

Final Report from the Nicholasville Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission

After 197 years of faithful ministry in and around Jessamine County, on September 24, 2017, the Nicholasville Presbyterian Church held its final worship service. This report to Transylvania Presbytery is the final act of the Administrative Commission appointed to oversee the dissolution of this congregation. After meetings with the session, the pastor, and as a commission, the following actions were taken by the Administrative Commission in line with their charge:

A. Attempt to locate any official records of the church and turn them over to the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery for proper preservation:

- All historic church records have been sent to Columbia to be archived and current financial records have been turned over to the presbytery

B. After consulting with the Trustees of Presbytery (Administration), terminate the church's current lease (renewal date of Sep 30, 2017) and dispose of any church property, excluding funds from the sale of the Nicholasville Church property;

- Historic items (including the Font, Table, pulpit Bible, Communion set, and pictures and records of local interest) were donated to the Jessamine County Historical Society. If at any time another PC(USA) congregation is formed in Jessamine County, these items can be retrieved for the use of that congregation;
- Worship and education items (including pulpit, pew Bibles, hymnals, Communion table cloth, curriculum, and choir music) were donated to local churches;
- Craft supplies, children's musical instruments, and an Ellison Die Cut Machine were given to local schools;
- The handbells were given to a children's handbell choir
- Other items (including tables, chairs, a refrigerator, a freezer, pictures, books, etc.) were given to church members, church neighbors, the Wilmore High-Bridge Community Service Center, and Goodwill

C. Arrange for transfer of members to other congregations;

- Using the most recent membership roster 47 members were contacted. Those who have responded have been transferred.

D. Prepare a service of recognition of the life and ministry of the Nicholasville Presbyterian Church;

- The Rev. Greg Kupar held this service on September 24, 2017. And the congregation will be recognized at the November 11, 2017, presbytery meeting.

E. Recommend to the Presbytery at its November 11, 2017, meeting a plan for the best use of the remaining assets of the Nicholasville Presbyterian Church;

- See below for recommendation

F. Dissolve the pastoral relationship between the Rev. Gregory Kupar and the Nicholasville Presbyterian Church and negotiate a severance agreement.

- The pastoral relationship between the Rev. Gregory Kubar and the Nicholasville Presbyterian Church was dissolved on September 30, 2017. Pastor Kubar's severance package included: 6 months housing and salary, 1 year of pension and medical dues, and a week of interim pastor training. The severance will end when/if the Rev. Kubar receives another call during this time frame.

RECOMMENDATION from the COMMISSION:

The Administrative Commission appointed to dissolve the Nicholasville Presbyterian Church recommends that the remaining Nicholasville Presbyterian Church Redevelopment funds shall be used to strengthen and further the PC(USA) witness in Jessamine County. If by January of 2019 no ministry opportunity has presented itself in the Nicholasville/ Jessamine County area, the presbytery may consider using a portion of these funds to contract with a church consultant to do a formal study assessing the needs of Jessamine County to help identify the best use of the remaining funds for strengthening and furthering the Presbyterian presence and witness in the county. When a ministry opportunity presents itself, the Coordinating Commission in consultation with the Administration Commission, shall lead the discernment of said opportunity and oversee the dispersal of funds.