

# Denominational Issues Update

## August 2011

The Session is committed to keeping the congregation fully informed of its actions in regard to the recent issues within the PC (USA). Here is a summary of the activity since the last edition of *The Reminder*.

1. At the June 28<sup>th</sup> Session meeting, a resolution was passed that, among other things, stated “our efforts to bring about needed change in the denomination have failed and we must actively pursue other options, including dismissal from the PCUSA.” A full copy of the resolution is available under the Denominational Issues link on the church web site.
2. The Denominational Issues Task Force was established. The Task Force is made up of the six 2010/11 Session Unit leaders, the Clerk, and the Pastors (Buddy Brand, Chris Handley, John Hofler, Barry Jenkins, Wendell Jones, Mike Lavespere, Erik Marechal, Ginger Owen, Mary Caroline Vaught). The Task Force will report to the Session monthly and updates will be posted to this space in *The Reminder*.
3. The Task Force began the process of forming four “working groups” made up of qualified individuals from within the congregation to help address specific issues: Legal and Property, Financial, Other Denominations, and Congregational Communications.
4. Seven representatives from our church will be attending a gathering of Presbyterians in Minneapolis on August 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> (David Banner, Chris Handley, Barry Jenkins, Wendell Jones, Mike Lavespere, Joe McLean, Dudley Saleeby). The gathering “will be a time for life-giving worship, discussion, and prayer as we ask God to bless a new way forward.” More information is available at the Fellowship PC (USA) web site.
5. It is anticipated that a congregational information meeting will be held in September to brief everyone and to provide an opportunity for questions.

Please keep all those dealing with these issues in your prayers.

- Mike Lavespere, *Clerk of Session*