**Presbytery of Cincinnati**
**Stated Meeting Minutes**
**October 10, 2026**

Note: Acronyms used in this document include:
TE- Teaching Elder
RE—Ruling Elder
HR- Retired
CRE- Commissioned Ruling Elder (Serving a congregation)
COM- Commission on Ministry
CPM- Committee on Preparation for Ministry
COR- Committee on Representation
PC(USA)- Presbyterian Church (United States of America)
NWC- New Worshiping Community

The Gathering was opened with prayer by Moderator Kathy Martin at 9:06 am

The Roll was formed before the meeting, and a quorum was declared by the Stated Clerk. The following Ruling Elders were introduced and welcomed: RE Don McLennan (Pleasant Ridge)

Pam Leonard of Matthew 25 Ministries in Cincinnati was granted voice for the meeting.

Rachel Anderson, PCUSA Global Life and Witness Ecumenical Liaison, was introduced.

The Rev. Ben Shaw greeted the gathering and welcomed commissioners and guests to Evergreen PC. Rev. Shaw gave various instructions and directions for getting around the building.

**APPROVED** the Gathering Docket

The Consent Agenda was **APPROVED** as presented:

- The provisional Minutes of the August 2026 Gathering of the Presbytery
- The provisional Minutes of the September 2026 Council meeting
- Authorization of the celebration of the Lord's Supper by the following groups during 2027:
  - Presbytery Council and groups appointed by Council
  - Commission on Ministry
  - Presbyterian Youth Connection
  - Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery
  - Presbytery mission trip teams
  - UKirk
  - Third Way Peace Fellowship NWC

A time of worship was enjoyed by the Gathering Commissioners and included prayers and hymns as well as the reading of the necrology. Rev. David Annett and CRE Dave Corfman were installed as Moderator and Vice-Moderator, respectively, for 2027. Rev. Annett gave the Moderator's Sermon, and Rev. Annett and Pastor Corfman presided over the Lord's Supper. At the closing of worship Rev. Annett gave the Benediction.

After a short break the meeting resumed. The Rev, Dr. Deborah Uchtman was presented with a gift of thanks from the Presbytery and the Leadership Team by incoming Council Chair, RE Kathy Martin, for her work as 2025 Moderator and 2026 Council Chair. Rev. Annett and Pastor Corfman received gifts that were appropriate to their status as the "Dynamic David Duo".

## REPORTS AND ACTIONS

Pam Leonard, from Matthew 25 Ministries in Cincinnati, gave a presentation about the programs and projects they are doing. All but 5 Cincinnati churches are connected to Matthew 25.

Among other things, Matthew 25 can offer these things to churches: clothing donation bins at churches, projects for volunteers to do. Individual volunteers can just walk in or groups can come at an assigned time. One task is Pack and Carry—for unexpected needs: you can contact Pam to come and find things that you need for the emergency needs. Thank you lunches for volunteers are beginning next month—to honor volunteers, to provide information, and to thank financial supporters.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

RE Bill Maney, Treasurer

The 2027 Draft budget was presented on behalf of the Treasurer by Rev. Dr. Deborah Uchtman.

**APPROVED** 2027 Budget, found in Appendix A.

## BOOK OF ORDER AMENDMENTS

Proposed amendments to the Book of Order were presented and approved/ not approved as noted in Appendix B.

## COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION

Rev. Ross Reddick, Chair

The Report of the Committee on Representation was given by COR member RE Carol Buckhout. All nominees for committees were elected. See Appendix C for more information.

## COUNCIL

Rev. Dr. Deborah Uchtman, Chair of Council

The Rev. Dr. Uchtman presented the Reconciliation and Dismissal Policy for a Second Reading (see Appendix D).

**APPROVED** the updated Reconciliation and Dismissal Policy

Rev. Adam Fronczek gave an announcement from the Gun Violence Prevention and Awareness Task Force: An event is being planned, so Save the Date. The event will be held at **Westwood First January 16, 2027, from 11am til 2 pm.** The event will present the many different ways that gun violence touches our churches and the many ways congregations can help. Information will be presented regarding things you need to know about Gun Violence Prevention in our presbytery and there will be conversation around that.

## FOR INFORMATION:

**Rev. Dr. Ruth Dunn**'s memorial service will be held at 2 pm on October 24, 2026 at Knox Presbyterian Church.

## INVITATION TO THE NEXT STATED MEETING

The next Stated Gathering will be held at the Westwood First Presbyterian Church on April 17, 2027

Thanks to Ben and Evergreen for hosting today!

ADJOURNMENT 11:33 am with prayer by Moderator David Annett

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Submitted by

Rev. Sharon Carter, Stated Clerk

Attachments:
- Roll of Attendance
- Appendix A: 2027 Budget
- Appendix B: Book of Order Amendment Vote Results
- Appendix C: Report of the Committee on Representation
- Appendix D: Presbytery of Cincinnati Reconciliation and Dismissal Policy

