

Presbytery of Transylvania
Report of the Coordinating Council
September 8, 2009

Recommendations to Presbytery:

Correspondence has been received by the Stated Clerk from the session of the Greenbriar Presbyterian Church informing the presbytery that the session in a unanimous vote is requesting to be dismissed from Transylvania Presbytery and PCUSA. *It is recommended by the Coordinating Council that the Presbytery take the following two part action:*

Part A. In accord with the Book of Order, G-90500 an Administrative Commission be elected composed of seven members, four of whom shall be ruling elders and three of whom shall be Ministers of Word and Sacrament, to visit the Greenbriar Presbyterian Church to inquire into and settle any difficulties therein (G-9.0503a(4)). This Commission shall be and hereby is instructed and empowered to:

(A-1) work with the Session of the Greenbriar Church, making every effort to restore them as a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA) or

(A-2) arrange for an orderly transfer of the congregation and its property to another reformed denomination. Any such transfer shall guarantee that the church shall remain a part of the denomination to which it is transferred. The Commission is specifically empowered to act on behalf of the Presbytery on all matters regarding the transfer of the members of the congregation – both those who wish to withdraw from and those who desire to remain loyal to the Presbyterian Church (USA). The disposition of the property shall be in consultation with the Presbytery's Trustees.

Part B. In the event that the Commission and the Session of the Greenbriar Church cannot find a mutually satisfactory solution in either A-1 or A-2 above, in accord with the Book of Order G-11.0103s, the Commission shall be, and hereby is, empowered to assume original jurisdiction and replace the Session (G-90503). By this authority the Commission shall assume the full power of the Session and shall remain until such time as the Presbytery shall direct otherwise. The specific powers delegated to the Administrative Commission in the event of assuming original jurisdiction shall include:

B-1 Access to all church records,
B-2 Authority to call congregational meetings,
B-3 Authority to engage appropriate legal counsel,
B-4 Authority to take all necessary steps to discern the "true church" (G-8.0601), that is, those wishing to remain loyal to the Presbyterian Church (USA).

B-5 Authority to assume all the usual and regular duties of the Session as defined in the Book of Order, G-10.0102a-s.

Further, in the event that the existing Session calls a congregational meeting for the purpose of considering actions leading to separation, the Commission shall have authority to assume full power and jurisdiction of the Session. In the event that this has occurred prior to this action of Presbytery, the power shall be effective immediately.

The Council recommends that the following members be named to the Administrative Commission:

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