

**Coordinating Commission Report
Presbytery of Transylvania
August 11, 2018**

Since the March presbytery meeting, the Coordinating Commission has met four times: March 20, 2018; April 17, 2018; May 15, 2018; and July 17, 2018.

The Coordinating Commission has taken these actions:

Called a presbytery meeting on May 1, 2018, at 5:30 PM, at the First Presbyterian Church, Winchester, KY, to address two items of business: 1) to act on the request of dismissal of the First Presbyterian Church, Catlettsburg, KY, to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church; and 2) to act on the request of closure of the Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church, Lexington, KY.

Dismissed with thanks the administrative commission tasked with negotiating the dismissal of the First Presbyterian Church, Catlettsburg, KY, and assigned these duties to the Closing/Dismissals Commission of the Presbytery.

Engaged conversation around the questions of leading new ministries (Nicholasville/Jessamine County and Chapel Hill area) and how the Presbytery could accomplish these tasks.

Considered questions about renewing Philip's contract with the Presbytery. The Coordinating Commission wanted to include the chair and members of Administration Commission/Trustees in this discussion and proposed a joint gathering on April 17, 2018, at the First Presbyterian Church, Richmond, KY.

Reviewed Burnamwood financial information and costs sheets for the last several years and asked about estimated costs of forming a 501(c)3 corporation.

Evaluated the March 13, 2018, Presbytery meeting and offered feedback, compliments and suggestions.

In a joint meeting to discuss Philip's contract and job review with representatives from Administration Commission, agreed that a two-step process would serve the purpose, with Administration Commission to work on renewing contract, job description, budget considerations and job title. Coordinating Commission would work on vision process and setting priorities with consideration of the recent Long-Range Plan.

Accepted the resignations of teaching elder Joel Kelly from Pastoral Transitions, teaching elder Schuyler Olt from Preparation for Ministry, teaching elder Woody Berry from Closing/Dismissals and Administration, and ruling elder Susan Byars from Preparation for Ministry.

In a meeting at the Baptist Seminary of Kentucky (Georgetown), learned about the seminary's use of Zoom technology to connect remote sites and foster distance learning and considered this platform for the work of the presbytery.

Approved the request of Commission on Representation to elect teaching elder Keith Benze to the vacancy on Preparation for Ministry; to elect teaching elder Jay T. Silence to the vacancy on Pastoral Transitions, Class of 2020; to elect Stephen Sanders to the vacancy on Pastoral Transitions, Class of 2019; to elect ruling elder Penelope Lamb, Preparation For Ministry, Class of 2020; and to elect ruling elder Missie Wood, Preparation for Ministry, Class of 2019.

Heard a report from Leadership Development on suggested training events for CRE/CLP leaders and outline of new procedures for CRE/CLP training, approval and ministry service.

Accepted the invitation of First Presbyterian Church, Prestonsburg to host the August 11, 2018, presbytery meeting.

Approved the celebration of the Sacrament of Communion at the installation of teaching elder Stephen Michael Fearing, new pastor of Beaumont Presbyterian Church, on August 12, 2018.

Recommended Presbytery approve the relocation of the Lexington Korean Presbyterian Church from their current space (Redding Road) to the former Chapel Hill space (Tates Creek Road).

Recommendation for Presbytery Approval:

Proposal:

At the May called Presbytery meeting, the Presbytery voted to dissolve the Chapel Hill church and asked the Coordinating Commission to bring a recommendation for the use of the property to the August meeting.

The Coordinating Commission recommends moving the Lexington Korean Presbyterian Church into the former Chapel Hill facility.

Background:

Lexington Korean is a young, growing congregation that has come out of a season of conflict and is thriving under the leadership of Pastor Hyeon Gu Lee. While their worship space is adequate for their growth, the rest of the building is cramped and dated. Upon learning that the Chapel Hill Church desired to cease its public ministry, it made sense to approach the leadership of Lexington Korean to see if they had any interest in the possibility of relocating to the Tates Creek Rd. property which is a larger space with a more visible presence.

With the many changes in the state of immigration in America and the growing number of multi-ethnic marriages within the congregation, Hyeon Gu had started to formulate a plan to begin an English Ministry that would ensure their continued growth. This move would allow

him to reach out to former Chapel Hill members to gauge their interest in participating in that new ministry. This proposal will allow the Congolese church that currently worships at the Tates Creek Rd. property to continue and it is hoped that the Nepalese congregation that worships at the current Lexington Korean Church space will worship at the Tates Creek Rd. property as well. Current groups renting space at the Tates Creek Rd. property will be able to continue those relationships, under the guidance of the Korean Church's leadership. We can imagine a space where we have Korean, Congolese, Nepalese and English worship services occurring under the same roof. While all of these aren't Presbyterian services, it gives us opportunity to reach out to people of color, refugee populations and immigrant populations. Our hope as a Presbytery is that this space could become a multi-cultural, multi-generational, multi-ethnic space where we can explore new ministries and create a space of welcome and sanctuary.

The Tates Creek Rd. building carries a mortgage of a little over \$400,000 and there are some repairs and modifications that need to be made to the facilities. We believe these will be easily covered by the proceeds from the sale of the current Lexington Korean facility on Redding Rd. and funds left over from the closing of the Chapel Hill church. It is our desire to let the leadership of the Korean church determine, with counsel from the Presbytery in accordance with the "Trust Clause" (G-4.0203), the best use of the funds to cover the needs that are present. While there is currently an Administrative Commission for the church, they are diligently working toward a Session of their own and have been largely responsible for their ministry for the past couple of years.

This proposal assumes that the current Redding Rd. building will be sold when a suitable buyer is identified. There are currently two interested buyers and the hope is that one will work out soon. The Redding Rd. property is on the county tax role at \$450,000.