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## Roll of Attendance

| TEACHING ELDERS | | P | E | A |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Albright, Cecil* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Anderson, Robert* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Angi, Kathy* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Annett, David* | *(SS,P)* | X | | |
| *Beran, David* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Bernard, James* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Boden, Rachel* | *(P)* | | X | |
| *Bosarge, Becky* | *(V)* | | X | |
| *Brazell, James* | *(HR)* | X | | |
| *Brazelle, Michael* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Brewer, Michael* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Bronsink, Troy* | *(AL)* | | | A |
| *Brumfield, Rhoda* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Bryan, Susan Quinn (TX)* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Byrd, Andrew* | *(P)* | | | |
| *Caine, Monnie* | *(V)* | | X | |
| *Caine, Stephen* | *(P)* | X | | |
| *Clary, D. Robert* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Clegern, Sharon* | *(V)* | X | | |
| *Corum, Lisa* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Crank, James* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Dalton, Yvette* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Daniels, Kathleen* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Davy, Sharon* | *(V)* | X | | |
| *Derrick, Owen* | *(P)* | | | A |
| *DiEgidio, James* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Dillaman, Janet* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Dimick, Matthew* | *(V)* | | | A |
| *Doerbaum, G Richard (FL)* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Dunavant, Lloyd* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Dunlap, Tom* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Dunn, Ruth* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Eisenlohr, Teresa Lockhart* | *(AL)* | | X | |
| *Eyre, Stephen* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Fouse, Kimberly Buechner* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Fronczek, Adam* | *(P)* | X | | |
| *Goedicke, Erwin* | *(HR)* | X | | |
| *Goff, James* | *(V)* | | | A |
| *Goode, Ed* | *(V)* | X | | |
| *Hamann, Allen (OR)* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Hardy, William* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Hartoin, Gary* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Hawley, G. David* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Holden, Trent* | *(V)* | | | A |
| *Holm, Duane* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Holmes, Jean* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Horvath, Nancy (WI)* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Hughes, Michael (CCC)* | *(TM)* | | | A |
| *Hupp, George* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Isaacs, Lucinda* | *(P)* | X | | |
| *Jeong, Yundon (IL)* | *(V)* | | X | |
| *Jewett, Gordon* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Jones, Rich* | *(P)* | X | | |
| *Jones, William* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Kalsbeek, Theodore* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Kennedy, Greg* | *(P)* | | | A |
| *Kent, Larry* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Kim, Sung Nam (TX)* | *(V)* | | X | |
| *King-Kaiser, Abigail* | *(V)* | | X | |
| *Kirk, Jerry (IN)* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Kranzley, Richard* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Lang, Jeffrey* | *(P)* | | X | |
| *League, Robert* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Lim, Eunuk* | *(P)* | X | | |
| *Linnemann, Patricia* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Lowry, David* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Manzo, Nate* | *(P)* | | | A |
| *Mason, Cynthia M.* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *McClanahan, Linda* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *McQuade, Tim* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Midge, Stacey* | *(AL)* | | X | |
| *Mitchell, Maurice* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Moore, Kris* | *(SS)* | X | | |
| *Mullin, Michael* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Murphy, Kevin* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Myser, Chuck* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Nixon, Sara Jane* | *(P)* | X | | |
| *Olson, Richard* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *O'Reilly, Rhonda* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Park, Sangdae (KPC)* | *(TM)* | | | A |
| *Petersen, Alice (VA)* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Pettigrew, Tyler* | *(P)* | | | A |
| *Pinkowski, Jacquelyn* | *(HR)* | X | | |
| *Pitman, Jerry (TX)* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Porter, Harold (MI)* | *(HR)* | | X | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Ross-Zimmerman, Nancy* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Sarchet, Dawne* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Schafer, Randy (AZ)* | *(AL)* | | X | |
| *Shaw, Ben* | *(P)* | X | | |
| *Sheppard, Brad* | *(P)* | | X | |
| *Shreve, Maggie* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Sivalee, Michael (TN)* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Smith, Donald* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Smith, Russell B* | *(P)* | | | A |
| *Snow, Amy* | *(I)* | | X | |
| *Sparks-Franklin, Sarah* | *(P)* | X | | |
| *Stainton, Kevin* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Stenner, Lisa* | *(P)* | | | A |
| *Stout, Dana* | *(HR, SS)* | | X | |
| *Strain, Robert L (DE)* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Sweets, Thomas* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Taul, Rose* | *(SS, HR)* | X | | |
| *Tesorero, Barbara* | *(AL)* | | X | |
| *Torrey, J Christopher* | *(HR)* | X | | |
| *Trapp, Ronald (TX)* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Turis, Dan* | *(P)* | X | | |
| *Uchtman, Deborah* | *(P)* | X | | |
| *Umphres, Louisa W* | *(P)* | | | A |
| *Washburn, Terry (UMC)* | *(TM)* | | | A |
| *Waters, Kevin* | *(P)* | | | A |
| *Webster, Marsha* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Webster, Stanley* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Webster, Terry* | *(SS, HR)* | X | | |
| *Whaley, Debra* | *(P)* | | | A |
| *Wheatley, Michael* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *White, Arthur (NS, CAN)* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *White, Christine* | *(HR)* | X | | |
| *Wood, Robert* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Yeah, Ebenezer* | *(P)* | X | | |
| *Yoda, K Nicholas* | *(P)* | X | | |
| *Youst, JoAnn* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Zedan, Margaret* | *(HR)* | | X | |
| *Zuidema, David (MI)* | *(HR)* | | X | |

Note: HR and members living out of the area are excused unless otherwise marked

CODES
AL – Member At-Large
AP – Associate Pastor
HR – Honorably Retired
I – Interim Pastor/ Associate Pastor
P – Pastor / Co-Pastor
TM – Temporary Member
SS – Temporary Stated Supply
V – Validated (beyond COM jurisdiction)

## Roll of Attendance

| Church | No. | Commissioner |
|---|---|---|
| Aurora First | 1 | Excused |
| Batavia | 1 | Bob Obemeyer |
| Beecher | 1 | |
| Bethel Murdoch | 1 | |
| Calvary | 1 | |
| Carmel | 2 | |
| Cherry Fork | 1 | |
| Christ | 1 | |
| Cleves | 1 | |
| Community of Faith | 1 | Bill Lindsay |
| Covenant-First | 1 | Randy Page |
| Cranston Memorial | 1 | |
| Crescent Springs | 1 | |
| Crestview | 2 | Peggy Cochran |
| Dayton First | 1 | |
| Dry Ridge | 1 | |
| Eastminster | 1 | |
| Evergreen | 1 | Kim Innis |
| Ft. Thomas First | 1 | Lois Rogers |
| Georgetown | 1 | |
| Glendale First | 1 | |
| Hartwell | 1 | |
| Heritage | 2 | Michael Wasson |
| Hillsboro First | 1 | |
| Hopewell | 1 | |
| Immanuel | 1 | Pete Tuff |
| Indian Hill | 1 | Elaine Heidrich |
| Knox | 4 | Anne Mulder<br>Ginny Kuertz<br>Laura Stith Deck<br>Stephanie Togneri |
| Korean | 2 | |
| Northminster | 2 | Jane Whalen |
| Oak Hills | 1 | Jan Hunter |
| Pleasant Plain | 1 | |
| Lakeside | 2 | |
| Loveland | 1 | |
| Madeira-Silverwood | 1 | |
| Mt. Auburn | 1 | |
| Mt. Washington | 2 | |
| Mowrystown | 1 | |
| Pleasant Ridge | 1 | Don McClennon |
| Providence | 1 | |
| Red Oak | 1 | |
| ResoundingJoy | 1 | |
| Richwood | 1 | |
| St. J's Westminster | 1 | |
| Seaman | 1 | Excused |
| Sunrise | 2 | Excused |
| Sycamore | 3 | Excused<br>Excused |
| Third | 2 | Christine Roberts |
| Union | 1 | |
| Venice | 1 | |
| West Chester | 1 | |
| West Union First | 1 | |
| Westwood First | 1 | |
| Williamsburg First | 1 | |
| Winchester | 1 | |
| Winton Hills | 2 | Excused<br>Excused |
| Wyoming | 2 | |

