

Presbytery of the Cascades Special Meeting

**Presbytery of the Cascades  
Special Meeting  
January 18, 2023  
Minutes**

A Special Meeting of The Presbytery of the Cascades was held January 18, 2023, as a web-based video meeting. Ruling Elder Doug Anderson, 2022-2023 Moderator of the Presbytery, was in the chair and the Reverend Paul Belz-Templeman, Stated Clerk, was present recording the proceedings. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm. After a land acknowledgement, Doug Anderson opened the meeting with prayer.

Call to Meeting

Article VI.B. of the Presbytery's Bylaws states that the moderator shall call a special meeting at the request, or with the concurrence, of two teaching elders and two ruling elders, the elders being of different congregations. A list of the teaching elders and ruling elders calling this meeting follows:

Ruling elders Lucy Foster (Salem, Westminster), Paul Lewis (Ashland, First) and ministers of the Word and Sacrament Charlotte Mace and Brett Webb-Mitchell, requested that the 33 amendments to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) be brought as a consent agenda (to be adopted in gross).

Members of the Presbytery Leadership Commission voting to request a special meeting to consider dissolving Cherry Park Presbyterian Church, Troutdale, Oregon and Colonial Heights Presbyterian Church, Portland, Oregon are ruling elders Doug Anderson (Trout Lake, First), Gail Black (Portland, Rose City Park), Nancy Patterson (Redmond, Community), Carole Eckerd (Roseburg, First), Mary Blain (Eugene, Peace), Lisa Snodderly (Portland, First), Marilyn Howe (Portland, First), Eileen Sheelar (Keizer, John Knox), Sharon Hasenjaeger (West Linn, Emmanuel) and ministers Vicky Brown, Susan Graham, Mark Frey, Joshua Dunham and Brad Kent.

Members and liaisons to the Warm Springs Task Force requesting the meeting to consider granting original jurisdiction to the Administrative Commission for Warm Springs Presbyterian Church are ruling elders Greg Anable (Albany, United), Gail Black (Portland, Rose City Park), Linda Jackson-Shaw (Redmond, Community), Nancy Patterson (Redmond, Community) and ministers of the Word and Sacrament Pat Berger, Beverly Crow and Dave Dornack.

Quorum

Article VI.C. of the Presbytery's Bylaws states that the quorum for a meeting of the presbytery, whether stated or special, shall be no fewer than the number of ruling elders required to represent at least ten percent of the congregations of the presbytery, and an equal number of teaching elders of the presbytery. At the time of the meeting, the presbytery was composed of 93 congregations. Thus the quorum for this meeting was 10 ruling elders representing 10 congregations of the presbytery and an equal number of minister members.

**95** presbyters registered attendance at the meeting. Presbyters in attendance were **51** minister members of the presbytery, **38** elder commissioners representing 30 of the congregations of this presbytery, and **6** elders enrolled as commissioners by virtue of presbytery service. A listing of the presbyters registering attendance is attached as **Appendix A**.

## Presbytery of the Cascades Special Meeting

### Amendments to the Constitution

The Presbytery **adopted a consent agenda consisting of 21 amendments to the Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**. The list of affirmed amendments is attached as **Appendix B**.

### Troutdale, Cherry Park dissolved

The Administrative Commission for Cherry Park Presbyterian Church, Troutdale, Oregon, reported, through its chair, John Ailstock, a motion which, after discussion, was adopted as follows:

1. **Dissolve Cherry Park Presbyterian Church on January 18, 2023 with celebration and thanksgiving for its faithful ministry and desire to leave a legacy in the community through its stewardship of the property and outreach to community partners.**
2. **Order the stated clerk to:**
  - retain any members still on the rolls until December 31, 2023;
  - notify the General Assembly of the dissolution; and
  - take necessary steps to wind down the affairs and close the corporation.
3. **Under Form of Government, G-4, All property of Cherry Park Presbyterian Church is held in trust for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Administrative Commission for Cherry Park Presbyterian Church of the Presbytery of the Cascades ("Commission"), is authorized to take possession of all real and personal property, financial records, inventories of equipment, and arrange for transfer of title to the Presbytery of all accounts and real property known to be in the possession of Cherry Park Presbyterian Church.**
4. **Authorize the Commission to approve the disposition of property or to arrange for its retention and storage for future use at the direction of the presbytery.**
5. **Authorize the Commission and/or the Board of Trustees to assert claim of the presbytery to any property of the Cherry Park Presbyterian Church not known at this time or property which may come to the Cherry Park Presbyterian Church as the beneficiary of a will or trust not known at this time.**

The motion was adopted by counted vote with 81 votes in the affirmative and no votes in the negative. The report of the Cherry Park Administrative Commission is attached as **Appendix C**.

