

## Pastor Scott Farmer's Letter about Our Denomination

Dear CPC family,

During the past 16 months, your Session has labored to understand the theological direction of the Presbyterian Church United States of America (PCUSA), and to consider how CPC should respond to continuing trends which do not align with our understanding of scripture.

As you know, the PCUSA has been in theological turmoil for some time. We believe our continuing attempts to effect change within the denomination would be an irresponsible use of our time, energy, and resources.

On Tuesday, February 2, 2010, the Session unanimously voted to initiate a process which will allow CPC to be graciously dismissed from the PCUSA and seek affiliation with the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC). The EPC is a growing Presbyterian denomination which is aligned with our theological beliefs, our mission outreach, our vision and calling to fulfill the Great Commission.

Such a move is not to be taken lightly. The final decision to seek dismissal rests with you, the Congregation of CPC. Dismissal is granted by a concurring vote of the San Francisco Presbytery. The process we will use to seek a gracious dismissal has been approved by the San Francisco Presbytery.

The Process ahead will involve considerable prayer and discernment from each of our members. The Session will lead you in a series of informational forums, open Q&A dialogue, and prayerful listening as we seek together to discern our path ahead.

Please make these Informational Town Hall Meetings a priority:

<p><b>Town Hall Meeting #1 — 3 Dates To Choose From:</b></p>
<p>Sunday, February 28, 3:30-5:00 PM</p>
<p>Monday, March 1 7:00-8:30 PM</p>
<p>Tuesday, March 2 1:00-2:30 PM</p>
<p><b>Town Hall Meeting #2</b></p>
<p>Sunday, April 18, 3:30-5:00 PM</p>
<p><b>Town Hall Meeting #3</b></p>
<p>Sunday, May 16, 3:30-5:00 PM</p>
<p><b>Town Hall Meeting #4</b></p>
<p>Sunday, July 18, 3:30-5:00 PM</p>

**All the above meetings will be in the Sanctuary.** There will potentially be an All-Church Event and Vote in Mid September dependent upon Presbytery approval. In addition, please visit the Denominational Relations Section of our web site, [www.cpcdanville.org](http://www.cpcdanville.org), for a full position statement from our Session and answers to Frequently Asked Questions. Watch for future emails which will help further inform you for this important decision.

Finally, while these decisions are ones of deep conviction, the decisions do not diminish the appreciation and affection which we hold for our brothers and sisters in Christ with the PCUSA and the San Francisco Presbytery.

"Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. . ."

Prayerfully,  
Scott Farmer