## Roll of Attendance

| VISITORS | CONGREGATION |
|---|---|
| Mary Beth Hamburger | Indian Hill |
| Steven Theil | Visitor |
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| Additional Ruling Elders With Vote (if not noted elsewhere) |
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| OFFICERS/ELECTED COUNCIL |
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| FORMER MODERATORS |
| Carol Buckhout |
| Bob Young |
| Rob Heidenreich |
| Jill Moorman |
| Becky Lindsay |
| Jack Kleier |
| Deb Uchtman |
| Kathy Martin |
| |
| COMMISSIONED PASTORS |
| Dave Corfman, Christ |
| Barbara Jean Havens, Winchester |
| James O'Neil Atley, West Union |

| PEOPLE WITH PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR AND VOICE (Without vote) |
|---|
| Pam Leonard, Matthew 25 Ministries |
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| CORRESPONDING MEMBERS | |
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| ELECTED AND HIRED STAFF |
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| Lisa Allgood, Executive Presbyter |
| Sharon Carter, Stated Clerk |

| REGISTERED ATTENDANCE | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Teaching Elders | 25 | Corresponding Members | 0 |
| Ruling Elder Commissioners | 17 | | |
| Ruling Elder Officers / Council / Committee Chairs | 0 | Visitors (including Ruling Elders in training to be commissioned to pastoral service) | 2 |
| Ruling Elder Certified Christian Educators | 0 | Presbytery Staff without vote | 2 |
| Ruling Elder Former Moderators | 8 | Other | |
| Ruling Elder Special Representatives (PW) | 0 | Congregations represented | 26 |
| Ruling Elders commissioned to pastoral service | 3 | | |
| TOTAL VOTING | 53 | TOTAL NON-VOTING | 4 |
| **TOTAL IN ATTENDANCE** | | | 57 |

# Appendix A

## Presbytery of Cincinnati
## Annual Operating Budget
## 2024

| Line | DRAFT | 2027 | 2027 Annual Budget | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Operating | Mission | Total |
| | **RECEIPTS** | | | | |
| | **Congregational Revenue** | | | | |
| 1 | Per Capita ( $36 x **7400**) | 266,400 | 266,400 | | 266,400 |
| 2 | Prior Year Capita | 10,000 | 10,000 | | 10,000 |
| 3 | Gross Per Capita | 276,400 | 276,400 | | 276,400 |
| 4 | Less: Allowance for Uncollected Per Capita | (20,000) | (20,000) | | -20,000 |
| 5 | Shared Basic Mission Support/OHF | 75,000 | | 75,000 | |
| 6 | **Subtotal:** | 331,400 | 256,400 | 75,000 | 331,400 |
| | **Other Revenue** | | | | |
| | Transfer from Lilly (Center Director's salary) | 30,500 | 30,500 | | 30,500 |
| | Transfer from Lilly (PresbyLab Director Salary) | 20,500 | 20,500 | | 20,500 |
| | Transfer from Lilly (Communications) | 12,000 | 12,000 | | 12,000 |
| | Transfer from Lilly (Program Director Salary) | 30,000 | 30,000 | | 30,000 |
| 8a | Transfer from Lilly (Office/Program Manager salary) | 15,000 | 15,000 | | 15,000 |
| | Transfer from Lilly (Westside Mission Director salary) | 20,000 | 20,000 | | 20,000 |
| | Transfer from TWPF (Director's Salary) | 30,000 | 30,000 | | 30,000 |
| | Transfer from TWPF (Program) | 10,000 | 10,000 | | 10,000 |
| 9 | Peacemaking | 376 | | 376 | 376 |
| 10 | Clegg Resticted | 14,000 | 14,000 | | 14,000 |
| 11 | Miscellaneous Receipts -Helmsworth Trust Unrestricted | 24,000 | 24,000 | | 24,000 |
| 12 | Transfer from Investments | 155,000 | 155,000 | | 155,000 |
| 14 | Dividend & Interest Income | 105 | 105 | | 105 |
| | Harrison income (completed 2029) | 48,513 | 48,513 | | 48,513 |
| 15 | **Subtotal** | 409,994 | 409,618 | 376 | 409,994 |
| 16 | **TOTAL Gross Receipts** | 741,394 | 666,018 | 75,376 | 741,394 |
| | **Transfer GA & Synod** | | | | |
| 17 | GA Per Capita ( 11.26) | (83,857) | (83,857) | | (83,857) |
| 18 | Synod Per Capita (3.40) | 25,160 | 25,160 | | 25,160 |
| 19 | GA Basic Mission (10%) | (7,500) | | (7,500) | (7,500) |

