the congregation, who were present, would like to proceed in regard to the future of the fellowship of the congregation of Middleburg Presbyterian Church. The commission notes the sadness of the members gathered in response to the Session’s vote to close the church; however, there was also a realistic evaluation of the congregation’s resources. The members who were present for this meeting were asked if they would like to continue worshipping together. Although there was a general agreement among the membership that they would like to continue their fellowship in their current building, they also acknowledged that this would be most difficult due to their lack of resources. The members present; therefore, asked that the Commission concur with the decision of the Session that the Middleburg Presbyterian Church be closed.

At a meeting of the Commission, held Wednesday, 15 September 2021, the members of the commission, reflecting on the several meetings that have been held with members of the congregation, voted to: Dissolve the session and assume original jurisdiction (after hearing from some members of the session); and dissolve the congregation when the way becomes clear in accordance with PCUSA polity and best practices in regard to any administrative issues involved.

The commission will communicate these actions to the members of the congregation via letter sent through the USPS. The commission also discussed ways in which the commission now can take original jurisdiction of the church; with the necessary changes made to ensure transfer of legal documents and to the appropriate management of church property and finances. The names of the members of the congregation will be forwarded to the Presbytery to be held until requests are made (if any) for transfer of membership to other area congregations, as appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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