### Portland, Colonial Heights dissolved

The Administrative Commission for Colonial Heights Presbyterian Church, Portland, Oregon, reported, through its chair, Gregg Neel a motion which, after discussion, was adopted as follows:

1. **Dissolve Colonial Heights Presbyterian Church on January 18, 2023 with celebration and thanksgiving for its faithful ministry and desire to leave a legacy in the community through its stewardship of the property and outreach to community partners.**
2. **Order the stated clerk to:**
  - retain any members still on the rolls until December 31, 2023;
  - notify the General Assembly of the dissolution; and
  - take necessary steps to wind down the affairs and close the corporation.
3. **Under Form of Government, G-4, All property of Colonial Heights Presbyterian Church is held in trust for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Administrative Commission for Colonial Heights Presbyterian Church of the Presbytery of the Cascades ("Commission"), is authorized to take possession of all real and personal property, financial records, inventories of equipment, and arrange for transfer of title to the Presbytery of all accounts and real property known to be in the possession of Colonial Heights Presbyterian Church.**
4. **Authorize the Commission to approve the disposition of property or to arrange for its retention and storage for future use at the direction of the presbytery.**
5. **Authorize the Commission and/or the Board of Trustees to assert claim of the presbytery to any**

Presbytery of the Cascades Special Meeting

**property of the Colonial Heights Presbyterian Church not known at this time or property which may come to the Colonial Heights Presbyterian Church as the beneficiary of a will or trust not known at this time.**

The motion was adopted by counted vote with 81 votes in the affirmative and no votes in the negative. The report of the Colonial Heights Administrative Commission is attached as **Appendix D.**

Warm Springs Administrative Commission Original Jurisdiction

The Warm Springs Task Force reported, through member Nancy Patterson, the following motion which, after discussion, was adopted (with a counted vote of 74 in the affirmative and 2 in the negative) as follows:

**Authorize the administrative commission appointed by the Commission on Ministry Northeast to take original jurisdiction of the Warm Springs Presbyterian Church.**

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Moderator Elect Jennifer Martin at 8:19 pm.



Paul Belz-Templeman

Approved 2/08/2023- PBT

Appended

- A- Meeting Attendance
- B- Affirmed Amendments to the PCUSA *Book of Order*
- C- History of Cherry Park Presbyterian Church
- D- History of Colonial Heights Presbyterian Church

Presbytery of the Cascades Special Meeting

Appendix A

RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS			
Name	City, Church	Name	City, Church
Anable, Greg	Albany, Albany United PC	Woo, Nancy	Portland, Calvary PC
Lewis, Paul	Ashland, First PC	Belt, Kate	Portland, Colonial Heights PC
Widen, Judy	Beaverton, Southminster PC	Birnie, Cameron	Portland, First PC
Huddleston, Kathleen	Beaverton, Southminster PC	Blomgren, Doug	Portland, First PC
Thomas, Sherrie	Camas, St. John's PC	Ziel, Sharon	Portland, First PC
Plocher, Milt	Corvallis, First PC	Hall, Cathy	Portland, Moreland PC
Cooper, Paula	Eagle Creek, Eagle Creek PC	Black, Karen	Portland, Multnomah PC
Shearer, Gwen	Estacada, Springwater PC	Clawson, Jeanne	Portland, Savage Memorial PC
Kelso, Kirsten	Eugene, Central PC	Powers, Carol	Portland, Valley Community PC
Cookson, Barbara	Eugene, Central PC	Smith, Bruce	Redmond, Community PC
Stubbs, Mary	Hillsboro, Orenco PC	Patterson, Nancy	Redmond, Community PC
Macfarlane, Christine	Hillsboro, Tualatin Plains PC	Eckerd, Carole	Roseburg, First PC
Curtis, Bronwyn	Keizer, John Knox PC	Lamb, Michael	Salem, Salem First PC
Emmett, Mary Jo	Keizer, John Knox PC	Talbert, Michael	Salem, Salem First PC
Cunningham, Sheila	Keizer, John Knox PC	Schilling, Adrienne	St. Helens, Plymouth PC
Hilkey, Becky	Mill City, Mill City PC	Anderson, Doug	Trout Lake, First PC
Saxowsky, Gail	Monmouth, Christ's Church	Anderson, Janet	Trout Lake, First PC
Smith, David	Pacific City, Nestucca Valley PC	Adams, Charles	Waldport, Community PC
		Hasenjaeger, Sharon	West Linn, Emmanuel PC
		Hachquet, Mike	Woodburn, First PC