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| | | 2024 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **20** | Synod Basic Mission (3%) | **(2,250)** | | **(2,250)** | **(2,250)** |
| **21** | **Total Distributions to GA and Synod** | **(68,447)** | **(58,697)** | **(9,750)** | **(68,447)** |
| **22** | **Net Receipts** | **672,947** | **607,321** | **65,626** | **672,947** |
| | **DISBURSEMENTS** | | | | |
| | **Ministries of the Presbytery** | | | | |
| **23a** | **One Hopeful Fund** | **65,250** | | **65,250** | |
| **23c** | **Clergy Revitalization Expenditures** | **10,000** | **10,000** | | |
| | **TWPF** | **10,000** | **10,000** | | |
| **23g** | **PYC** | **25,000** | **25,000** | | |
| | **Total Ministries** | **110,250** | **45,000** | **65,250** | **110,250** |
| | **Judicatory Expenses** | | | | |
| **32** | Administrative Commissions/PJC | **6,000** | **6,000** | | |
| **33** | Committee on Ministry | **1,000** | **1,000** | | |
| **34** | Committee on Preparation | **200** | **200** | | |
| **35** | Committee on Representation | **100** | **100** | | |
| **36** | Council | **500** | **500** | | |
| **37** | Moderator | **500** | **500** | | |
| **38** | Presbytery Meeting & Expenses | **8,000** | **8,000** | | |
| **41** | Legal Expense | **12,000** | **12,000** | | |
| **42** | Audit Expense | **18,000** | **18,000** | | |
| **45** | Total Judicatory Expenses | **46,300** | **46,300** | | **46,300** |
| **Line** | | | | | |
| | **Administrative Office Expenses** | | | | |
| **46** | Insurance | **12,000** | **12,000** | | |
| **47** | Loveland Property Expenses | **6,300** | **6,300** | | |
| **49** | Trustee / Property Expense | **1,000** | **1,000** | | |
| **51** | Telecommunications/Information Technology | **24,000** | **24,000** | | |
| **52** | Rental Contracts | **4,000** | **4,000** | | |
| **53** | Office Supplies & Expenses | **6,000** | **6,000** | | |
| **54** | Directory | **100** | **100** | | |
| **55** | Postage | **2,000** | **2,000** | | |
| **56** | Website development/support | **5,000** | **5,000** | | |
| | Total Administrative Office Expenses | **60,400** | **60,400** | | **60,400** |

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| | | 2024 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **Personnel Expenses** | | | | |
| **59** | Personnel Committee/Staff Development/GP Expenses | **35,000** | **35,000** | | |
| **60** | Payroll Service Expense | **2,500** | **2,500** | | |
| | Employer expenses | **23,340** | **23,340** | | |
| | **Salaries** | | **-** | | |
| **61** | Executive Presbyter | **170,040** | **170,040** | | |
| **63** | EAC Staff | **20,000** | **20,000** | | |
| | TWPF Director | **30,000** | **30,000** | | |
| | PresbyLab Director | **20,500** | **20,500** | | |
| | Communications | **12,000** | **12,000** | | |
| | Center Director | **30,500** | **30,500** | | |
| **64** | Stated Clerk (includes BoP) | **45,000** | **45,000** | | |
| | Westside Mission Director | **20,000** | **20,000** | | |
| **66** | **Total Salaries** | **403,880** | **403,880** | **-** | **403,880** |
| **67** | Contracted Services | **27,000** | **27,000** | | |
| **68** | Total Personnel Expenses | **430,880** | **430,880** | **-** | **430,880** |
| **69** | **TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS** | **647,830** | **582,580** | **65,250** | **647,830** |
| **70** | **SURPLUS (DEFICIT)** | **25,117** | **24,741** | **376** | **25,117** |

**Appendix B**

Presbytery of Cincinnati

Proposed Amendments to the

Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Approved by the 227th General Assembly (2026)

| | | Affirmative | Negative | Meeting Date |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 26-A | F-1.0305 (RUS-01-1) | ✔ | | 10/10/26 |
| 26-B | G-2.0102 ORDERED MINISTRIES (ORD-07 D) | ✔ | | 10/10/26 |
| 26-C | G-2.0104c GIFTS AND QUALIFICATIONS (RAC-04 4b) | ✔ | | 10/10/26 |
| 26-D | G-2.06 PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY (ORD-02) | ✔ | | 10/10/26 |
| 26-E | G-2.0601 NATURE AND PURPOSE OF ORDINATION (ORD-07 A) | ✔ | | 10/10/26 |
| 26-F | G-2.0603 Purpose of Inquiry (ORD-07 B) | ✔ | | 10/10/26 |
| 26-G | G-2.0603 Purpose of Inquiry (CON 09) | ✔ | | 10/10/26 |
| 26-H | G-2.06 PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY (CON-09) | ✔ | | 10/10/26 |
| 26-I | G-2.06 PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY (ORD-02) | ✔ | | 10/10/26 |
| 26-J | G-2.0606 Service in Covenant Relationship (ORD-02) | ✔ | | 10/10/26 |
| 26-K | G-2.0607 Final Assessment and Negotiation for Service (ORD-07 C) | | ✔ | 10/10/26 |
| 26-L | G-2.0607 Final Assessment and Negotiation for Service (ORD -02) | ✔ | | 10/10/26 |
| 26-M | G-2.07 ORDINATION (ORD-02) | ✔ | | 10/10/26 |
| 26-N | G-2.1002 Training, Examination and Commissioning (ORD-07 F) | ✔ | | 10/10/26 |
| 26-O | G-2.1002 Training, Examination and Commissioning (RAC-04 4c) | ✔ | | 10/10/26 |
| 26-P | G-2.1002 Training, Examination and Commissioning (CON-09) | ✔ | | 10/10/26 |
| 26-Q | G-2.1002 Training, Examination and Commissioning (ORD-07 H) | ✔ | | 10/10/26 |

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Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Approved by the 227th General Assembly (2026)

| | | Affirmative | Negative | Meeting Date |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 26-R | G-2.1101 Forms of Certified Church Service (RAC – 04 4d) | ✔ | | 10/10/26 |
| 26-S | G-2.1103 Christian Educators (CON 09) | ✔ | | 10/10/26 |
| 26-T | G-3.0106 Administration of Mission (RAC-04 4a) | ✔ | | 10/10/26 |
| 26-U | G-3.0106 Administration of Mission (CON-09) | ✔ | | 10/10/26 |
| 26-V | G-3.0206 Training (CON-09) | ✔ | | 10/10/26 |
| 26-W | G-3.0301 Composition and Responsibility (ORD-07 E) | ✔ | | 10/10/26 |
| 26-X | G-3.0301 Composition and Responsibility (ORD-07 G) | ✔ | | 10/10/26 |
| 26-Y | G-3.0306 Membership of the Presbytery (CON-09) | ✔ | | 10/10/26 |

Appendix C

# Report of the Committee on Representation

Oct 10, 2026 · Chairperson: Rev. Ross M. Reddick

## Motion

The Committee on Representation moves that the Presbytery of Cincinnati elect the following persons to serve in the classes indicated.

