

Trinity Resolution Team Meeting
November 21, 2011

Present: Frank Allen, Ed Decker, Mike Foley, Paige McRight---Excused: Pat Zinn

The meeting opened with 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.

The committee adopted goals to guide our work

1. Bathe all decisions in prayer – take regular prayer breaks.
2. Find an effective way to take into consideration the input and feelings of the majority, minority and the Presbytery representatives.
3. Try not to disrupt the ministry of the church and the Presbytery.
4. Interpret actions taken by the Presbytery of Central Florida and the General Assembly that address the issues before us.
5. 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.)
6. 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.
7. Try to minimize the possibility that the process is derailed by appeals or disciplinary cases.
8. Develop a process that will not create undue delay.
9. Ensure full transparency in our work.

The committee discussed our role in the resolution process. The following were some initial thoughts:

1. Interpret actions taken by the Presbytery of Central Florida and the General Assembly that address the issues before us.
2. Review the polity of the PCUSA with regard to decision making and dismissal.
3. Provide forums for church members to share their concerns and to answer questions about the process.
4. Consider asking Presbytery to adopt Essential Tenants as contained in F-2.05 of the Book of Order.

The committee discussed items that we want to cover at our next meeting which will be a joint meeting with Liaison members from Trinity Presbyterian Church. Among the Agenda Items: Team Building, Review Process of Gracious Witness, Review and Adopt Goals, Gather

information on Trinity that will help us understand the DNA of the church, Discuss Action steps for January-February meetings.

We set our next meeting for Tuesday December 13th at 4:00pm at Pineda Presbyterian Church pending confirmation that Pat Zinn can be with us. We will invite Trinity Liaisons to join us at 5:30pm.

Meeting was adjourned with Prayer by Frank Allen.

Respectfully Submitted
Michael Foley – Moderator
Central Florida Presbytery