MINISTERS OF THE WORD AND SACRAMENT			
Name	Name	Name	Name
Ailstock, John	Dunham, Joshua	Mixon-Weller, Paulette	Shaw, Don
Allen, Marilyn	Edwards, Sharon	Murphy, Chris	Sievert, Jeffrey
Barrett, Robert	Fowler, Dan	Neason, Bobbi	Sponaugle, Laurie
Belz-Templeman, Paul	Graham, Susan	Neel, Gregg	Sponaugle, Leonard
Berger, Patricia	Hamilton-Sutherland, Kristen	Nolen, Tom	Stewart- Kalen, Linda
Bowersox, Ann	Hammond, Steven	O'Brien, Cynthia	Strader, Rebecca
Brown, Dwayne	Heron, Brian	O'Brien, Michael	Van Nostran, Bill
Brown, Vicky	Ireland, Suzan	Pate, Katie	Van Stelle, Sue
Bullis, Tracie	Keener, Kathy	Ribeiro, Rick	Voss-Rothmeier, Kris
Cash, Blair	Kokjer, Dean	Richards, Judith Ann	Wallace, Jim
Crane, Scott	Lewis, Sarah	Russell, Bill	Webb-Mitchell, Brett
Crow, Beverly	Martin, Jennifer	Scalera, Clark	Winslea, Timothy
Dalgarno, Scott	Miller, Joan	Schindler, Audrey	

By Virtue of Service	Committee or Commission
Sheelar, Eileen	Communications & Technology Team, Chair
Jackson-Shaw, Linda	New Ministries Team, Co-Chair
Black, Gail	Northeast Region Vice Moderator
Snodderly, Lisa	Personnel & Administration, Chair
Howe, Marilyn	Board of Trustees, Chair
Hubbard, Mike	Commission on Ministry-South, Chair

Guests
Dingle, Susan

## APPENDIX B

### Presbytery of the Cascades Special Meeting

AFFIRMED by Presbytery of the Cascades

Proposed Amendments to the

Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Approved by the 225th General Assembly (2022)

		Affirmative	Negative	Meeting Date
22-A	F-1.0302c THE CATHOLICITY OF THE CHURCH (POL-16 1a)	✓		1/18/2023
22-AA	W-5.0204 PASTORAL CARE (TWE-05 7)	✓		1/18/2023
22-B	F-1.0404 OPENNESS (POL-16 1b)	✓		1/18/2023
22-BB	W-5.0204 PASTORAL CARE (TWE-05 8)	✓		1/18/2023
22-C	G-1.0501 MEETINGS (ROD-06 2)	✓		1/18/2023
22-CC	D-3.0106 WHEN JURISDICTION ENDS (ROD-05)			
22-D	G-1.0503 BUSINESS PROPER TO CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS (ROD-06 1)	✓		1/18/2023
22-DD	D-10.0302 IF CHARGES ARE TO BE FILED (ROD-04 3)			
22-E	G-2.0503 CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP (POL-07)			
22-EE	D-10.0303 PETITION FOR REVIEW (ROD-04 1)			
22-F	G-2.0505a(1) TRANSFER OF MINISTERS OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS (POL-15)			
22-FF	AMENDING THE USE OF "THE ACCUSED" IN THE CURRENT RULES OF DISCIPLINE (ROD-04 2)			
22-G	G-2.0603 PURPOSE OF INQUIRY (HSB-05 2)	✓		1/18/2023
22-GG	REPLACING THE CURRENT "RULES OF DISCIPLINE" WITH A NEW "CHURCH DISCIPLINE" SECTION (ROD-03)			
22-H	G-2.0605 OVERSIGHT (HSB-05 1)	✓		1/18/2023
22-I	G-2.0804 TERMS OF CALL (HSB-06)			
22-J	G-2.1001 FUNCTIONS (MC-08)	✓		1/18/2023
22-K	G-2.1002 TRAINING, EXAMINING, AND COMMISSIONING (HSB-05 3)	✓		1/18/2023

