

To the Presbytery,

At the request of the Rev. Doug Abel and the Rev. James Neumann and Ruling Elders Don Wixson (Sandusky) and Janie Gugino (Saginaw First Presbyterian Church), a special meeting of the Presbytery of Lake Huron has been called for Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at 10:00 AM. The location will be the office of the Presbytery, 5560 McCarty Road, Saginaw, MI 48602.

The purpose of the meeting is as follows:

1. To hear the report of the Response Team, formed under the Gracious Discernment Policy for Congregations with Lake Huron Presbytery, on its work with the Fairgrove Presbyterian Church.
2. Approve the Response Team's request for the Moderator to appoint an Administrative Commission, as requested by the Session of the Fairgrove Presbyterian Church, to discern if that congregation may or may not be dismissed from the Presbyterian Church (USA).
  - a. The charter of the Administrative Commission will be to establish communication with the staff and the congregation; to work to understand the congregation's concerns and actions; make any recommendation it deems necessary to the Presbytery about further action.
  - b. The Commission shall have the authority to consult with Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly as necessary. The Commission may retain legal counsel and consult with appropriate committees of the Presbytery to do their work.
  - c. The powers granted to the Commission will include:
    - convening boards and committees of the congregation including Session
    - interview the pastor, other staff and leaders, and members of the congregation
    - have access to pertinent church records
    - determine whether a congregational meeting is called for to advise the Presbytery concerning the relationship of the congregation to the Presbytery and the Presbyterian Church (USA)
      - i. to call such a meeting and provide the Moderator and Clerk for that meeting
      - ii. report the record of said meeting to the Session, the Coordinating Team, the COM and the Board of Trustees
    - to recommend to the Presbytery any action concerning the dissolution or dismissal of the congregation after consultation with the Board of Trustees, including the fulfillment of the Presbytery's fiduciary duty under the Trust Clause (G-4.0203 and per Tom v. Presbytery of San Francisco).

*\*\*(charter, authority, and powers taken from the Presbytery's policy on Gracious Discernment)*

Thank you for your time and service to the Presbytery.

Yours in Christ,

Ted McCulloch, Stated Clerk