### Board of Trustees

| Name | Office | Congregation | Class |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bob Young | RE | Sycamore | 2027 |
| Cindy Holmes | RE | Lakeside | 2028 |
| Nicolas Yoda | TE | Pleasant Ridge | 2028 |

### Committee on Ministry

| Name | Office | Congregation | Class |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jan Hunter | RE | Oak Hills | 2029 |
| Neil DeAtley | TE | West Union | 2029 |
| Owen Derrick | TE | Venice | 2029 |

### Personnel Committee

| Name | Office | Congregation | Class |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ben Shaw | TE | Evergreen | 2028 |
| Becky Bosarge | TE | Lakeside | 2028 |

### Committee on Preparation for Ministry

| Name | Office | Congregation | Class |
|---|---|---|---|
| Dan Turis | TE | Covenant- First | 2028 |

*RE = Ruling Elder; TE = Teaching Elder.*

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Ross M Reddick, Chair

Committee on Representation, Presbytery of Cincinnati

Appendix D

# Reconciliation and Dismissal Policy – 2026

The Presbytery of Cincinnati is committed to pursuing reconciliation with pastors, Sessions, and congregations who are considering dismissal from the denomination. Whether that reconciliation takes the form of dismissal or mutually accepted re-commitment to the Presbytery congregational relationship, it is the will of this Presbytery to create a gracious context and process in which the will of God is sought for the life, ministry, and calling of the particular congregation. All congregations of this Presbytery are invited to commit to this broad understanding of reconciliation with a graciousness befitting those who claim Jesus as Lord.

The Presbytery and congregations will be continually guided by these four principles:

1. The Mission of God as expressed in the Great Ends of the Church is greater than the PC (U.S.A.). Therefore, we affirm that should Presbytery dismiss a congregation to another Reformed body, the unity of the one Church of Jesus Christ has not been diminished. (F-1.0302 and F-1.0304)
2. The exercise of "mutual forbearance" is of utmost importance in our process. Therefore, all will treat each other with respect regardless of theological and ecclesiological differences.
3. We will work for fairness to all parties in our decisions.
4. We will work as quickly as prudence allows.

It is the Presbytery's belief that in adopting this Reconciliation and Dismissal Procedure congregations who faithfully follow it as a way of discerning if God would have them affiliate with another Reformed denomination are not engaged in schism and that therefore the Presbytery's understanding is that G4.0207 (Property of a Congregation in Schism) does not apply to congregations faithfully following this process.

If a Session chooses not to follow this Reconciliation and Dismissal process or abandons these processes before completion, then the "Alternative Process for a Congregation Seeking Dismissal from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)" will apply.

In all matters relating to this subject, discerning answers to the following three questions will be deemed paramount:

1. Is God leading this particular congregation to restore fellowship with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), or to seek dismissal from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)?
2. If God is leading this congregation toward restoration of fellowship with the Presbyterian Church (USA), how can that be accomplished in a way that honors Jesus Christ and strengthens both the congregation and the Presbytery?
3. If God is leading this congregation to seek dismissal from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), how can that be accomplished in a way that honors Jesus Christ and strengthens both the congregation and the Presbytery?

The Presbytery asks that any Session seeking or considering dismissal from the denomination to covenant with the Presbytery to enter into this defined process of mutual discernment through the formation of a Discernment Team from the Presbytery and the local congregation (see "Discernment Process" below).

As described below, this process should take no less than six months and no more than one year. At the conclusion of the process, the Discernment Team will report and make recommendations to both the congregation and the Presbytery.

### Discernment Process

Sessions considering whether to enter the process shall invite representatives from the Presbytery (Executive Presbyter, Stated Clerk, Commission on Ministry) to a called meeting of the Session prior to a vote to address any concerns of the Session. After meeting with Presbytery representatives, a Session wishing to initiate this process shall put the matter to a vote. If at a duly noticed meeting with appropriate quorum, the Session votes by two-thirds majority to initiate the discernment process, the Clerk of Session shall contact the Presbytery office and inform the Stated Clerk of this desire. The Session shall then call a congregational meeting for the purpose of approving participation in the discernment process. At that meeting, the congregation shall vote to establish a quorum of 2/3 for any future meeting to vote on requesting dismissal from the PC (U.S.A.) If approved, the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery and the Clerk of Session (or their designated representative) will sign a Covenant Agreement (see below).

Violations

If during the course of these preliminary discussions it is clear that considerable communication has already been made to the congregation about the reason for dismissal to another denomination, the Presbytery reserves the right to declare the process abandoned and will move to the alternate.

It is important to note that the pastor, as a member of Presbytery, may not engage with this process in any way. If the pastor wishes to renounce jurisdiction to move to another denomination, that is covered under a separate policy and may not be a part of the discernment of the congregation. A Moderator for the congregation during this time will be appointed by the Commission on Ministry. If the pastor is seeking dismissal, another way to supply the congregation during this time may be managed by the Commission on Ministry. If the pastor engages with the Session or the discernment team during the discernment process, the Presbytery will act to either call for a judicial action against the pastor, and/or consider that the pastor has renounced jurisdiction and act accordingly.