## APPENDIX B

		Affirmative	Negative	Meeting Date
22-L	G-2.1103 CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS (HSB-05 4)	✓		1/18/2023
22-M	G-3.0104 OFFICERS (MC-05)	✓		1/18/2023
22-N	G-3.0105 MEETINGS (ROD-06 3)	✓		1/18/2023
22-O	G-3.0106 ADMINISTRATION OF MISSION (HSB-05 9)			
22-P	G-3.0106 ADMINISTRATION OF MISSION (POL-10)	✓		1/18/2023
22-Q	G-3.0303c RELATIONS WITH SESSIONS (MC-03)	✓		1/18/2023
22-R	G-3.0401 COMPOSITION AND RESPONSIBILITIES (MC-06)	✓		1/18/2023
22-S	G-4.0301 TRUST AND CONFIDENTIALITY (ROD-07)	✓		1/18/2023
22-T	W-3.0205 CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (TWE-05 1)			
22-U	W-3.0409 THEOLOGY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (TWE-05 2)			
22-V	W-3.0414 COMMUNION (TWE-05 4)	✓		1/18/2023
22-W	W-4.0403 ORDER OF WORSHIP (TWE-06)	✓		1/18/2023
22-X	W-5.0104 HOUSEHOLD WORSHIP (TWE-05 5)	✓		1/18/2023
22-Y	W-5.0104 HOUSEHOLD WORSHIP (TWE-05 6)			
22-Z	W-5.0201 THE CHURCH'S MINISTRY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH (TWE-05 9, 1 & 2)	✓		1/18/2023

## APPENDIX C

### ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION CHERRY PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PORTLAND, OREGON

The Administrative Commission for Cherry Park Presbyterian Church recommends that the presbytery dissolve Cherry Park Presbyterian Church on 1/18/2023.

#### **Rationale:**

On June 19, 2022, Pastor Leonard Sponaugle notified the Presbytery of the following motion made at a Stated Meeting of the Session:

"A long discussion ensued about where we are today and the future of CPPC.

It was moved and seconded that after prayerful discernment our time as a congregation is coming to an end. 1) Our goal is to close operations in the next six months, with our last worship service to be the last Sunday in December 2022,

2) The Session is interested in integrating our membership into Smith Memorial Presbyterian Church, and

3) We expect the church building will be sold and our hope is to be able to direct some of the proceeds as agreed upon by Session toward our church legacy.

Hearing no further discussion, this motion was unanimously passed. MSP"

At its June, 2022 meeting the Presbytery approved that the COM NE form an Administrative Committee to Dissolve the Cherry Park Presbyterian Church. The Administrative Commission began meeting with representatives of Cherry Park in December, 2022. After some conversation with the representatives it was clear that the congregation had carefully discerned that their life together as a congregation had drawn to an end and they were no longer a viable congregation capable of fulfilling a meaningful witness to Jesus Christ in Troutdale. They were eagerly looking forward to joining the life and ministry of Smith Memorial Presbyterian Church who warmly and graciously welcomed them into their fellowship.

The Administrative Commission has met regularly with the Representatives and those who were able attended Cherry Park's final worship service. The commission agrees with the congregation that the mission of Cherry Park has been completed. The commission has completed an inventory of the assets of the congregation and is working with the treasurer and the clerk of session in settling the affairs of the congregation. The real property of Cherry Park will be managed by the Board of Trustees.

#### **Brief History of Cherry Park Presbyterian Church**

A community of Christians in the Troutdale, Oregon area decided in the 1890's to start a congregation in their little town. They opened in the little white church halfway up the hill in Troutdale as a Methodist congregation. They were very active in the community. The women's auxiliary sold lunches at the wool depot and the train station to provide monetary support for the fledging church.

In the early 1920's the decision was made to change dominations from Methodist to Presbyterian. The change didn't affect how they reached out and supported the Troutdale community.

