

Final Report of the Administrative Commission for Springhill Presbyterian Church

October 2010

Members of the Commission:

Phil Maxwell, moderator

Jody McDevitt, clerk

Jim Babcock, Jed Cauffman, Dick Davis, Terry Johnson, Janet Kline

Ex officio: George Goodrich, Ron Hanson, Zane Buxton

1. The commission met by conference call 4 times and in person 2 times, beginning December 8, 2009 and concluding September 28, 2010.
2. The commission worked with legal counsel Patrick Fox of Helena to prepare all necessary legal, corporate, and tax documents transferring ownership and authority over the property at Springhill to the Springhill Presbyterian Church. Included in the agreement was a payment schedule of \$15,000 per year for 5 years, beginning in 2010.
3. The dismissal agreement with the Springhill Church was signed by the clerk of session and the pastor of the Springhill Church on May 10, 2010. The moderator (Ted Williams) and the stated clerk (Ron Hanson) of Yellowstone Presbytery signed the agreement on May 21, 2010. Rick Ramler, attorney for the Springhill Church, filed a trust indenture, in favor of Yellowstone Presbytery, in the Gallatin County Courthouse on July 15, 2010. When the trust indenture is satisfied, Yellowstone Presbytery will need to file a deed of reconveyance giving the Springhill Church clear title to the church property. Additionally, the presbytery moderator and the stated clerk have signed a quit claim deed conveying Yellowstone Presbytery's interest in the church property to the Springhill Church since the trust indenture now covers Yellowstone Presbytery's interest.
4. Original session and congregational minutes and records have been received by Ron Hanson.
5. The Springhill congregation was dismissed to the Presbytery of the West of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.
6. A revised process for discernment of the future for congregations experiencing disaccord with the denomination has been proposed to the Presbytery Council for consideration and possible proposal to the presbytery.
7. The commission proposes that the money received from Springhill be used by the presbytery in the following manner.
 - a) To pay the per capita costs attributable to Springhill in 2010 and 2011. This amount is \$5166 in 2010 and an estimated \$6200 in 2011.
 - b) The remainder to go into an interest-bearing account to further our stated mission to our congregations, and distributed through a grant process administered by a committee of oversight. (See document entitled Church Development Fund)
8. Our assignment complete, the administrative commission respectfully requests to be dismissed by the presbytery.