

First Resolution Team Meeting
August 1, 2011

Present: Frank Allen, Paige McRight, Michael Foley, Sam Knight, Dianna Morgan
Absent: Tom Biery, Laurie Rodriguez

The meeting opened with a season of prayer followed by introductions.

We reviewed the Central Florida policy paper, "Process for Pastoral Responsibility, Accountability and Gracious Witness to Congregations At Times of Division, Dismissal or Dissolution," and discussed the challenges presented by this process.

We agreed to take frequent "prayer breaks" and make sure the opinions of all committee members are heard and valued.

This committee adopted goals suggested by previous meetings with representatives from the First Presbyterian Church.

1. Find an effective way to take into consideration the input and feelings of the majority, minority and the Presbytery representatives.
2. Try not to disrupt the ministry of the church and the Presbytery.
3. Find a way to effectively provide pastoral care to those church members who need it. (Pastoral care in this case means providing a safe and supportive place for people to talk about their concerns and feelings.)
4. Provide for the pastoral care and continued ministry of those who do not want to leave the denomination should it be determined that this is the course of action that the church will take.
5. Try to minimize the possibility that the process is derailed by appeals or disciplinary cases.
6. Develop a process that will not create undue delay.

The minutes of this committee will be made available to the members of the First Presbyterian Church and to the Presbytery. The Committee will develop a list of frequently asked questions in an effort to make this process transparent.

The Moderator will call the next meeting of the Committee. We hope to meet often to expedite the process.

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