COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Dear CPC family,

Some of our members have questioned how being part of the EPC might change CPC's position as it relates to those who have been divorced and remarried and specifically their role in leadership.

The short answer is CPC will not change. The EPC embraces a decentralized form of government vesting in the local church broad authority and autonomy to manage its affairs in the way that is consistent with God's leading for the individual church.

EPC has developed position papers representing the consensus of thinking on some controversial theological issues to help local churches think through their positions. The EPC does concur divorced and remarried persons can serve as church officers. The Position Paper on Divorce & Remarriage clearly states:

> "…anyone who is divorced in accord with biblical principles *(physical and spiritual infidelity),* whether remaining single or having remarried, may serve as a church officer."

CPC will continue as it has in the past to include divorced and remarried individuals as ordained officers of this church. We will continue to employ our long-standing process of a nominating committee comprised of diverse representation from the ministries and body of CPC to discern who should be called to leadership positions. Our criteria and standards will not change as a result of our affiliation with the EPC.

I pray that this letter will clarify CPC's position and relieve the unnecessary anxiety and concerns some have experienced.

Yours in Christ,

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