## **APPENDIX C Cont.**

One of the long-time members donated some property to the congregation and plans were made to build a new building because the congregation was outgrowing the little white church. The new Church building was built mostly by the men in the congregation. During our time in the current building, we changed our name from Troutdale Community Presbyterian Church to Cherry Park Presbyterian Church. With our name change we started offering anyone attending our services for the first time a cherry pie to take home.

Some of the highlights of our ministry are helping to start the Sno-Cap programs in East Multnomah County, the Holt Adoption Agency operated from our building, several pre-schools and a Head Start center used our building. In our last year we supported the Ukrainian Church with their refugee program, collected school and art supplies for the special needs students in the Troutdale area and had the largest collection of children's and youth clothing for Sno-Cap ever for our congregation. Our last service was Christmas morning, December 25, 2022. We believe we 'Finished Well'.



## APPENDIX D

### REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION FOR COLONIAL HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

#### History of Colonial Heights Presbyterian Church, Portland, Identifying as Common Ground

Colonial Heights Presbyterian Church in inner SE Portland was chartered on January 18, 1961 as Colonial Heights *United* Presbyterian Church, changing to the current name on January 23, 1964, after a historical General Assembly voted on merger between denominations that had split over slavery during the U.S. Civil War to become The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). In 2018 we took the new identity, Common Ground, reflecting our current presence and witness of Christ's love more closely than the words "colonial" and "heights."

Three churches from three different cultural communities merged into the new chartered congregation: Scottish, Chinese (mostly Cantonese speaking people from Southern China, Guangdong province), and a 3rd which itself had been a merger of 3 churches, one started by Italian immigrants. Another had a Sunday School Department for deaf children. A 1964 Oregonian article on the dedication of the building reported that "the congregation has been interracial from the beginning. Chinese, Greek, Italian, Sicilian, Japanese, and other nationalities worship together."

Seven installed pastors served through July 31, 2022, when we ceased holding worship: Revs. Elwood B. Hunter; Stephen M.S. Lee; Kenneth R. Bomberg; Richard A. Weiss; William P. Borgman, Pastor Emeritus; David Hutchinson; and Linda Stewart-Kalen, Pastor Emerita. Ms. Shirley Tormey served part of a year as an intern from San Francisco Theological Seminary.

In gatherings we recognized our occupation on the ancestral shared lands of the Multnomah, Kathlamet, and Clackamas bands of Chinook peoples; the Tualatin, Kalapuya, Molalla, and many others who made their homes along the Columbia and Willamette Rivers.

We spent 2021 in an Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon cohort on structural racism, which assigned a task of researching property history. Rev. Linda Stewart-Kalen, pastor from 2005 – 2022, found records showing that neighborhood land became property under two grants from the Donation Land Claim Act of September 27, 1850. James E. Stephens and a family named Dobbins made initial claims to land in SE Portland. Gideon and Mary Tibbetts later took over the Dobbins' claim. CHPC was built in 1964, on land purchased with \$7,000 in seed funds in 1961. The lot held a large two-story frame home on a brick foundation and a smaller two-story house that was a converted barn. Later came purchase and then sale of a manse next door and sale of land to the south of the building.

When Rev. Linda Stewart-Kalen, came in 2005, she led us through a conversation helping us to focus on our how we might use our resources for ministry. We identified five Ministry and Mission Goals:

- Honoring Diversity & Support of Vulnerable Communities
- Strengthening Families & Children
- Increasing Stewardship of the Environment/Caring for God's Creation
- Promoting Music & the Arts
- Supporting Opportunities for Education & Nurture Across Generations,

## APPENDIX D Cont.

Many ministries and objectives overlap. many relate to the hospitality experienced in our building and grounds as a place of healing for those who reported unhealthy experiences in previous churches. Our land has been a green oasis for the neighborhood, which has no nearby parks. We were one of the first Earth Care Congregations in the Presbytery, installed rain gardens and traffic berms, meditation stations with poetry boxes, a Peace Pole, planted trees and native plants, and became an Audubon Gold Certified Backyard Habitat and Pollinator Habitat.

In 2005 we became one of eight PC(USA) churches on the East side forming the Presbyterian Urban Network. We gathered for family outings, joint worship, and collaborated on ministry projects. A grant from Lake Grove Presbyterian enabled hiring a shared parish nurse.

