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Dear CPC'ers,

I want to update you on the status of CPC's dismissal from the PC(USA) to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC). As background, the Presbytery of San Francisco voted, by a significant majority, to approve our dismissal. On February 2, 2011 a complaint concerning our dismissal was filed against the San Francisco Presbytery. Due to this complaint we were unable to fully implement the terms of dismissal and transition to the EPC, which was scheduled for February 9, 2011.

Subsequently, the Synod Permanent Judicial Commission (a PCUSA court) scheduled a trial for September 15, 2011 to hear the complaint against the Presbytery of San Francisco and its decision to dismiss CPC. In July the complainants requested a deferral of the trial so that the parties could pursue mediation in an attempt to avoid a trial. The Synod PJC granted the deferral and the parties (the complainants and the Presbytery of San Francisco) entered into discussions on the scope of mediation. On Thursday, Sept. 8, the complainants concluded that the parties had differing expectations about what was permissible to mediate and requested that the PJC set a new trial date as soon as practicable. Throughout this process representatives from CPC have met with and provided input to the Presbytery Committee of Counsel.

We are now waiting for the Synod PJC to set a new trial date and we will advise you when the path forward becomes clearer. This has been a long journey but it continues to be CPC's goal to make the transition to the EPC and in the process be patient and conduct ourselves in a way that brings glory to God. Please join together with the CPC Session in prayer for all involved to seek the Holy Spirit's wisdom and guidance; so that actions taken will reflect the character of Christ to the glory of God the Father.

Prayerfully,

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