

September 19, 2008

Dear Friends in Christ,

We are writing today to urge your attendance at one of the two meetings designed to provide you with information about denominational issues related to the future of Sunset Presbyterian Church. Both meetings will last one hour and take place on Sunday, September 28, at 12:30 PM following the 11:00 AM service, and on Wednesday, October 1, at 7:00 PM. Both will be held in the sanctuary.

Earlier this year the Sunset Presbyterian Church Session sought further information as to what would be required for the Presbytery of the Cascades of the Presbyterian Church (USA) to dismiss Sunset to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (E.P.C.). In response to that request, and in accordance with "A Process for Congregations Considering Leaving the PC(USA)," the Presbytery appointed a Resolution Team that has been working on the details of dismissal with the Denomination Discussion Team appointed by Sunset's Session. We have now reached a Joint Agreement. Session unanimously approved the Joint Agreement which calls for Session to request the Presbytery of the Cascades to dismiss Sunset to the Presbytery of the West of the E.P.C.

The purpose of these meetings will be to provide information to Sunset members who have questions about the process, the Joint Agreement itself, future membership options, and any other concerns. In the weeks following these informational meetings, on three consecutive Sundays (October 12, 19 and 26, between 8:30 AM and 1PM), you, as a member of Sunset, will be given the opportunity to express your desire on the question of dismissal to E.P.C. Your statement on those Sundays will provide Presbytery with an expression of the congregation's support for Session's request. Our goal is to have 100% participation in this response.

In preparation we encourage you to study the enclosed Joint Agreement as well as the documents on the church website: www.sunsetpres.org (select "denominational information" on the left side of the home page). These documents represent a range of perspectives on the issues surrounding the recommendation of Session to leave the PC(USA). You may also request copies of these documents by calling the church office, or find them at the book counter in the lobby before or after worship services.

We hope that these conversations will help inform you as you seek to discern God's will for yourself, your family and the Sunset congregation. Should you wish to contact us you will find our names and email addresses listed below. We welcome any and all communications on this most important matter.

Childcare available on Wednesday, Oct 1st only. Send required registration request to cindyheinz@sunsetpres.org.

Sincerely in Christ,

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