Team Structure and Agreements

The Discernment Team shall consist of four representatives from the congregation and four representatives from the Presbytery. The Session of the congregation shall select representatives from the congregation, all of whom shall hold active membership in the congregation, with at least two of the members being at-large active members of the congregation not on Session. The Presbytery Council shall select two Ruling Elders and two Teaching Elders from the Presbytery, as well as an independent Moderator.

The Discernment Team shall covenant to meet together a minimum of five times, with no outside communication to the congregation, pastor, or elsewhere until the process is concluded. These meetings will be held at a neutral location.

In order to be faithful to our Book of Order and ordination vows, "the Moderator of this process shall have full authority and power to control the conduct of the trial and of all parties, witnesses, counsel, and the public, including removal of them, to the end that proper dignity and decorum shall be maintained" (Book of Order, D-8.0502). In addition, our ordination vows include that we have all agreed to work for the "peace, unity, and purity of the church" as well as "working among our colleagues in ministry." Thus, all proceedings will be conducted with respect for the institutions we serve, the individuals involved, and the process at all times. To that end, the Covenant at the end of this document shall be adopted by all members. If a member breaches that respect or otherwise agreed communication, they may be asked to leave the team by the Moderator. If significant violations of agreed behavior occur, the Presbytery will declare the process abandoned and will move to the alternate.

- First Meeting: The first meeting of the Discernment Team shall be convened by the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery (or the Clerk's designated representative) and the appointed Moderator to review this process. The Moderator shall not be one of the eight members of the Discernment Team and shall have voice but not vote during the discernment process. The Discernment Team will share extended introductions. Following the first meeting, the Discernment Team will meet at least four more times. The expected content of the meetings is outlined below. If additional meetings are requested by the Discernment Team, they will have a stated purpose agreed to by the Team.
- Second Meeting: The Discernment Team members will share their faith stories and their understanding of the spiritual and theological issues at stake between the congregation and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). This meeting will primarily be a listening and sharing Session.
- Third Meeting: The Moderator of the Discernment Team will guide a dialogue on foundational theological issues. The purpose of this discussion is to determine how much common theological and ecclesiastical ground exists between the congregation and the denomination. Incorrect beliefs or statements will be clarified for the entire Team.
- Fourth Meeting: The Discernment Team will create a process to listen to the concerns, sensitivities and questions of congregation members. This will include comments made by the Presbytery Discernment Team members to ensure all positions are presented to the congregation.
- Fifth Meeting: Upon completion of the listening process the Discernment Team will discuss the concerns, sensitivities and questions of congregation members and Presbytery.
- Additional Meetings: The content of additional meetings will be determined mutually by members of the Discernment Team.

Upon completion of the above meetings, the Discernment Team will make a report with recommendations to the congregation in a "town hall" meeting.

If the Session determines the congregation is still called by God to remain in covenant relationship with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), both parties will work together to heal any broken relationships (see "Guidelines for Restoration of Fellowship and Recommitment to Presbytery-Congregational Relationship" below).

If the Session votes to call a congregational meeting to recommend dismissal to another Reformed body, the Session shall follow the "Procedure for Seeking Dismissal." These policies and procedures shall take effect immediately upon approval by the Presbytery. (1)

If the Session or congregation determines that it is called into a continued or transformed relationship with the Presbytery of Cincinnati, the Discernment Team will create and conduct a process for continuation/transformation of fellowship and reaffirmation to the Presbytery/congregational relationship. The following are presented as minimal guidelines for marking and sealing that reaffirmation: 1. The Discernment Team will assist the Session in writing a covenant of reaffirmation articulating the nature and specifics of the future relationship between the congregation, Presbytery and the PC (U.S.A.).

2. Conducting a public service of worship and reaffirmation to shared fellowship and ministry, with participation from Presbytery and congregation.

3. Sharing of story and testimony from members of the Discernment Team and congregation at the congregational and Presbytery level (and beyond, if appropriate).

4. Blessing and commissioning of any minority that leaves the local congregation (to the extent possible), in the hope of maintaining bonds of peace.

(1) NOTE: If a congregation or its leadership preemptively, or at any time, files suit in a civil court against the Presbytery, the Presbytery of Cincinnati will answer the suit and defend the position of the Presbytery. According to the policies of the Presbytery, in that case all legal fees, including those of the Presbytery/denomination, will be paid by the congregation bringing the charges. Likewise, if a congregation or its leadership abandons these processes before completion or violates any of the positions noted in this

document, the Alternative Process for a Congregation Seeking Dismissal from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) will apply (see below).

## Procedure for Seeking Dismissal

Upon completion of the discernment process described in the "Commitment to Reconciliation," a Session and congregation desiring to enter into the process of seeking dismissal shall follow this procedure:

1. The Session shall provide the office of the stated clerk an accurate and current list of the congregation's roll of active members.
2. The Session shall call for a meeting of the congregation; a Moderator for the congregational meeting will be appointed by the Commission on Ministry. Advance notice for the meeting shall be by written letter to each member on the active roll of the congregation who is eligible to vote at the meeting, as well as through three Sunday worship announcements. The letter shall be mailed at least thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting date and shall include:
   a. the motion from the Session to be dismissed to a particular Reformed body
   b. a written statement from the Discernment Team majority and minority (if applicable). Public announcements of the congregational meeting shall be made at all worship services between the date of the call and the actual congregational meeting. Representatives of the Presbytery (which may include members of the Discernment Team, Presbytery Council, Stated Clerk, and Executive Presbyter) shall also be invited to the meeting, with the right to address the body gathered.
3. Members eligible to vote at the congregational meeting shall be active members as of the date of the letter calling the congregational meeting. The quorum for the congregational meeting shall be the designated quorum of the congregation or 50%, whichever is higher.
4. All members present, as well as the representatives of Presbytery, shall have the right to speak. When the discussion is concluded, the vote shall be taken by written ballot. At least two-thirds of those present and eligible to vote must vote in favor of requesting dismissal to another Reformed body in order for the proposal to pass.
5. If at least two-thirds of those voting request dismissal, the Presbytery's moderator shall appoint an administrative commission to continue the Presbytery's work with the congregation. The commission shall work to understand the congregation's concerns and actions and make any recommendations it deems necessary to the Presbytery about the dismissal of the congregation to another Reformed body, including
   a) the appropriate disposition of all assets, including but not limited to real property,
   b) the care and support of congregation members who may decide to remain members of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and
   c) the continued use of the congregation's name.
6. The administrative commission and the Session shall negotiate clear and specific terms by which the congregation is dismissed. Prior to reaching an agreement, the administrative commission shall consult with the Presbytery's Board of Trustees regarding a financial analysis of the value of the congregation's assets and liabilities, which shall be reported to the Presbytery. Also,
   a. Consideration shall be given to any denominational grants made to the congregation, either to plant the congregation or to further its mission and ministry.
   b. Reasonable terms of payment shall be negotiated (e.g., paid over three years, five years maximum), ensuring that the departing congregation's payment is properly secured prior to departure.

