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CPC Session adopts a **Sanctity of Life Statement** and **Witness for Biblical Morality Resolution**, responding to overtures to PCUSA stance on abortion.

2006

CPC Pastors issue a document, **Responses to Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Denominational Issues**, to help the congregation understand the history of PCUSA issues, CPC's beliefs and the value of PCUSA affiliation.

2008

September CPC congregation responds strongly to actions of 218th General Assembly. In response, the Session appoints a **Denominational Relations Task Force (DRTF)** - representatives of session, the Pastoral Staff and the congregation at large, to assist in reaching a unified position regarding PCUSA. September 21st, Town Hall meeting of approximately 300 members in attendance elicits strong negative reactions to the PCUSA and actions of 218th GA.

September to November DRTF thoroughly examines issues and events including legal input, comparison of denominational alternatives and interviews with previous PCUSA churches affiliated with the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC). In November, DRTF recommends CPC seek dismissal from PCUSA and affiliate with EPC. Session enters a 40-day time of prayer and discernment for God's lead in the action and timing of this recommendation.

2009

December CPC Fall 2009 Survey results reports: 65% of respondents have previously been members of another denomination and 78% of the respondents rate their attitudes towards the PCUSA as neutral or negative.

2010

January The Session attends an all-day retreat to discuss DRTF recommendations and the results of the 40-day time of prayer and discernment.

February The Session unanimously approves **Position Paper Regarding Our Relationship with the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America**, recommending CPC seek dismissal from PCUSA and affiliate with EPC. Pastor Scott Farmer's letter to the congregation announces The Session recommendation to proceed with SF Dismissal Policy. CPC leadership notifies SF Presbytery of The Session action, which begins the **Policy for Dismissing Churches** adopted in September 2009.

February 28th - March 1st First Town Hall Informational Meeting explains The Session recommendation to the congregation that Community Presbyterian Church seeks dismissal from the PCUSA and affiliate with the EPC.

March Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) available in hardcopy form and posted on the CPC website. FAQ's updated as new questions emerge.

March through April The Session publishes five **Reason for Change Papers**, followed by pastor led Sunday morning seminars held during the second worship hour. The five papers are: **#1** Christology- Our Belief about Jesus Christ, **#2** The Authority and Interpretation of Scripture, **#3** Conflicted Witness, **#4** Divided Loyalties and Diverted Energies, **#5** Why Join the EPC?

April 13th Presbytery of San Francisco meeting approves Presbytery Engagement Team (PET) for CPC according to Gracious Dismissal Policy. April 18th - 19th **Second Town Hall Informational Meeting** - CPC's vision and mission and review of **Reason for Change Papers**, with small group interaction and open microphone for comments & questions.

May 16th & 17th Third Town Hall Informational Meeting - called off. The PET decides it is not necessary to meet with the congregation. On May 17th PET meets with CPC pastors and on May 27th PET meets with The Session.

July 18th Fourth Town Hall Informational Meeting with EPC leaders (5:30 pm potluck, 6:30 meeting in the Sanctuary)

August 29th Fifth Town Hall Informational Meeting Engage with Representatives from SF Presbytery, share any issues, concerns or questions with one another that you may have about CPC's dismissal from the PCUSA, and pray together for God's leading as we each individually make our decision on this important matter. **WE NEED YOU TO ATTEND THIS FINAL TOWN HALL MEETING.**

September 12th All-Church Event ~ **ONE** Sunday Service 9:30 am, to cast votes on the request for dismissal from SF Presbytery including the Terms of Dismissal and affiliation with the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (date approved at SF Presbytery meeting June 8th). A 75% vote in favor of dismissal, based on 50% of CPC members in attendance will lead to a Presbytery of San Francisco vote on **November 9, 2010** to approve this request.