

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

September 29, 2009

The Pastoral Team assigned to the Springhill Presbyterian Church has worked continually since our election at the May Presbytery meeting. In the months of June, July and August we prayed with, listened to and worshiped with the Springhill session and congregation. We attended all session meetings and held a special meeting moderated by Zane Buxton. Through a series of town hall meetings we provided resources trying to help the congregation understand why we did not want them to leave Yellowstone Presbytery and the P.C.(USA).

This has been a difficult process and the outcome was hard to accept. All involved share a love for Jesus Christ and were gracious to each other. The Pastoral Team will continue to love and pray for the Springhill congregation and ask all of you to do the same. Although we do have some differences, we pray we will continue to see Jesus in this process.

The next step is to come to a final agreement with Springhill. This agreement will include a property settlement. This is a process which will require compromise on both sides as we seek to honor our Lord. After we reach an agreement with Springhill, the Pastoral Team will bring a recommendation to the Presbytery. In order for the presbytery to make a wise decision, commissioners must be informed and educated. We are asking you, the members of presbytery, to educate yourselves by reviewing the postings on the presbytery website www.yellowstonepcusa.org . You will be informed when new information is added and we anticipate this to be happening as the process proceeds. Also, if you feel the need to ask a question and add input please feel free to call any member of the team.

We ask for your continued prayers.

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