

Report of Presbytery's Council February 11, 2011

For Information:

1. Council approved the minutes of the October 11, 2011 Stated Meeting of the Presbytery.
2. Council received a report summarizing the Presbytery's Financial Statements through calendar year 2011. Mission giving from our churches is far below what was received by the same point in 2010.
3. Council approved the following motion from the Committee on Ministry:
That the Council recommend to the Presbytery of Charlotte, the continuation of the Committee on Ministry as the mechanism responsible for carrying out the function of pastor, counselor, and advisor to teaching elders and congregations as outlined in the second paragraph of G-3.0307 of the New Form of Government.

That the Committee on Ministry continue to be called The Committee on Ministry and that its make-up follow the specifications outlined in G-11.0501b of the 2009-2011 Book of Order.

That the Committee on Ministry continue with the same authority to "act on behalf of the Presbytery" as it was given in the past.
4. Council approved the following recommendations concerning Fellowship Point from the Leadership Development Committee: (made in consultation with Donald Latham)
That the annual salary of \$3500.00 for the caretakers of Fellowship Point be added back into the LDC budget.

That any costs for cleaning supplies, maintenance and repairs at Fellowship Point be taken out of annual user fees (average about \$2500 - \$3000) per year.

That any remaining unspent funds from user fees at the end of the year be moved to a fund to build up a reserve for capital expenditures (roof repair, plumbing, dock repair, etc)
5. Council approved the following recommendation from the Personnel Committee:
That Council approve the appointment of two Council members (to be named later) to serve on a sub-committee which will be tasked with casting the vision of the Council for the Personnel Committee. In addition, this sub-committee will be asked to come alongside Personnel to determine accountability and responsibility of Staff – Council – Personnel. This subcommittee will also meet with the Personnel Committee to review recommendations for future staffing.
6. Council realized the need to have a vice president so that business matters can be handled in a timely manner if the corporation president is not available. Council took the following action:

It was moved and approved that Randy Phillips be elected as vice-president of the Presbytery of Charlotte, Incorporated, with the authority to sign documents enumerated in Article VI, Section 5 of the By-Laws of the Corporation. Including, but not limited to, any and all documents related to the sale of the Corporation's property in Weddington, NC to St. Mark Coptic Church and any and all documents related to the mortgaging of the Corporation's property at Fellowship Point in Iredell County, NC with the Bank of Granite.

7. Council received updates on the initial orientation meetings of Bethlehem, Bethel, Benton Heights, Siler and Huntersville Churches, which have entered the process of mutual discernment for possible dismissal from the denomination. Discernment teams consist of four members from the Presbytery and four from each of these congregations which will meet for no less than one year and no more than two years.

8. Council approved the following Administrative Commission to dissolve Cornerstone Church:
From time to time, it becomes necessary for a presbytery to dissolve a congregation. The power and responsibility of a presbytery to take such action is described in G-3.0301a. Such a request has come to the Presbytery of Charlotte from the Cornerstone Presbyterian Church, 401 Pitts School Rd. SW, Concord, NC 28025 in a resolution adopted at a congregational meeting held on Sunday, December 11, 2011, the Reverend Jessica Patchett, moderating.

In accordance with the principles outlined in G-3.0109b, the Presbytery Council, on behalf of the Presbytery of Charlotte, appoints the following persons to serve on an Administrative Commission to carry out the dissolution of the Anywhere Presbyterian Church in conformity with the Book of Order.

TEACHING ELDERS: The Reverend Jay Smith (Poplar Tent Presbyterian Church), to serve as Moderator; The Reverend Tim Bostick (Harrisburg Presbyterian Church), The Reverend Kyle Hite (Rocky River Presbyterian Church); **RULING ELDERS:** Nancy Karner (Concord Covenant Presbyterian Church), Jimmie Melton (Kannapolis Bethpage Presbyterian Church), Aaron Orr (Cedar Grove Presbyterian Church), Ed Callahan (Cornerstone Presbyterian Church) and Paul Black (Bread of Life Christian Ministry, Church Development Committee representative).

The following constitute particular instructions of the Presbytery of Charlotte to the Commission:

- 1) The authority to dissolve Cornerstone Presbyterian Church in a timely manner as it deems appropriate; no later than January 31, 2012.
- 2) The responsibility of working with the Session to conclude the affairs of the congregation, including the transfer of members desiring to unite with other congregations, the arrangement of pastoral care for those shut-in or residing in retirement facilities, the payment of outstanding bills or obligations, and the celebration of the congregation's life and mission in a final worship service.
- 3) The responsibility to list and receive Session records and transmit them to the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery who will deposit these documents with the Presbyterian Historical Society.
- 4) The authority to list and receive all real and personal property, financial records, bank accounts, stocks, bonds, equipment, and other assets of the congregation on behalf of the Presbytery of Charlotte, and to arrange for the transfer of the title of the church property to the Presbytery of Charlotte.
- 5) The authority, in consultation with the Session, to distribute items such as furniture, pictures, or equipment to individuals or organizations with strong historical ties to the congregation.
- 6) The authority to assert claim on behalf of the Presbytery to any property of Cornerstone Presbyterian Church not known at this time or property or others assets which may come to the Cornerstone Presbyterian Church as the beneficiary of a will or trust not known at this time.

Adopted this day the fifteenth of December in the year of our Lord two thousand and eleven.

Recommendations:

1. That the Presbytery of Charlotte approve the overture from Biscoe Presbyterian Church requesting that dismissal to Coastal Carolina Presbytery. *Biscoe's dismissal is contingent upon approval by Coastal Carolina Presbytery.
2. That the Presbytery of Charlotte approve and guarantee the loan to the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program for \$373,000.00 for the Korean First Presbyterian Church of Charlotte and that the Korean First Presbyterian Church remit 5% of the annual operating budget in mission giving to the Presbytery of Charlotte for the life of the loan.
3. That the Presbytery of Charlotte endorse The Fellowship Place First Level New Church Development Grant application submission to the General Assembly Mission Development Office for \$25,000.00 for 2012.
4. That Presbytery of Charlotte approve The Fellowship Place for a presbytery-matching grant of \$25,000.00 to match the General Assembly Grant Application. Funding is requested using the following formula: \$21,200.00 from the Presbytery balance sheet (church development fund) and the remainder taken from the Building Healthy Churches Fund.