

October 16, 2009

The pastoral team and the dismissal team appointed by the session of Springhill Presbyterian Church met on October 1, 2009, at the Christus Collegium (Center for Campus Ministry) in Bozeman. The meeting was co-moderated by Phil Maxwell of the pastoral team and Chuck Raches of the dismissal team. Other pastoral team members present were Freeman McCall, Jody McDevitt, and Sally Ralston. Other dismissal team members present were Debbie Blackburn, John Grossenbacher, Rick Ramler, and B.J. Otey. Zane Buxton was present as a process observer.

After agreeing to common goals, the group negotiated terms of dismissal of SPC from the Presbytery of Yellowstone to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

1. The pastoral team will recommend to the Presbytery of Yellowstone that we dismiss Springhill Presbyterian Church to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.
2. Springhill Presbyterian Church will pay to the Presbytery \$15,000 per year for a term of 5 years, for a total of \$75,000.
3. The terms of the settlement will also include
  - a) a covenant not to sue
  - b) agreement not to educate, or encourage other PC(USA) congregations, members or leaders regarding entering into the EPC
  - c) mutual up building (no slander or libel) between the Springhill Church and the Presbytery of Yellowstone
  - d) joint public statements
  - e) submission of original Springhill Presbyterian Church session and congregational minutes to the PC(USA).
4. An administrative commission will be elected to complete the legal and ecclesiastical details of the separation.