Our commitment to artists and musicians is reflected in being a host site for the SE Portland Art Walk and our own Musicians-in-Residence Program, which provided practice, rehearsal, or teaching space for young musicians in exchange for sharing their talents in worship. Our Music Director guided them in understanding how music is offered in worship vs. performance music, equipping several to play in other area churches.

In 2007 we started the Reading and Reflection book group, which over the years evolved to include neighbors and friends who are Jewish, Roman Catholic, Atheists, and Nones. Our reading discussions triggered sharing of tender life stories within our trusted group.

In the 2010s we started a summer tradition of the Front Porch Party, inviting family, friends, and neighbors to join us for a feast featuring grilled, wild salmon and musical entertainment.

We helped build a Habit for Humanity home, helped host Daybreak Shelter that provided overnight housing and meals for houseless families with children. Joining with other PUN churches, we paid for rent and helped furnish an apartment for a houseless couple with a 3 year old and an infant.

In 2011 we celebrated our 50th anniversary with a Jubilee Worship Service. We completed remodeling of the sanctuary with new carpeting and modification of the chancel steps built from beautiful wood and added hand rails from reclaimed wood from our unused pews. We also had completed installing an ADA bathroom and other improvements. We took our Jubilee theme from Micah 6:8 "What Does the Lord Require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God."

In later years, a more organic style of education replaced traditional Sunday School for children, inviting children to light candles, pour the water into the Baptismal Fount, engage with the pastor during the Time of Wonder reflecting on the scriptures. We continued to offer child care and other activities for the youngest children who then wished to leave the Sanctuary.

Rev. Stewart-Kalen provided supervised visitation for children and family members separated by Child Protective Services. She and four other members supervised the work of community service workers assigned by the county & federal courts as an alternative to jail time. Those assigned to us were usually medically fragile and unable to serve in other settings.

The church has shared its building and grounds with other congregations, youth organizations, support groups, art groups and performing artists. Long time building partners include the Veterans Acupuncture Project, Hawthorne Family Playschool, and since 2019 Metropolitan Community Church

## APPENDIX D cont.

has shared space with us. We've held summer art camps for children, slept incoming college students from Lewis & Clark and Reed College in the building while they explored justice and environment work in their new community.

We have ensured that our community understands we are a connectional church by faithfully making all per capita payments, mission pledges, supporting all of the PC(USA) special offerings and the Theological Education Fund. We heard reports from meetings of our higher councils, and often used scriptural based study materials from the denomination to explore issues such as marriage, gender and sexuality, mental illness, the call to care for refugees, and understanding other religions. We were active in Presbyterian Women and heard from many mission speakers. Rev. David Hutchinson, collaborating with Westminster Presbyterian, Portland, brought us into partnership with the Presbyterian church in Cuba. We also partnered with Kristie Van Nostran while she served as a Co-Worker in Central America..

Having the 2016 General Assembly meet in Portland was a rare opportunity for members to see the denomination at work. Volunteers from CHPC helped with set up, greeted visitors at the airport, sang in the choir at opening worship, and assisted with Communion. We hosted an Earth Care Workshop and were a Sunday worship service and lunch site for some GA visitors.

We have much to celebrate in 62 years of faithful ministry. Good things have happened in this place! In 2019 we became a Matthew 25 congregation. We have reached an amazing number of people, with over 1,000 different individuals/month present on the property before group events stopped in March, 2020, during the Covid-19 epidemic.

In March of 2020, all worship and in-person groups stopped because of the Covid 19 pandemic, but being the church did not stop. The pastor went on a learning technology curve while still responding to needs for individual pastoral care with members and building users. We connected on Zoom for session meetings and other gatherings. Covid took a toll here as with many. After significant loss of income, members drifting away, and deaths, the session saw that we lacked resources to sustain future ministry and requested that the presbytery appoint an Administrative Committee with Original Jurisdiction to partner with us in next steps. We hired a building manager to handle building and office needs. The AC called a congregational meeting on January 8, 2023 to vote on dissolving the congregation. Our request goes to the Presbytery January 18 at a Special Meeting called to address several items We recognize that as our physical bodies wear out and a time comes when we must let go of them, it is time to let go of this church body, and trust that in God that new life, good life, will come again out of this soil.