SOUTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION REPORT

The Administrative Commission (Rev. John Anderson, Rev. Dan Davis, Deb Field, Rev. Lou Ellen Hartley and Jim Holt) met with the Southminster session on August 13, 2020. The meeting focused on the sale of the Church building and the development of a usage agreement with Sanctuary of Praise Church which agreed to purchase the facility for the sum of $500,000. The session agreed to include several suggestions offered by the AC as part of an amendment to the sales contract. With approval to proceed with the sale, it was completed on September 18th with a memorandum of understanding to cover a number of the suggestions offered in the meeting.

The Administrative Commission again met with the Southminster session on October 29th. Topics discussed were the long term goals of the congregation since the sale of the building was completed. The money from the sale has been placed in an account at Community Foundation of the Ozarks at Springfield. The congregation is currently meeting in the Church narthex on Sundays at 9:30 AM for worship. The future of Pastoral leadership was also discussed with a variety of options outlined by the AC. Pastor Marvin Groote has expressed a desire to serve the congregation for the upcoming year, explaining he seeks only to serve year to year at this point. He also explained that he had discussed the possibility of a CRE serving Southminster at some point with Susan Leonard of COM. In discussion with the session only, the issue of boundaries training non-compliance by the current pastor was discussed. Several of the session members indicated they were unaware of the issue but would address it with the pastor. As a result, Southminster has offered to host the February boundaries training but only on the dates of January 26, 27 or 28. The session was told by the AC that the Pastor would be required to complete this training at the very next opportunity in order to continue the working relationship with the congregation and PCUSA. Pastor Groote indicated that he would be undergoing surgery in December and would be taking some time off during that month.

AC Members pledged to attend worship at Southminster to establish an ongoing relationship with the congregation. Deb Field attended the October 18 service and Rev. Dan Davis attended the November 1 service. Upcoming visits include Jim Holt on November 15 with at least two others to be announced.

The AC plans to meet with the session again in February of 2021.

Respectfully,

Jim Holt

Southminster Administrative Commission Clerk