c. Final terms shall be determined using one or more of the following guidelines:
- five times current year's assessed per capita
- no less than 10% and no more than 25% of total assets (cash, investments, endowments, property and equipment)
- 20% of prior year's actual offerings
- consideration of any outstanding denominational loans.

The Presbytery will engage the services of a licensed realtor and other agents to ascertain these values as necessary.

d. Any unpaid per capita for the past 10 years must be paid in addition to the above.

7. In order to carry out its work, the commission is entrusted by the Presbytery with these powers.

a. to call Session meetings (G-3.0203) and congregational meetings (G-1.0502) and to contact the membership directly. The commission shall have the opportunity to speak at any and all meetings.

b. to have access to pertinent congregation records (G-3.0108).

c. to consult with the congregation concerning all matters related to its possible dismissal by the Presbytery (G-3.0303b, G-3.0301a).

d. to communicate with those who will be affected by its decisions (G-3.0109b).

The commission shall have the authority to consult with Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly staff when necessary. It may retain legal counsel and consult with appropriate committees of the Presbytery in order to do its work.

8. The work of concluding the dismissal agreement must be concluded within the year of the congregational vote, or the Presbytery will declare the dismissal policy abandoned and the process will move to the Alternative Procedure.

9. In the event that any congregation's request for dismissal is approved under the terms of this Procedure, the Presbytery shall, in conjunction with the congregation, hold a final worship service of commissioning, to celebrate our common life in Jesus Christ and to pray for the effectiveness and well-being of both the congregation and the Presbytery. Those departing the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) will be commissioned by the Presbytery to further their work for the kingdom as they go forward in ministry. The service will be jointly planned by members of Presbytery Council and the Session, and all congregations of the Presbytery of Cincinnati shall be invited.

9. The dismissal of a congregation shall be contingent upon the removal by any and all lenders of the Presbytery of Cincinnati as a loan guarantor, and in addition the congregation shall pay off any loans outstanding to any entity of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

10. A congregation being dismissed will be required to take a roll of its membership as of the official date of dismissal, to transfer the memberships of all those on the roll who request transfer to another congregation, and to file all reports required by the Presbytery for statistical record-keeping. Further, all original records and rolls will be transferred to the Presbytery to be delivered to the Presbyterian Historical Society, as per the book of Order.

11. A congregation being dismissed will be required to work with the Presbyterian Board of Pensions to determine the effective date of the dismissal. 12. There are some practical considerations to be addressed, should a congregation be approved for dismissal. These are listed for information, and are not all-inclusive or binding for the purposes of this Procedure.

a. The status of the teaching elders(s) currently called by the congregation: whether they shall remain with the congregation and transfer their ministerial status to the new denomination, or whether they choose to remain within the PC (U.S.A.), and thus need to look toward seeking a new call.

b. The status of any insurance policies held by the congregation with instrumentalities of the PC (U.S.A.) may need to be changed.

c. The corporate status of the congregation shall be revised to reflect its dismissal.

d. The minutes and registers of a congregation being dismissed are the property of the Presbytery (G-3.0107, Remedial Case 221-08, NYC Presbytery v McGee). A congregation at its own expense may retain copies of the records for historical purposes.

## Approval and Amendment of This Procedure

This Procedure shall be effective after a preliminary reading/discussion of the Procedure at a Presbytery meeting and ratification by a majority of those voting. Amendments to the Procedure are in order at the Presbytery meeting where the vote takes place.

Subsequent to the adoption of this Procedure, it may only be amended or rescinded by the same procedure stated above: after a preliminary reading/discussion of the Procedure at a Presbytery meeting and ratification by a majority of those voting at a subsequent Presbytery meeting.

The Procedure in effect on the date of the covenant agreement between the Session and the Presbytery shall remain in effect throughout the process for that particular congregation even if the Procedure is amended or rescinded by the Presbytery during the process.

## Covenant Agreement

In order to:

- promote the ongoing faithfulness of our members in the work of the Mission of God through Jesus Christ; exercise "mutual forbearance"
- treat others with respect regardless of theological and ecclesiological differences
- work for fairness to all parties in our decisions:

Therefore, the Presbytery Council of the Presbytery of Cincinnati and the congregation of the _____Church of _____, Indiana/Kentucky/Ohio, covenant to follow the Reconciliation and Dismissal Procedure and abide by its terms as a way of discerning God's will for the relationship between the congregation and the Presbytery of Cincinnati.

_____ _____

Moderator of the Session Moderator of the Presbytery of Cincinnati

_____ _____

Clerk of the Session Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Cincinnati

## Alternative Procedure for a Congregation Considering or Seeking Dismissal from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

The Presbytery of Cincinnati has established a Reconciliation and Dismissal Procedure for member congregations considering dismissal from the denomination and strongly encourages Sessions and congregations to engage in the process outlined in that Procedure.

