

NEW BUSINESS: MAY 15, 2007

Item #1

FROM THE STATED CLERK:

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE DISSOLUTION OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, LIBERTY, TEXAS

Background: After struggling for two years with concerns regarding a viable future for the ministry of First Presbyterian Church, Liberty, TX, and after recent consultation with officials of the Presbytery of New Covenant, the congregation met on May 6, 2007, and took the following action:

to request permission of the Presbytery to dissolve the congregation and sell or distribute all properties owned.

Ten of the eleven active members of the congregation were present and voted unanimously to send this request forward to the presbytery.

The enacting motion follows:

1. That Presbytery concur with the request of the congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Liberty, TX, to dissolve the congregation effective December 31, 2007.

And:

2. Authorize the Moderator of Presbytery to appoint an Administrative Commission to assist the pastor and/or session to wind up the affairs of the church, transfer of remaining members, plan worship, and give thanks to God for the ministry of the congregation.

3. Authorize the Stated Clerk to receive Session Records (list all the records), retain records to wind up affairs, deposit with the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery, who will then forward to Presbyterian Historical Society.

4. Authorize the Stated Clerk to grant letters of dismissal to members whose names are still on the roll. Ordinarily the time limit recommended for this is one year, to encourage movement in finding new church homes.

5. RECITE: Under Form of Government, Chapter VII, Section 2 and Section 4 (G-8.0200, and G-8.0400) all property of the First Presbyterian Church, Liberty, TX, is held in trust for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Administrative Commission of the Presbytery of New Covenant, elected 5/15/07, is authorized to take possession of all real and personal property, financial records, inventories of equipment, (list other assets if there are others) and arrange for transfer of title to the Presbytery of all accounts and real property known to be in the possession of First Presbyterian Church, Liberty, TX.

6. Authorize the Commission to consult with the session regarding requests the congregation may have relating to the disposition of equipment and memorials and other property of the First Presbyterian Church, Liberty, TX, and from the date of the action to approve the disposition of property or to arrange for its retention and storage for future use at the direction of the presbytery.

7. Authorize the Commission (and/or officers of the presbytery corporation) to assert claim of the presbytery to any property of the First Presbyterian Church, Liberty, TX, not known at this time or property which may come to the First Presbyterian Church, Liberty, TX, as the beneficiary of a will or trust not known at this time.

The claim of authority over the property of a dissolved church is based on the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) *Constitution*.

Item #2

Upon recommendation of Business Affairs Committee, **move approval, pending agreement on certain changes requested by Business Affairs Committee**, of a proposed Ground Lease between Woodforest Presbyterian Church, as Landlord, and Ley-Lane Partnership No. 8, L.P., as Tenant, providing for lease by Landlord to Tenant, at annual rentals of \$6,000 or more and for a period ending on December 31, 2028, renewable at Tenant's option in additional 5-year increments for up to an additional 20 years, of a 9,424 square foot tract for Tenant's construction and use as a 31-foot wide driveway leading from a public road, adjacent to Landlord's property, across Landlord's property to Tenant's adjacent commercial property, all on the terms and conditions more fully set forth therein.