

Presbyterian Church (USA)

CPC TOWN HALL MEETING — SEPT. 14

The General Assembly (GA) of the PCUSA, a gathering of all the 173 Presbyteries from the United States, met in late June 2008 in San Jose. The General Assembly made more than 400 resolutions many of which our Session supports. However, there were some actions which your Session strongly disagrees with and which CPC needs to oppose. On Sunday, September 14 after the 10:45 worship service in the Sanctuary CPC leadership held a "Town Hall" meeting for its members and attenders to hear about these actions taken at the 218th General Assembly that are of concern to the CPC Session. Elder Marilee Goodykoontz opened the meeting with a prayer and Jack Johnson, a CPC member and recent past Moderator of the San Francisco Presbytery, reviewed the questionable actions taken by the 218th General Assembly. Pastor Scott Farmer then shared that the CPC Session is in prayer seeking to discern CPC's response. After Scott shared the Session's current thinking on how CPC should respond in the coming months more than 20 of the estimated 250 people at the gathering asked questions, spoke about their concerns and provided a variety of input. On behalf of the Session, Scott was appreciative of the input and noted that it would be considered in the Session's deliberations.



CPC'S SESSION RESPONSE

These matters are of great importance to your Session. The proposed GA changes might never happen and even if these changes are approved it will be years before the changes affect CPC. However, because these changes are being considered, CPC's Session is taking them seriously.

We ask that you be in prayer for the future of the denomination, its leaders, and your Session. Since the Town Hall meeting, the CPC Session has continued in a prayerful discernment process about what God would have our church do in response to the questionable GA action. Whereas CPC's Session normally meets 1 hour per week, lately it has met 4 hrs per week to research and understand the issues, and to discuss and deliberate about potential CPC responses. The Session is actively investigating all possibilities including future affiliation with our denomination. In this process the members of the Session are united and are committed to remaining united.

Rest assured that through all of this denominational uncertainty CPC will continue to be faithful to scripture. We will continue to be a fully missional church, spreading the Good News of Jesus our Lord in every way that we can. We will continue to work for reform within the denomination because we believe in the transforming power of the Gospel. We will continue to strengthen our ties with like minded churches and reform groups both in the San Francisco Presbytery and throughout the nation. We will continue to keep you updated as significant events occur.