Recognizing that there may be congregations that either choose to seek dismissal from the PC (U.S.A.) without covenanting to abide by the Reconciliation and Dismissal Procedure or that may choose to violate or abandon that process before completing it while continuing to seek dismissal from the denomination, the Presbytery establishes this Alternative Procedure for Congregations Seeking Dismissal from the PC (U.S.A.).

The intent of this Alternative Procedure is to provide guidelines for a gracious, decent, and orderly interaction between the Presbytery and congregations seeking dismissal outside of the process defined in the Reconciliation and Dismissal Procedure.

When the Presbytery is notified that a congregation has taken steps to request dismissal from the PC (U.S.A.) without complying with the Reconciliation and Dismissal Procedure or that a congregation that was proceeding under the Reconciliation and Dismissal Procedure fails to complete it but is requesting dismissal, then the Presbytery will respond by following these guidelines.

### A. Administrative Commission

1. Pursuant to G-3.0109b(5), the Moderator of Presbytery shall nominate and the Presbytery shall elect, an Administrative Commission ("AC"). The primary task of the AC is to "attempt to inquire into and settle the difficulties" of the congregation in question. The authority of the AC will be specifically defined for the situation. Powers of the AC may include authorization for the AC to assume jurisdiction in whole or in part over the affairs of the congregation with the power to act in place of the Session.
2. The Stated Clerk of Presbytery will conduct a training Session for members of the AC to apprise them of the powers that are delegated to the AC, and the facts and circumstances that prompted the formation of the AC.
3. Powers granted to the AC by the Presbytery may include the authority for the AC:
    a. to determine whether a schism exists within the congregation (see the Book of Order, G4.0207)
    b. If schism exists, to determine if one of the factions of the congregation represents the true church within the PC (U.S.A.) (see the Book of Order, G-4.0207)
    c. to make recommendations to the Presbytery to dissolve pastoral relationships or to place pastors on administrative leave. When requisite authority is given by the Presbytery, the AC may dissolve pastoral relationships (see the Book of Order, G-3.0109b)
    d. to request records of the Session (see the Book of Order, G-3.0108b), "If a higher council learns at any time of any irregularity or delinquency by a lower council, it may require the lower body to produce any records and take appropriate action."
    e. to examine and copy whatever records of the congregation that may be relevant (e.g., how money is held, title to property, title policies, surveys, insurance documents, financial statements and records, budgets, tax returns, bank and account statements, mortgages or other loan documents, corporate articles, bylaws, and charters – especially changes in any of these).
    f. to assume original jurisdiction (in whole or in part) in any case in which it determines that the Session is unable or unwilling to manage wisely the affairs of its congregation (see Book of Order, G-3.02 and G-3.0201);

g. to freeze the assets of the congregation and approved expenditures;

h. to secure the building, grounds and other property of the church for the use and benefit of the PC(U.S.A.);

i. to determine if and when a meeting of the congregation is appropriate for the purpose of voting to seek dismissal from the PC(U.S.A.);

j. to call that congregational meeting, and provide the moderator and clerk for that meeting and to report results of the congregational vote to the Presbytery;

k. to authorize oversight of the congregation, its ministry and its property by a group within the congregation that has been identified as "the true church within the PC(U.S.A.)" (G4.0207);

l. to propose to the Presbytery any recommendation for the disposition of the property held by or for the congregation, and the assumption of the liabilities of the congregation, if there is no group within the congregation that has been identified as the true church within the PC(U.S.A.), or if such group cannot or does not assume responsibility for the congregation, or its property or liabilities;

m. to consider the conformity with the PC(U.S.A.) (in matters of doctrines and order) of the proposed receiving body or denomination to which a congregation has, or may, request dismissal, and to propose to the Presbytery any recommendation regarding same for the Presbytery's consideration and action.

n. to fulfill any other responsibilities as assigned by the Presbytery, or as may be necessary or appropriate in connection therewith or in connection with those set forth above.

## B. Congregational Meeting

1. The AC shall keep the Presbytery informed of significant actions taken and shall make recommendations directly to the Presbytery for all actions that require the Presbytery's approval.
2. One of the powers of the AC is to determine when or if a meeting of the congregation is appropriate for the purpose of voting to seek dismissal from the PC(U.S.A.) to another Reformed denomination. Prior to any such vote, the leadership of the congregation shall furnish to the AC written verification that they will receive the congregation upon dismissal from the PC(U.S.A.). The Presbytery or AC may request any other written information about that denomination, such as doctrine, governance and permanence. The call for the congregational meeting shall be in accordance with the notice and quorum requirements of that congregation.
3. A request for withdrawal shall be by two-thirds vote of the active membership of the congregation as recorded in the Annual Statistical Report for the immediately preceding year. By such vote the congregation must adopt a resolution requesting that the Presbytery dismiss the congregation to a specified Reformed denomination that is in correspondence with the General Assembly of the PC(U.S.A.) and is a member of ecumenical bodies in which the PC (U.S.A.) is also a member. The resolution shall specify whether dismissal is sought with all or part the church's property or without the church's property. If dismissal is sought with part of the property then the resolution shall specify the property to be retained.

## C. Disposition of Church Property

1. Disposition of the property of the church shall be resolved in accordance with the provisions of G4.0207 (Property of Congregation in Schism) and G-4.0208 (Exceptions) of the Book of Order.
2. A minority of the congregation may choose to elect new leadership and assume responsibility of the property subject to the jurisdiction of the AC or sell the property to the majority with the approval of the Presbytery (if required). If the minority does not or

cannot assume responsibility for the property within a reasonable period of time (as determined by the AC), then the AC may recommend that the Presbytery dismiss or dissolve the congregation, or dispose of the property, or take other appropriate action.

3. The AC may consider the following options for the disposition of the church property if there is no faction of the congregation that can or does assume responsibility for the church property as a continuing congregation of the PC (U.S.A.):

   a. Sell, transfer, lease or otherwise dispose of the property to a third party;

   b. Retain the property for a new congregation development, or hold, use and apply the property for another mission of the Presbytery;

   c. Sell, lease or transfer the property to the membership of the dismissed congregation upon terms acceptable to the Presbytery on condition that the