

Resolution Team Minutes of August 16, 2011

Present: Frank Allen, Michael Foley, Dianna Morgan, Sam Knight, Paige McRight, Laurie Rodriguez.

Absent: Tom Biery

The meeting was opened with a season of prayer and devotions.

The minutes for August 1, 2011 were approved.

The committee agreed to post all minutes of our meetings on the Presbytery website and the website of the First Presbyterian Church of Orlando (FPCO), to post a list of committee members with their contact information on those two websites, and to provide a direct link to the "Gracious Dismissal" document.

The committee reviewed information on the FPCO website concerning amendment 10A and the church's response. We were in general agreement that the information was accurate. We thought it would be helpful to note Presbytery's vote on 10A and the resolution concerning 10A that was made at the last Presbytery meeting. Sam Knight agreed to convey the committee's suggestion.

Dianna Morgan shared the results of a survey done at FPCO in 2009. There were several questions on that survey concerning the church's relationship with the denomination, and most respondents did not see that relationship as a positive one.

The committee wants to hear what members of FPCO have to say about possible dismissal and answer their questions through a variety of means. We will make ourselves available to talk with members as groups or as individuals. We want to make sure that everyone gets to talk about his or her concerns and feelings in an environment that feels safe and supportive. In some cases this may mean that members of the resolution team from FPCO will not be present. However, the specific concerns of those individuals or groups will be conveyed to the entire committee.

A number of large and small group meetings have been tentatively scheduled at FPCO. There will be town hall meetings on Sunday, October 9 and Sunday, October 16. Members of the team will discuss the process and answer questions at the 9:45 AM Sunday school hour and at 12:30 after the worship service. There will also be a town hall style meeting on Wednesday evening, October 12. We will meet with Life Community Groups on the evenings of October 3 and 5. Other group and individual meetings can be arranged upon request.

A letter to the congregation at FPCO explaining who we are and our charge will be mailed after Labor Day. The next meeting will be August 30 from 11AM to 1PM.

Frank Allen
Stated Clerk