

TERMS OF DISMISSAL

- I. Presbytery Response Team (PRT) will recommend to New Harmony Presbytery (NHP) that NHP recognize ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians as a Reformed body to which First Presbyterian Church (FPC) may be dismissed.

- II. PRT will recommend to the NHP that it dismiss FPC to ECO at a stated or called meeting in 2012 with dismissal being effective on January 1, 2013, upon the following terms:
 - (1) Dismiss FPC with its property (land, buildings, contents of buildings, vehicles, etc.), but with an agreement that should FPC leave ECO to a denomination not recognized as a Reformed body within 5 years after dismissal the Presbytery will not be deemed to have waived the right to assert its property rights against FPC property under trust clause, nor will FPC be precluded from defending title to the church property.

 - (2) Allow FPC to keep its name “First Presbyterian Church of Florence.”

 - (3) Require FPC to turn over to NHP all Session minutes and other official records which will in turn be stored at either Columbia Theological Seminary or the Presbyterian Historical Society in Philadelphia, PA for preservation. FPC shall be given one (1) year after dismissal to turn over the Session records so that it can inspect, inventory, and catalog the Session records and make copies as it deems appropriate.

 - (4) Require FPC to reimburse NHP all General Assembly *per capita* it has withheld since August 2008 and which NHP has been equalizing. That amount is estimated to be \$24,259.10, but this figure is subject to verification by both NHP and FPC.

 - (5) Require FPC to pay NHP per capita and all pledged mission support through the end of 2012.

- (6) In 2013, require FPC to pay NHP \$55,000 in shared mission support.
- (7) In 2014, require FPC to pay NHP either \$55,000 in shared mission support or \$27,500 in shared mission support contingent upon the following:
- If NHP votes at a stated or a called meeting in 2012 to release FPC from PCUSA to ECO effective January 1, 2013, the amount of shared mission support due in 2014 shall be \$55,000.
 - If the NHP does not vote at a stated or a called meeting in 2012 to release FPC from PCUSA to ECO effective January 1, 2013, the amount of shared mission support due in 2014 shall be \$27,500
- (8) Require FPC, upon request of member(s) who wish to remain in PCUSA and who have not transferred to another PCUSA church, to transfer those member(s) to the pastoral care of the Presbytery.
- (9) Require FPC to confirm to NHP that it does not have any debts for which NHP may be liable.
- (10) Require FPC to request that ECO send a letter to the Stated Clerk of NHP confirming that FPC has been accepted into ECO, pending release from NHP.

The above terms of dismissal were agreed upon between the Session and Presbytery Response Team (PRT) on September 16, 2012. If approved by the congregation on October 14, 2012, the terms of dismissal are subject to later approval by the Presbytery.