

Press Release

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PRESBYTERY SUPPORTS FAITHFUL PRESBYTERIANS IN HUDSON

Petersburg, OH November 14, 2006: At their meeting Tuesday, following procedures in the church's constitution dealing with churches in schism, Eastminster Presbytery declared those members of the Hudson Presbyterian Church who wish to continue as the Hudson Presbyterian Church, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), to be the true church within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and directed the Hudson Commission, make up of area ministers and elders, to identify the members of the Hudson Presbyterian Church who wish to continue as the Hudson Presbyterian Church, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Members of Hudson Presbyterian Church were present and participated in the discussion leading to the vote. Before the vote, in personal remarks, Rev. Dan Schomer, Presbytery Executive, quoted Exodus 20:16 and Ephesians 4:15 and called the presbytery and its sessions to commit themselves to "truth-telling."

Eastminster Presbytery also directed the Consulting Commission, made up of area ministers and elders, to perform a special administrative review of the Stow Presbyterian Church with authorization to explore the possibility of a negotiated settlement with the understanding that a negotiated settlement requires the approval of Eastminster Presbytery.

A special administrative review is a constitutional action in the Presbyterian Church (USA) to determine whether church proceedings have been constitutional, prudent, equitable and faithful to the mission of the whole church.

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